

JOIN US FOR SUNDAYS AT 9AM AT SPOKANE VALLEY UMC!

December 29th – *Singing Sunday Celebration Service*

Psalm 148, Matthew 1:18-25, and Luke 2:21-33

Christ is born! Alleluia! This coming Sunday, our Director of Music, Luke Henderson, is taking the lead as we join together for a special Christmas Singing Sunday Celebration Service! Through a service of song and scripture, we will share the Good News that Christ is born and add our voices to the heavenly chorus! We will also light all five candles of Advent and offer our “feather prayers” that we’ve collected throughout the season of Advent to line the manger of our newborn King. As with any worship service we offer, all are welcome and invited both in person and on our livestream!

Jan. 5th - *Epiphany Sunday – Angels Among Us Series*

As we wrap up our Advent reflection on the angels of Christmas, we will consider the “angels” who visited the wise ones and Joseph in their dreams and offered words of warning that protected them and the Christ Child from harm. Pastor Alissa will preach on Matthew 2:1-23 and we will celebrate communion together.

January Worship Series Preview: “On a Mission to Love Others”

A three-week exploration of the part of our mission statement where we are called to “invite people...to love others”.

Jan. 12th - *Baptism of the Lord – “Extending God’s Belonging”*

As we celebrate the baptism of Jesus and remember our own, we will deepen our sense of call to love others by extending God’s belonging through the Body of Christ. (Isaiah 43:1-7 & Luke 3:15-17, 21-22)

Jan. 19th – “Extending God’s Goodness”

As we receive the song of the psalmist praising God for steadfast love and explore Jesus’ first miracle (water into wine), we will learn how to love others by extending the goodness of God. (Psalm 36:5-10 & John 2:-11)

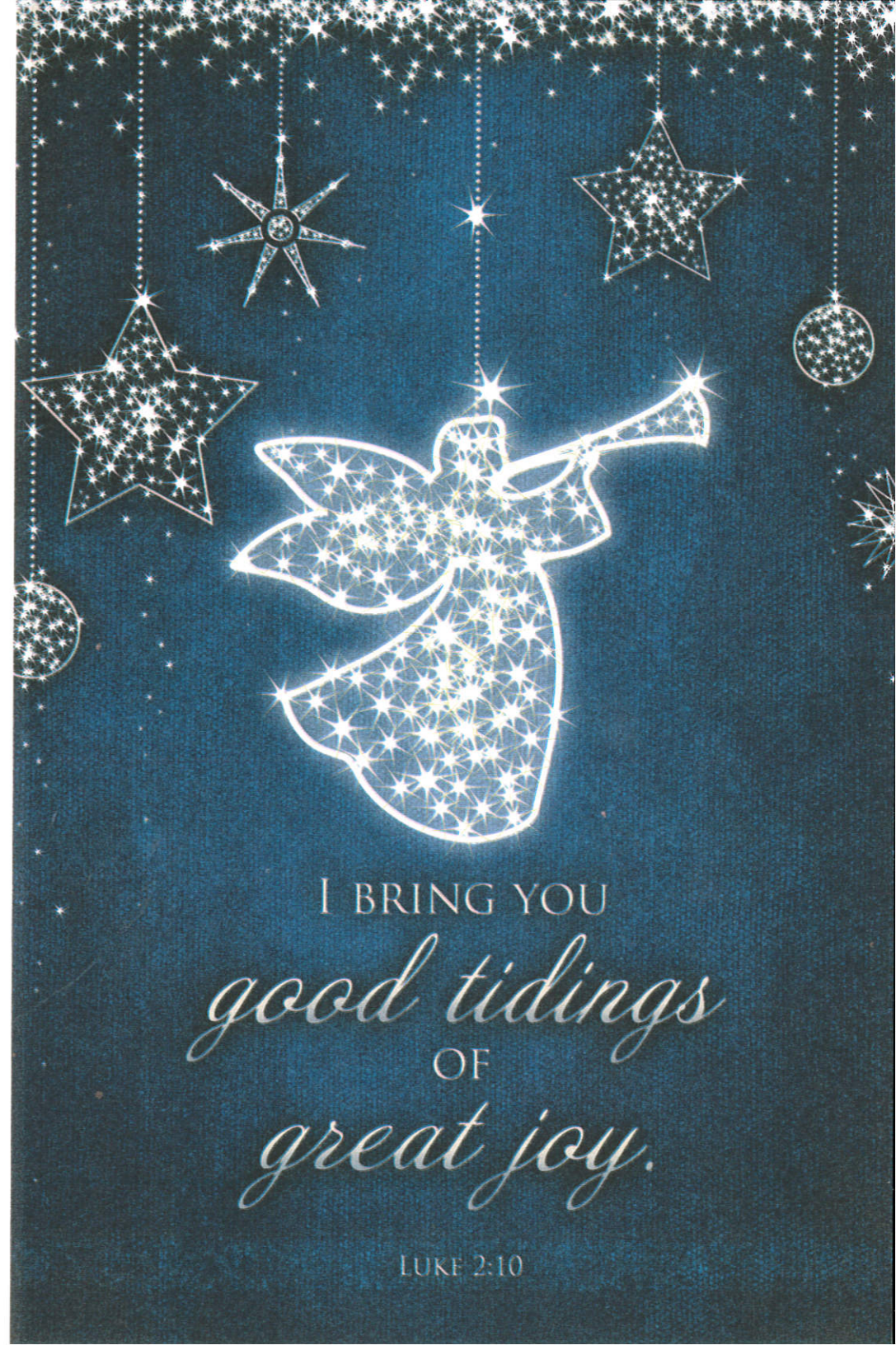
Jan. 26th – “Extending God’s Justice”

