

# Moran United Methodist Church

November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Worship Bulletin

First Sunday in Advent

## 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>

Priscilla Bowen, Liturgist

Leader: Today we begin the journey of Advent

**People: while fears and worries abound in our world.**

Leader: There is so much darkness and the days are growing colder.

**People: How will God ever turn our world around?**

Leader: We gather now to warm and strengthen ourselves for this Advent journey.

**People: God, you see our human fears and love us anyway.**

Leader: God, you hear our worries and call us to do you work anyway.

**People: Help us to hear the angelic message, "Be not afraid!" Amen.**

## Lighting The Advent Candle

Shawna Harding & Trenton Lear

## Hymn

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (vs. 1, 2, 4, & 7)

<https://bit.ly/OComeLyrics>

## 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.**

## Hymn

"Angels From the Realms of Glory"

<https://bit.ly/RealmsOfGlory>

## Scripture

### ***Psalm 80:1-3 (NRSV)***

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,

you who lead Joseph like a flock!

You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth

before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh.

Stir up your might,

and come to save us!

Restore us, O God;  
let your face shine, that we may be saved.

### **Luke 1:5-23 (NRSV)**

In the days of King Herod of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly order of Abijah. His wife was a descendant of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. Both of them were righteous before God, living blamelessly according to all the commandments and regulations of the Lord. But they had no children, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were getting on in years.

Once when he was serving as priest before God and his section was on duty, he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to enter the sanctuary of the Lord and offer incense. Now at the time of the incense offering, the whole assembly of the people was praying outside. Then there appeared to him an angel of the Lord, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. When Zechariah saw him, he was terrified; and fear overwhelmed him. But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will name him John. You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He must never drink wine or strong drink; even before his birth he will be filled with the Holy Spirit. He will turn many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. With the spirit and power of Elijah he will go before him, to turn the hearts of parents to their children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord." Zechariah said to the angel, "How will I know that this is so? For I am an old man, and my wife is getting on in years." The angel replied, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. But now, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time, you will become mute, unable to speak, until the day these things occur."

Meanwhile the people were waiting for Zechariah, and wondered at his delay in the sanctuary. When he did come out, he could not speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the sanctuary. He kept motioning to them and remained unable to speak. When his time of service was ended, he went to his home.

**Sign Solo** "Be Not Afraid" Gail Allgood

**Sermon** "Be Not Afraid, Zechariah!" Rev. Cody Natland

*The sermon will be delivered during the livestream and on the video recording (Facebook and website); copies of the manuscript are available upon request and are included with the copy of the weekly bulletin mailed to those without access to our livestreamed services.*

### **Invitation to the Offering**

We invite you to continue to give your pledged gifts, offerings, and tithes to support the church and its ministries. Though the building is empty, our ministries continue to be active, and many of our expenses continue during this season. Please give as your financial situation allows.

You can give online at [www.moranumc.org/give](http://www.moranumc.org/give), or you can mail your donation to the church at 3601 E 65<sup>th</sup> Ave / Spokane, WA 99223.

**Song** "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" <https://bit.ly/HarkLyrics>

## Benediction

Emmanuel is coming! The world is changing! May God go with us into the world, giving us the strength to hold onto Advent hope. Go forth expecting the glory of God to be revealed into your lives, this day and always. **Amen.**

*<sup>1</sup>Call to Worship written by Rev. Corey Turnpenny, 2016, at Whitney Point UMC in Whitney Point, NY. Permission for the use of the music in this service and livestream given by CCLI. CCLI License 1507867; CCLI Streaming License CSPL155631.*

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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)

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**Donations of Wrapped CHRISTMAS CANDY** for our traditional treat bags can be dropped off on Mondays at the church from 10:00-11:00am on November 30<sup>th</sup> and December 7<sup>th</sup>. A family treat bag will be distributed at the Christmas Eve Drive-In Worship Service. They can also be left at the front door of the church on Monday, Wednesday, or Thursday between 10:00am and 3:00pm.

