

# Spokane Valley United Methodist Church

December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 – First 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>	"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" / "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"	
<b>Welcome &amp; Introduction to Advent</b>		Pastor Alissa
<b>Guiding Scripture</b> - Jeremiah 33:14-16 (CEB)		Chris Reiber
<b>Lighting the Candle of Hope</b>		The Reiber Family
Zack: As the shepherds kept watch over their flock by night, our God sent the angels in heaven to announce, "This is a sign to you." <b>Open our eyes, Lord, to see the coming Messiah.</b>		
Alex: Fix our eyes upon the symbols of the season. Help us to see the evergreen as your unending grace and the wreath as everlasting life. <b>Open our eyes, Lord, to see the coming Messiah.</b>		
Chandra: We light the candle of hope so our anticipation might become expectation. <i>(one of the family members lights one candle)</i> <b>Open our eyes, Lord, to see the coming Messiah.</b>		
<b>*Opening Hymn</b>	"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" - UMH #211 (vs. 1 and 4)	
<b>Prayer of Confession &amp; Words of Assurance</b>		Pastor Alissa
Loving Creator, you call us to rejoice in your promise of the birth that is to come, but we are afraid. <b>You invite us into a world where justice and righteousness prevail, but we turn away in fear.</b> We long for an easy path into your promised world, but you warn us that there is no easy way. <b>Birth new life within us, that we may abide in your perfect love – the love that casts out fear.</b>		
<b>Announcements</b>		Pastor Alissa
<b>Traditional Choir</b>	"Every Valley" from <i>The Winter Rose</i> Cantata	Luke Henderson
<b>*Greeting Time &amp; Gloria Patri</b> - UMH #70		
<b>Gospel Reading</b> – Luke 21:25-36 (CEB)		Chris Reiber
<b>Message</b>	"This Will Be A Sign To You"	Pastor Alissa
<b>*Hymn of Response</b>	"People Look East" - UMH 202	
<b>Invitation to the Offering</b>		Pastor Alissa
<b>Offertory</b>	"Dos Canciones" Mompou	
<b>*Doxology</b>	UMH #95	
<b>*Offering Prayer</b>		Pastor Alissa
...Come Lord Jesus, <b>and hear our prayer.</b>		
<b>The Great Thanksgiving</b>		Pastor Alissa & Chris Reiber
God be with you! <b>And also with you!</b> Lift up your hearts! <b>We lift them up to God!</b> Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. <b>It is right to give our thanks and praise.</b> ...And so we proclaim this ancient song with all of the saints and angels: <b>Holy, holy, holy God! God of power! God of might!</b> <b>Heaven and earth are full of your glory! Hosanna in the highest!</b> <b>Blessed are you! Blessed are you!</b> ...And so, as we anticipate the birth of hope anew, we proclaim the mystery of faith: <b>Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.</b>		
<b>Receiving the Elements</b>		
<b>Music During Communion</b>	"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" – UMH #206 "Taste and See" - TFWS #22 "Emmanuel, Emmanuel" - UMH #204	
<b>Prayer after Communion</b>		Chris Reiber
<b>*Sending Forth</b>		Pastor Alissa
<b>Sending Forth Music</b>	"We'll Dress This House" Hutson/Burt	

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# Sunday News

December 3rd, 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

**Charge Conference today at 10:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Center after Coffee Chat, all are welcome to attend.**

### Second Annual Holy Pub Christmas Sing-along

Please join us on December 10th at:  
45 Degree Brewhouse 10421 E. Sprague 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.**

**SUPPORTING EACH OTHER!** Feeling a little blue? Family relationships askew? Friendship waning? Grieving through the Holidays will meet Tuesdays, November 28th through December 19th, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in my home at 14405 E. 5th Lane. We will use DVDs and handouts. (No book) Tears and laughter welcome. Nancy Ashworth, 509 993 9074

**Senior Lunch Bunch** - Let's celebrate and greet each other at the Holy Pub, December 10, 2:00 p.m. to 3:30. See you there!

**Janet Shaffer Memorial Service December 9<sup>th</sup> at 3:00p.m.** with a reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall.

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Sign up to bring cookies or volunteer for the Broadway Ornament Night,** Sunday December 3<sup>rd</sup> — Broadway Ornament Night is December 8<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:30 pm.

**Mission Community Outreach Center "Children's Christmas Joy"** - Collecting NEW Boys and Girl's jeans and tops (sizes 10 and 12) Sunday December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Mission Community Outreach Center Benefit Breakfast on December 13<sup>th</sup>.** Sign up Sunday December 3<sup>rd</sup> to help serve this breakfast.

### 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

## 12/04 Monday

9:30 a.m. Shirley Small Group Rm 115  
10:00 a.m. Walkers  
3:30 p.m. Nancy Larson Small Group  
6:00 p.m. Madelyn Small Group Zoom

## 12/05 Tuesday

10:00 a.m. Grieving through the Holidays  
10:00 a.m. Staff Parish Relations Meeting  
12:00 p.m. Rebekah Circle FPR

## 12/06 Wednesday

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

## 12/07 Thursday

9:00 a.m. Thursday Crew  
11:00 a.m. Marlene Small Group FPR  
12:00 p.m. 55+ Luncheon  
1:00 p.m. Lois Small Group FPR

## 12/09 Saturday

9:00 a.m. Bells  
10:00 a.m. Choir  
3:00 p.m. Janet Shaffer Memorial

## 12/10 Sunday

9:00 a.m. Traditional Service  
Liturgist: Paul & Renee Norris  
9:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School and Nursery  
10:10 a.m. Coffee Chat Sarah Circle  
10:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School FPR  
10:45 a.m. Confirmation Class