As we sit at Jesus’ feet while he teaches in the temple, we will seek to fulfill what he was sent to do by extending God’s justice through word and deed until all declare the glory of God. (Psalm 19 & Luke 4:14-21)

OUR PURPOSE: To invite people to follow Jesus, love others, and transform the greater community through the grace of God.

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I BRING YOU

good tidings

OF

great joy.

LUKE 2:10

2024 Christmas Eve Worship Service – 8:00pm
Spokane Valley United Methodist Church

Gathering Music Betsy Pletscher, Accompanist

Welcome Pastor Alissa Amestoy

Threshold Moment Luke Henderson, Director of Music

***Opening Carol** "O Come, All Ye Faithful" – UMH #234

***Lighting the Christ Candle** Tom & Sue Magrath

Holy Living God, Blessed Jesus, Guiding Spirit,

alight within us your flames

of hope, peace, joy, & love this day.

Grant us openness to hear your message.

Grant us courage to be your messengers in the world,

creating more hope, peace, joy, and love in the midst of fear.

***Greeting Time & Gloria Patri** - UMH #70

First Lesson - Psalm 96 Nancy Brown

Carol "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" - UMH #240

Second Lesson – Matthew 1:18-24 Pat Palanuk

Carol "O Little Town of Bethlehem" – UMH #230

Third Lesson – Luke 2:1-7 Kiyah Young-Wilson

Carol "What Child Is This?" – UMH #219

Fourth Lesson – Luke 2:8-14 Nancy Moore

Carol "Away in a Manger" – UMH #217

Fifth Lesson – Luke 2:15-20 C.J. Amestoy

This is the Word of God.

Thanks be to God.

Traditional Choir Anthem "Fall On Your Knees"

Night of the Father's Love Cantata, Choplin

Message "Angels Among Us" Pastor Alissa

***Carol** "The First Noel" – UMH #245 (vs. 1-4)

Invitation to the Christmas Offering

100% of what is given will go directly to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund to help people in need within the Spokane Valley community.

Offertory

***Doxology** - UMH #95

***Prayer of Dedication**

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

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 Carol & Candle-lighting** "Silent Night" – UMH #239

Please light your candles by bending the unlit candle toward the lit candle, being mindful of hair and scarves, and use caution when extinguishing the flame at the end of the service. Thank you!

***Sending Forth**

Sending Forth Music

*Thank you for joining us for Christmas at
Spokane Valley United Methodist Church!*