

Spokane Valley United Methodist Church

December 17th, 2023 – Third 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")*

Gathering Music	"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" American hymn tune	
Welcome & Introduction to Advent		Pastor Alissa
Guiding Scripture - Isaiah 2:2-6 (CEB)		Stephanie Young-Wilson
Lighting the Candle of Love		Chrishone Wilson & Kiyah Young-Wilson
From manna in the wilderness to the bread from heaven, Taste and see that the Lord is good. Let us make room at the table for family and outcasts, friends and enemies. Taste and see that the Lord is good. We light the candle of love, the light of abundance that satisfies our longing. Taste and see that the Lord is good!		
*Opening Hymn	"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" - UMH #211 (vs. 5 and 7)	
Opening Prayer		Pastor Alissa
Announcements		Pastor Alissa
Traditional Choir	"Dance into the Light" from <i>The Winter Rose Cantata</i>	Luke Henderson
*Greeting Time & Gloria Patri - UMH #70		
Psalms Reading – Psalm 34:1-8 (CEB)		Stephanie Turner-Wilson
Message	"Taste and See that the Lord Is Good!"	Pastor Alissa
*Hymn of Response	"As We Gather at Your Table" - TFWS #2268	
Mission Moment - Naomi		
Invitation to the Offering		Pastor Alissa
Offertory	"He Shall Feed His Flock" G. F. Handel	
*Doxology	UMH #95	
*Offering Prayer		Pastor Alissa
Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer		Pastor Alissa
*Closing Hymn	"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" - UMH #213	
*Sending Forth		Pastor Alissa
Sending Forth Music	"Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers" Swedish folk tune	

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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
10:10am	Coffee Chat	Fellowship Hall
10:45 am	Confirmation Class	Youth Room

NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Grieving through the Holidays Support Group, Tuesday, December 19th, 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. 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.

December 17th we will be collecting \$10 gas cards for Family Promise of Spokane.

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

December 24th at 8pm - Experiencing Christmas, Our Christmas Eve 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 Christmas filled with hope, peace, love, and joy as we light the Christ Candle – 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!

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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This Week

12/18 Monday

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

12/19 Tuesday

10:00 a.m. Grieving through
the Holidays

12/20 Wednesday

10:00 a.m. Walkers
6:00 p.m. Disciple 1 Bible
Study

12/21 Thursday

9:00 a.m. Thursday Crew
11:00 a.m. Marlene Small
Group FPR
1:00 p.m. Lois Small Group
FPR

12/23 Saturday

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

12/24 Sunday

9:00 a.m. Traditional Service
Liturgist: Cliff Maxey
9:00 a.m. Children's Sunday
School and Nursery
10:10 a.m. Coffee Chat
10:30 a.m. Adult Sunday
School FPR
8:00 p.m. Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service