

Spokane Valley United Methodist Church

December 24th, 2023 – Fourth 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	"The Seven Joys of Mary"	
Welcome & Introduction to Advent		Pastor Alissa
Guiding Scripture - Micah 5:2-5a (CEB)		Cliff Maxey
Lighting the Candle of Joy		Shirley Porter and Barbara Bartak
Joy is the steadfast assurance that God is with us. Let us embrace the goodness of God. With hands outstretched in praise and thanksgiving, we celebrate with shepherds and proclaim with angels. Let us embrace the goodness of God. We light the candle of joy along with the candles of hope, peace, and love, each a light that reminds us that God has come near. Let us embrace the goodness of God.		
*Opening Hymn	"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" - UMH #211 (vs. 1 and 3)	
Opening Prayer		Pastor Alissa
Announcements		Pastor Alissa
Bell Choir	"Peaceful Reverie" - Lange	Luke Henderson
*Greeting Time & Gloria Patri - UMH #70		
Gospel Reading – Luke 2:22-40 (CEB)		Cliff Maxey
Message	"Embracing Jesus"	Pastor Alissa
*Hymn of Response	"In the Bleak Midwinter" - UMH #221	
Invitation to the Offering		Pastor Alissa
Offertory		
*Doxology	UMH #95	
*Offering Prayer		Pastor Alissa
Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer		Pastor Alissa
...Be born anew in us. 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	"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" - UMH #196	
*Sending Forth		Pastor Alissa
Sending Forth Music	"Christ was Born on Christmas Day"	

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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

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

Tonight 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!

Stop by the Connect Desk and sign-up to volunteer in Sunday School or Confirmation Class, for more information please contact our Youth Coordinator Samantha Wallace at: Samantha.marie00@outlook.com

Sign up January 7th for Senior Lunch Bunch at Darcy's January 14th.

December 31st Sign-up at the Connect Desk to help with the Washington State Legislative Conference held January 27th. This is a Mission and Service Fundraiser to help support our relationship with Katherine Parker

The Naomi Paper Drive starts January 21st, we will be collecting paper products until February 11th.

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

12/25 Monday
Office Closed

12/26 Tuesday
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12/27 Wednesday
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12/28 Thursday
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12/29 Friday
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12/30 Saturday
9:00 a.m. Bells
10:00 a.m. Choir

12/31 Sunday
9:00 a.m. Traditional Service
Liturgist: Bruce Butler & Peggy Self
9:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School and Nursery
10:10 a.m. Coffee Chat
10:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School FPR