

# Spokane Valley United Methodist Church

December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – Second Sunday in Advent - *Experiencing Christmas 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 Greeting Time. (\* indicates "Please rise in body or spirit")*

<b>Gathering Music</b>	"Appalachian Yuletide" Appalachian folk song	
<b>Welcome &amp; Introduction to Advent</b>		Pastor Alissa
<b>Guiding Scripture</b> - Isaiah 42:1-4, 9-10 (CEB)		Mike Lambert
<b>Lighting the Candle of Peace</b>		Paul & Renee Norris
We lift up our voices in praise and thanksgiving, singing a new song to the Lord!		
<b>Sing to the Lord! Bless God's name.</b>		
God is composing a melody of grace for all who have ears to hear.		
<b>Sing to the Lord! Bless God's name.</b>		
We light the candles of hope and peace, symbols of harmony with God and neighbor.		
<b>Sing to the Lord! Bless God's name.</b>		
<b>*Opening Hymn</b>	"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" - UMH #211 (vs. 2 and 6)	
<b>Hymnsing</b>		Wes Holmquist
<b>Opening Prayer</b>		Pastor Alissa
<b>Announcements</b>		Pastor Alissa
<b>Traditional Choir</b>	"Carol of Remembrance" from <i>The Winter Rose</i> Cantata	Luke Henderson
<b>*Greeting Time &amp; Gloria Patri</b> - UMH #70		
<b>Gospel Reading</b> - Luke 1:67-79 (CEB)		Mike Lambert
<b>Message</b>	"Sing to the Lord a New Song!"	Pastor Alissa
<b>*Hymn of Response</b>	"Hail to the Lord's Anointed" - UMH 203	
<b>Invitation to the Offering</b>		Pastor Alissa
<b>Offertory</b>	"I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day" Longfellow/Marks	
<b>*Doxology</b>	UMH #95	
<b>*Offering Prayer</b>		Pastor Alissa
<b>Pastoral Prayer &amp; Lord's Prayer</b>		Pastor Alissa
<b>*Closing Hymn</b>	"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" - UMH #218	
<b>*Sending Forth</b>		Pastor Alissa
<b>Sending Forth Music</b>	"Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People" (Genevan Psalter)	

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# Sunday News

December 10th, 2023

9:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
9:00 am	Children's Sunday School	Room 210
9:00 am	Nursery	Nursery
10:10am	Coffee Chat	Fellowship Hall
10:45 am	Confirmation Class	Youth Room

## NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

### Today is the Second Annual Holy Pub Christmas Sing-along!

Please join us at 45 Degree Brewhouse 10421 E. Sprague from 2:00PM-3:30PM. Enjoy your favorite Holiday drink along with some great food while wearing your best Christmas outfit! Looking forward to another great time of Fellowship! **Must be 21 and over to attend this event.**

**Grieving through the Holidays Support Group**, Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 10 to 11:30 am., Nancy Ashworth's home, 14405 E. 5th Avenue. If you are feeling stress navigating the holidays, this group is for you. Come even if you have not attended before. Questions, Nancy Ashworth, 509 993 9074.

**Mission Community Outreach Center Benefit Breakfast- December 13th at 7:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.** Sign up at the Connect Desk to volunteer at this event.

**Office will be closed December 25<sup>th</sup> to January 1<sup>st</sup>** if you have any questions please call the office at (509)924-7262.

**Senior Lunch Bunch** - Let's celebrate and greet each other at the Holy Pub, today at 2:00 p.m. to 3:30. See you there!

**It's not too late to get the companion book "Experiencing Christmas"** that goes along with the advent sermon. Copies will be available at the Connect Desk December 10<sup>th</sup>.

### 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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## This Week

### 12/11 Monday

9:30 a.m. Shirley Small Group  
Rm 115  
10:00 a.m. Walkers  
10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl FPR  
6:00 p.m. Madelyn Small  
Group Zoom

### 12/12 Tuesday

9:00 a.m. Huddle Rm 213  
10:00 a.m. Grieving through  
the Holidays

### 12/13 Wednesday

10:00 a.m. Walkers  
7:30 a.m. MCOC Benefit  
Breakfast Fellowship Hall  
6:00 p.m. Disciple 1 Bible  
Study

### 12/14 Thursday

9:00 a.m. Thursday Crew  
10:00 a.m. Rachel Circle  
1:00 p.m. Lois Small Group  
FPR

### 12/16 Saturday

9:00 a.m. Bells  
10:00 a.m. Choir

### 12/17 Sunday

9:00 a.m. Traditional Service  
Liturgist: Stephane Turner-  
Wilson  
9:00 a.m. Children's Sunday  
School and Nursery  
10:10 a.m. Coffee Chat  
10:30 a.m. Adult Sunday  
School FPR  
10:45 a.m. Confirmation  
Class