

Spokane Valley United Methodist Church

December 18th, 2022 – Advent 4 – *Almost Christmas: A Wesleyan Advent Experience*

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 Greeting Time. (indicates "Please rise in body or spirit")*

Advent Singalong

Wes Holmquist

Gathering Music People, Look East (French Melody)

Welcome

Pastor Alissa Amestoy

Lighting the Advent Candle of Joy

Marlene McCoy & Barbara Soran

***Opening Hymn** "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" – UMH #240

Announcements

Choral Anthem "Son of Mary, Son of Man" John W. Peterson

***Greeting Time & Gloria Patri (Remain Standing)**

Scripture – Luke 2:8- 20 (NRVSA)

Ali Norris

Message "An Altogether Joy"

Pastor Alissa

***Hymn of Response** "Break Forth O Beauteous Heavenly Light" UMH #223

Invitation to the Offering

Offering with Offertory The Seven Joys of Mary (Old English Carol)

***Doxology** (UMH #95)

Prayer of Dedication

Pastor Alissa

Pastoral Prayer & The 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 Hymn** "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" – UMH #224

Sending Forth

Sending Forth Music Toccata on "Adeste Fideles" Hegarty

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Sunday News

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9:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
9:00 am	Children's Sunday School	Room 210
9:00 am	Nursery	Nursery
10:00 am	Youth Sunday School	Youth Room
10:10 am	Harp & Flute Coffee Chat	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am/12:00 pm	Youth Group	Youth Room

NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Invite family and friends to our 8pm Christmas Eve Service! The service will offer the traditional worship experience of *Lessons and Carols*. This service will be family-friendly (i.e. kids are welcome!) and will invite everyone to experience an "altogether Christmas" filled with peace, hope, love, and joy as we light the Christ Candle! We will read the story of the Nativity, sing our favorite Christmas carols, and close with the traditional lighting of candles as we sing "Silent Night". Remember – the Sundays of Advent and Christmas Eve are great times to welcome someone to join you for worship so invite your friends and neighbors in both anticipating and celebrating the birth of Christ this year!

Join us Christmas morning at 9:00 am, we will enjoy the 100+ year tradition of the "Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols". Starting with Genesis and moving through the prophets into the Gospel story, while singing even more of our favorite Christmas carols, we will hear the whole story of God's love for the world and God's plan for our salvation through his Son, Jesus the Christ!

An Apple Watch has been in the Lost and Found for over six months, we are hoping to get it back to its owner. If you have lost an Apple Watch, please stop by the Connection desk.

December 25th we will be having Hymnsing at 8:45 am. Everyone will be able to request their favorite Christmas hymns.

Throughout the month of December we will be collecting \$10 gas cards for Family Promise, please drop off the gas gift cards at the Connect Desk.

The church office will be closed December 26th through January 2nd if you have any pastoral care concerns or urgent concerns. Please contact Pastor Alissa at (509) 879- 2278

Prayer Requests

Margie Collin, Prayer Team Leader

If you would like a prayer sent to the Prayer Team, a joy or a concern, please take a prayer card from the pew racks, or the card basket in the back. The ushers will receive the cards early in the service. Prayer Requests can also be made by sending an email to prayer_svmc@yahoo.com or by phone at 509-922-8371

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Connect Desk

We have a lot of fun activities planned for the month of December! Please stop by the Connect desk to see what's happening this month.

This Week

12/19 Monday

9:30 am Shirley Porter
Small Group rm 115
(509)-924-2830

12/20 Tuesday

12/21 Wednesday

12/22 Thursday

9:00 am Thursday Crew

12/23 Friday

12/24 Saturday

8:00 pm Christmas Eve Service

Liturgist Readers:

James Gilreath
Ann Holmquist
Kiyah Young Wilson
Jeremiah Faasala
Ethan Amestoy

12/25 Sunday

9:00 am Traditional Service

9:00 am Children's Sunday School and Nursery

Saint Ann's Prep at 11:00am and serving at 1:00pm

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