

Spokane Valley United Methodist Church

December 11th, 2022 – Advent 3 – *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")*

Gathering Music	"Gabriel's Message" (A Basque Melody)	
Welcome		Pastor Alissa Amestoy
Lighting the Advent Candle of Love		Nancy Moore & Otto Vegele
*Hymnsing		Wes Holmquist
Announcements		
Choral Anthem	"Born a King, but How Lowly" – John W. Peterson	
*Greeting Time & Gloria Patri (Remain Standing)		
Scripture - Luke 1:46-55 (NRSVA)		Peggy Self
Message	"An Altogether Love"	Pastor Alissa
*Hymn of Response	"Love Came Down at Christmas" – UMH #242	
Invitation to the Offering		
Offering with Offertory	" There's a Song in the Air!" (Harrington)	
*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	"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" – UMH #384	
Sending Forth		
Sending Forth Music	"The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy" (West Indian Folk Song)	

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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	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 18th & 25th we will be having Hymnsing at 8:45 am. Everyone will be able to request their favorite Christmas hymns.

Join us for Ornament Night at Broadway Elementary on December 16th from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Sign up to bring cookies or sign up to help children make ornaments.

We are hosting a Benefit Breakfast for Mission Community Outreach Center December 14th. Mission and Service is pleased to be able to host a benefit breakfast for Mission Community Outreach Center on Wednesday December 14th from 7:30 to 9:00 am. To make this a success we need your help. Please sign up at the Connect Desk. Volunteers are needed to set tables, prepare the breakfast, greet (in the parking lot and hallways), serve, wash dishes, and clean up.

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.

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_svumc@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

12/12 Monday

9:30 am Shirley Porter
Small Group rm 115
(509)-924-2830
10:00 am Walkers
11:00 am Quilting

12/14 Wednesday

7:30 am MCOB Benefit
Breakfast
10:00 am Walkers

12/15 Thursday

9:00 am Thursday Crew
10:00 am Walkers

12/16 Friday

5:00 pm Ornament Night

12/17 Saturday

9:00 am Bell Practice
10:00 am Choir

12/18 Sunday

Liturgist Reader:
Ali Norris
9:00 am Traditional Service
9:00 am Children's Sunday
School and Nursery
10:00 am Youth Sunday
School
10:10 am Coffee Chat:
Marlene Small Group
10:30 am Adult Sunday
School
11:00/12:00 pm Youth
Group

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