

# Spokane Valley United Methodist Church

January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – Epiphany Sunday - *Becoming the People of God 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

"Good King Wenceslas" (Traditional)

## Welcome

Pastor Alissa

## \*Call to Worship

Zack Reiber

Light has broken in on the darkness of the world!

Can you see it? Can you feel it?

**Yes! All our senses are filled with the light of God!**

Open the eyes of your heart and let the light fill you within and without.

**We see it! We feel it!**

**A star beckoning us to follow its light to the Christ Child.**

Shall we go and see where it leads us today in worship?

**Yes, let's see where it leads us today, tomorrow,**

**and every day as we seek to become the people of God!**

## \*Opening Hymn

"We Three Kings" - UMH #254

## Opening Prayer

Pastor Alissa

## Announcements

## Choir Anthem

"The Rose Tree Carol" from *The Winter Rose Cantata* Luke Henderson

## \*Greeting Time & Gloria Patri - UMH #70

## Gospel Reading – Matthew 2:1-12 (CEB)

Zack Reiber

## Message

"Becoming Followers of Jesus"

Pastor Alissa

## Hymn of Response

"The Summons" – TFWS #2130 (vs. 1, 2 4 & 5)

## Invitation to the Offering

Pastor Alissa

## Offertory

"Gentle Moonlight, Christmas Morn" (A. M. David)

## \*Doxology

UMH #95

## \*Offering Prayer

Pastor Alissa

## Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Pastor Alissa

## Installation of Leaders in the Church - Joyce Johnson & Zack Reiber

Pastor Alissa

## The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor Alissa & Zack Reiber

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.<sup>[SEP]</sup>

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.<sup>[SEP]</sup>

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

...We have come to this place called Bethlehem –

**to this place where our hearts rise like yeast;  
to this place where we meet our newborn hope;  
to this place where we taste our deepest joy.**

...We celebrate something we can't quite understand.

**Because God has made a house at this table.  
Because God satisfies our hunger in the most unlikely places.  
Because God comes to be with us. Now and always.**

...in union with Christ's offering for us<sup>[SEP]</sup> as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

## Receiving the Elements

## Music During Communion

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" – UMH #206

"We Would See Jesus" – UMH #256

## Prayer after Communion

Zack Reiber

## Sending Forth

Pastor Alissa

## Sending Forth Music

"Go, Tell It On the Mountain" (traditional)

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# Sunday News

January 7th, 2024

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 Announcements

**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](mailto:Samantha.marie00@outlook.com)

**Naomi Paper Drive**—January 21st, 28th, and February 4th and 11th. This quarter we are again collecting paper towels and toilet paper. Bring your donation to the connect desk on these Sundays.

**2024 Eastern Washington Legislative Conference 'Renewing Hope for the Future'** Saturday, Jan. 27, will be held here at the church from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sign up to volunteer at this event at the Connect Desk. It will be in-person/hybrid with a link for those who wish to participate on Zoom. RSVP by Jan. 15 for lunch in person.

**Sign up today at the Connect Desk for Senior Lunch Bunch at Darcy's January 14th .**

## This Week

### 01/08 Monday

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

### 01/09 Tuesday

9:00 a.m. Huddle  
10:00 a.m. Staff Parish  
Relations Meeting FPR  
6:00 p.m. Mission & Service  
Rm 115

### 01/10 Wednesday

9:00 a.m. Disciple 7 Rm 115  
10:00 a.m. Walkers  
6:00 p.m. Disciple 1 Rm 115

### 01/11 Thursday

9:00 a.m. Thursday Crew  
10:00 a.m. Walkers  
11:00 a.m. Rachel Circle FPR

### 01/13 Saturday

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

### 01/14 Sunday

9:00 a.m. Traditional Service  
Liturgist: Susan Ingalls  
9:00 a.m. Children's Sunday  
School and Nursery  
10:10 a.m. Coffee Chat  
Huddle  
10:30 a.m. Adult Sunday  
School FPR