

# Moran United Methodist Church

December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Worship Bulletin

First Sunday of Christmas

## Welcome

Welcome to worship! Though we are unable to gather in person today, we can still worship together and celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit, who keeps us connected even while we are apart. This service will be livestreamed on Sunday morning at 10:30am via Facebook Live ([www.facebook.com/moranchurch](http://www.facebook.com/moranchurch)) and on the front page of our website ([www.moranumc.org](http://www.moranumc.org)). The recording will be available immediately following the livestream.

## Call to Worship *(you are invited to read this responsively)*<sup>1</sup>

Leader: Our darkness is gone!

People: **Though the night may be dark and the times are difficult, a new light shines for us!**

Leader: Fears are banished; failures are forgiven!

People: **God has heard our cries and has given us hope!**

Leader: Come, let us continue to celebrate God's light given to us!

People: **Let us praise the God of hope and promise! AMEN.**

Hymn "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

## Prayers of the People

*You are invited to offer your prayers aloud to God or share them in the video comments if watching on Facebook. Prayer requests can also be emailed to Pastor Cody at [PastorNatland@gmail.com](mailto:PastorNatland@gmail.com)*

## Pastoral Prayer

### The Lord's Prayer

**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.**who

Special Music "Away In A Manger" Joanne Brown

## First Scripture Reading

### ***Galatians 4:4-7 (NRSV)***

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Hymn "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Children's Moment "Clopper the Christmas Donkey" Rev. Cody Natland

Special Music "God Is With Us" Greater Northwest Area Massed Choir



## Benediction

We have heard the stories and received the gift of Emmanuel this Christmas. Now our work begins. Go forth in hope, peace, joy, and love to share and live the Christmas message: God is with us. May the light and love of God go with you. Amen.

## Postlude / Special Music

"Joy To The World"

Joanne Brown

<sup>1</sup>*Call to Worship by Nancy Townley. Accessed at*

*<https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/2170/worship-connection-december-27-2020>*

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## Virtual Coffee Hour

Sundays at 11:30am on Zoom

*Immediately following the worship service*

Join by Computer/Tablet/Smartphone: <https://greaternw.zoom.us/j/96460688631>

Join by Phone (home phone, landline, or cell – no internet required)

+1 (253) 215-8782 (Meeting ID: 964 6068 8631)

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## Christmas Offering

It's not too late for you to give to our Christmas Offering to support the ongoing work of our ministry partner organization, Shalom Ministries. Shalom serves free delicious, nutritious, hot meals in downtown Spokane throughout the week, helping to keep some of Spokane's most vulnerable community members fed, healthy, and safe. We know any gift you are able to give will be put to faithful work by the incredible staff of Shalom Ministries.

Gifts can be given online through our website at [www.moranumc.org/give](http://www.moranumc.org/give), or mailed to the church at 3601 E 65th Ave // Spokane, WA 99223. Be sure to include "Christmas Offering" in your memo line or on your envelope. You can also drop off your gift in person at the church on Monday morning during our Mission Monday Drive-Through from 10am-Noon, or call the church office to make other arrangements at (509)448-7102.

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## Mitten Tree

Throughout the month of December, we are collecting the following items for the Mitten Tree: Adult and children size hats, gloves/mittens, socks and scarves. Donations for the Mitten Tree can be dropped off during our "Mission Mondays" Drive-Through on Mondays from 10:00-11:00am. They can also be left at the front door of the church on Monday, Wednesday, or Thursday between 10:00am and 3:00pm.

If you would prefer to have your Mitten Tree donations picked up from your home, please call the Church Office at (509)448-7102 and a volunteer will arrange pick-up.

## Monday Vespers and Holy Communion

Monday Evenings at 6:30pm

Connect via Facebook Live: [www.facebook.com/moranchurch](http://www.facebook.com/moranchurch)

Connect via Zoom (computer/tablet/smartphone: <https://greaternw.zoom.us/j/97155799598>)

Connect via Phone (home phone, landline, cell phone):

+1 253 215 8782 (Meeting ID: 971 5579 9598)

+1 346 248 7799 (Meeting ID: 971 5579 9598)

## Mission Monday Drive-Through

*Mondays from 10:00am - Noon at Moran UMC (New expanded hours!)*

*Shalom Ministries, Second Harvest, and Mitten Tree*

We invite you to curbside drop-off of any donations you have for Shalom Ministries, Second Harvest, or the Mitten Tree on Monday mornings from 10:00am - Noon at Moran UMC. Bins for donations to each of these organizations will be available along the curb at the front of the church building.

## Prayer Requests

- Joy of **two wonderful Christmas Eve services** this past Thursday, and the blessing of being together in person for the outdoor service.
- Joy for the beginning of the Covid-19 **vaccine rollout**.
- Joy for **Debbie Maxson's newborn granddaughter, Riley Emma**. Riley was born on Christmas, and she and mom are both home and doing well.
- Joy for **Sally and Dennis Rainey's newborn grandson, Alex**, who went home from the hospital on Christmas Eve. We give thanks and praise to God!
- For our **family members, friends, and community members who are ill with Covid-19**.
- For the **family of Andy**, friends of the Thompsons. Andy passed away this week after a battle with cancer.
- For the **family of Joanne Brown's niece, Kathy Sasse**. Kathy's husband, Doug, passed away suddenly on December 7th.
- For **local families displaced and recovering** after an apartment fire at the Regal Ridge Apartments.
- For **Lynley**, the daughter of a childhood friend of Harriet Van Wyck.
- For **Ed Malcolm** as he manages pain in his esophagus.
- For **Jeannie McDermott**, as her eye continues to heal and her vision is slowly improving.
- For the **McCrea-Jones Family**.
- For continued healing and strength for **Kim Newman, Jeff Johnson, Richard Smith, and Evangeline Johnson**.
- For **Karen Tauscher** as she continues her cancer treatments.
- For all who are sick, recovering, and grieving deaths from **COVID-19**. For those experiencing **loneliness and isolation**.
- For **residents and health professionals in Spokane County** as our COVID-19 numbers continue to be elevated.
- For those **recovering from natural disasters and wildfires**.
- For those who are working for change in our nation around issues of **racial justice**.

- For our **church leaders** as they continue to envision a gradual, phased reopening process for our church and those around our Annual Conference. For our local church leaders and our Bishop, Rev. Elaine Stanovsky.