

SPOKANE VALLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

December 21st, 2025 – 4th Sunday of Advent – *The Heart That Grew Three Sizes Series*

Thank you for joining us for worship today! We invite you to sign in on our attendance pads which will be passed out during the Choir Hymn. (indicates "Please rise in body or spirit")*

Gathering Music

Threshold Moment

Pastor Alissa & Susan Ingalls

Threshold Song

"Welcome Christmas" from *Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas*

(See Grinch green sheet music in pews)

Advent Candle of Joy Prayer – based on Psalm 135:1-3

The Richmond Family

Rejoice in the goodness of the Lord,

for God's steadfast love endures forever.

Rejoice in the rule of the God of gods,

for God's steadfast love endures forever.

Rejoice in the provision of the Lord of lords,

for God's steadfast love endures forever.

Let us rejoice together as we light the Advent candles of peace, hope, love, and joy!

We are filled with the joyful song of the angels

for God's steadfast love endures forever!

*Opening Hymn

"Angels From the Realms of Glory" – UMH #220

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Alissa

Traditional Choir

"Of the Father's Love Begotten" (arr. Paul Wohlgemuth)

Betsy Pletscher

*Greeting Time & Gloria Patri

UMH #70

Gospel Reading

Luke 2:8-20 (NRSV)

Susan Ingalls

Message

"The Heart that Grew Three Sizes"

Pastor Alissa

*Hymn of Response

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" – UMH #218

Ministry that Matters Moment – Family Promise of Spokane

Susan Heitstuman

Invitation to the Offering

Pastor Alissa

Offertory

*Doxology

UMH #95

*Offering Prayer

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Pastor Alissa

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,

for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

*Closing Hymn

"Go, Tell It On the Mountain" – UMH #251

*Sending Forth

Pastor Alissa

Sending Forth Music

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SUNDAY NEWS

December 21

9:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
9:00 am	Children's Sunday School	Room 210
9:00 am	Nursery	Nursery

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

This month, we are collecting \$10 gas cards for Family Promise of Spokane at the Connect Desk. For questions, see Madelyn Bafus.

Our youth are hosting a food drive in December! They will be collecting cans and shelf-stable food through the month; in particular, they will create "Birthday in a bag" kits (disposable tin, cake mix, frosting, can of 7-Up, birthday candles, and a few birthday balloons). These kits allow families an easy way to celebrate each other in challenging times, allowing simple pleasures we sometimes take for granted.

December's Youth Schedule Today, December 21st, the youth are hosting Coffee Chat and will have a Youth Grinchmas Party. For questions about the youth schedule, see Jen Price.

We need cookies for Coffee Chat! Bring any kind of cookies you'd like to eat.

Be sure to join us for our Candlelight Christmas Eve service at 7:00 pm on December 24th in the sanctuary! Bring your friends and family!

The church office will be closed Christmas Day, December 25th through Friday, January 2nd, and re-open Monday, January 5th.

THIS WEEK

12/22 Monday

10:00 am Prayer Shawl & Lap Blanket Meeting
10:00 am Walkers

12/24 Wednesday

7:00 pm Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service

12/25 Thursday

Office closed

12/27 Saturday

10:00 am Choir Practice

12/28 Sunday

9:00 am Traditional Service
10:00 am Coffee Chat
Shirley Small Group
10:30 am Adult Sunday School

If you have a prayer request for our Prayer Team, fill out one of the cards in the pews and either place it in the plate on the back table or pass it to an usher when they come by during the choir anthem.



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Spokane Valley United Methodist Church is here to invite people to follow Jesus, love others, and transform the greater community through the grace of God.

*Love is the Spirit at Spokane Valley UMC –
we are a weapons-free and drug-free community.
Thank you for abiding by this policy and helping
to make our church a safe space for all.*