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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.

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**Ugly Sweater Zoom Party** -- Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

Your Penny Auction Co-Chairs thought it would be fun to get together on Zoom and begin the holidays with a casual chat wearing our festive sweaters. Grab a cup of hot chocolate and join us! A surprise might be revealed! Ho Ho Ho... Sue & Jeanie

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**Advent Study -- Incarnation: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas**

Wednesday Evenings from 6-7:15pm through December 16<sup>th</sup> (Zoom)

Please join us on Wednesday evenings throughout the Advent season, beginning on November 25<sup>th</sup> from 6-7:15pm on Zoom. We will be working through a study series by Rev. Adam Hamilton titled *Incarnation: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas*. The study explore the meaning behind the many names and titles of Jesus Christ and the difference He makes in our lives, not only at Christmas but throughout the year.

The video segments will be available for you to watch online each week in preparation for our study sessions, which will take place on Zoom. The accompanying book is optional, and can be found on Amazon or Cokesbury (or contact Pastor Cody if you would like him to order a copy for you).

To watch the video in preparation for each week's session, click here to create a free account on Amplify Media (part of Cokesbury): <https://my.amplifymedia.com/amplify>. Click the circle icon in the upper right hand corner and click "**Enter Access Code.**" Our Moran UMC Access Code is: **BRTYDN**. Follow the instructions to "**Start a Free Membership.**" Once you have created your membership account, you can either find the "Incarnation" study by scrolling down the home page and looking under "Advent," or typing "Incarnation" in the search bar.

Pastor Cody created a video to show you how to create your Amplify Media account, which can be found at the following website (type this into your browser's search bar): <https://bit.ly/MUMCAdvent>

If all of this sounds too confusing, don't worry -- feel free to give Pastor Cody a call and he is happy to help. *Remember, you can join our Zoom meetings by phone even if you don't have internet!*

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**Anti-Racism Book Study and Discussion**

Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 1pm via Zoom

Through the month of November, you are invited on a journey of learning more about the history and impact of racism in America, and exploring how we can commit to working for racial justice, as we read the book, *Between The World And Me* by Ta-Nehisi Coates.

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**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>

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### **Mission Monday Drive-Through**

*Mondays from 10-11am at Moran UMC*

*Shalom Ministries, Second Harvest, & 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 10-11am 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**

- For **Ed Malcolm** who was in the hospital this week for pain in his esophagus. He is now home and resting and is doing well.
- For **Jeannie McDermott**, who learned about complications with her cornea and will have a more extensive treatment and recovery than anticipated.
- For the **Berry family (Joe, Lynn, and Ezekiel)** as they are on the road moving to Arkansas.
- For **Constance**, a friend of Sandy Westrand, who fell and broke her ankle last week.
- For **Evangeline Johnson**, daughter of Eunice Johnson.
- For the **McCrea-Jones Family**.
- For continued healing and strength for **Kim Newman, Jeff Johnson, Richard Smith, and Pastor Barbara Caviezel**.
- For **Karen Tauscher** as she continues her cancer treatments.
- For our **local, state, and national leaders**. We pray for those newly elected as they prepare to step into leadership, and those continuing in their positions.
- For those **recovering from recent natural disasters and ongoing wildfires**. For both first responders who are providing for emergency needs, as well as for long term recovery efforts.
- For all around the country and world who are sick, recovering, and grieving deaths from **COVID-19**. For those who are experiencing **loneliness and isolation** with the long term impact of the pandemic.
- For **residents and health professionals in Spokane County as our COVID-19 numbers continue to be elevated**. For the challenges that our **Spokane Regional Health District** are facing, and for their ability to help keep our community healthy.
- For those who are working for change in our nation around issues of **racial justice**.
- For those who are experiencing **loneliness and isolation**.
- 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.