

# Welcome to Watsonville First United Methodist Church

## Our Mission

*Tipping the world toward love  
by following the Way of Jesus Christ  
for the transformation of the world*

## First Sunday of Advent Hanging of the Greens Service Celebration of Holy Baptism

Sunday, November 28, 2021, 10 am

\*[Our **in-person Sunday worship** in the Sanctuary **requires masks for all**.  
Please continue to practice 6 feet physical distancing whenever possible.]

**We welcome all visitors today!** Thank you for being here and gracing us with your presence. Please fill out the “*Visitation Card*” found in the pew and either place it in the offering plate or deposit into the *Suggestion Box* in the narthex nave.

**Children** are invited to enjoy the resource in the **Children Learning Center** located at the back of the sanctuary during worship. Children are welcome to check out books and activity items to take home by signing the simple “*Check-out Sheet*” on clipboard there.

## Words of Meditation

“Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking;  
if you hear my voice and open the door,  
I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me.”

- Revelations 3:20

*I hear you knocking, but you can't come in*

- From the song, *I Hear You Knocking*, song by Dave Edmunds, 1972

Something,  
we know not what,  
is always and everywhere lovingly at work,  
we know not how,  
to make us more than we are now  
to make the world more than it is yet.

This is the grace  
that helps release the abundant love, wisdom, and healing  
that are in us all and for which the world is waiting.

- David Richo

*(\*Please stand if you are able)*

**Prelude**

*Prepare Thyself, Zion*  
From Christmas Oratorio, J. Bach

Marina Thomas

**Bringing in the Light** (The flame symbolizes Christ's light in the world.)

**Welcome & the Life of the Church**

Rev. John Song

**\*Passing of Peace**

(Wave to your neighbors and exchange greeting of "*May the Peace of Christ be with you. And with you also.*")

**\* Advent Candle Song**

*Light the Advent Candle*

FWS #2090 (vs. 1)

**Lighting of the First Advent Candle of Hope**

**Advent Prayer in Unison**

"Advent"

#201

**\*Gathering Song**

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

#234

**Children's Time**

Advent Calendar: "Countdown for Christmas"

Pastor John

## **HANGING OF THE GREENS**

**Unison Prayer:**

Our living God, in the weeks to come, our attention to this blessed and holy event, the birth of your Son, will be continually distracted with many things during this holiday. Help us to slow down to your unhurried rhythm of grace to savor the meaning and the joy of this Holy season. Help us to refocus our minds and hearts on your loving and most precious gift to us, the birthing of God, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

[While children and youth help decorate the Christmas tree, congregation will sing medley of carols shown on the screen.]

## **THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM**

**Candidates: Alice Isla Ann Parker**

Parents: Jordan & Brittany Parker

Grandparents: Richard & Carol Parker, Oran & Carol Thibodeaux

**Song Response**

*Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*

#611 (vs. 1, 2)

**Prayers of the People**

- a. Sharing of Joys & Concerns (Please raise your hand & mic will be given to you)
- b. Pastoral Prayer

**The Lord's Prayer/Padre Nuestro** (You are invited to pray in the language of your choice)

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.

**Gospel Reading****Luke 2:1-7***No Room at the Inn*

2 In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. 2 This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. 3 All went to their own towns to be registered. 4 Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. 5 He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. 6 While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. 7 And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was **no room for them in the inn.**

**Revelations 3:20**

“Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking;  
if you hear my voice and open the door,  
I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me.”

Leader: The word of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Special Music***Whispering Hope*

Choir

By J. I. McClelland, arranged by Clyde Willard

**Message**

**I Am Standing at the Door Knocking:  
“No Room at the Inn”**

Rev. John Song

**Hymn***In the Bleak Midwinter*

#221

**Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings**

Let us respond to this word of grace and hope by the giving of our tithes and offerings, which support the varied ministries of the Watsonville First United Methodist Church, mission at home and throughout the world.

**Offertory**

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*  
Dialogue, J. Spoug

Marina Thomas

**Presentation of Offering****\*Doxology***O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

#211 (v.1)

O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

**\*Offertory Prayer** (In unison)

Accept these gifts from our hearts, O God, and our lives in the ministry of love and peace, through Jesus our Lord. Amen.

**\*Recessional Song**

*There's a Song in the Air*

#249

**\*Sending Out into the World**

**Postlude**

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*  
Processional, J. Spoug

Marina Thomas

*We warmly invite everyone to a delicious cup of Peet's Coffee, refreshments and fellowship in the Social Hall following worship.*

Refreshments: Laura Andrade & Marieta Flores

**Liturgists:** Tahja Martinez, Febe Avitua

**Ushers/Greeters:** Marieta Flores

**Tech Team:** Antonio Pantaleon, Lucila Pantaleon, Kaya Lourenco

**Nursery Attendants:** Julissa Solis, Tatyana Martinez

### **Calendar for the Week**

Sun., Nov. 28	10:00 am	<b>Hanging of the Green Service/First Sunday of Advent</b>
	11:10 am	Coffee Hour, Social Hall
Tue., Nov. 30	3:00 pm	Piano Lessons & Theory, Sanctuary
Wed., Dec. 1	3:00 pm	Piano Lessons & Theory, Sanctuary
Thu., Dec. 2	4:00 pm	Food for Children, Back Parking Lot
Sun., Dec. 5	10:00 am	<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b>
	11:10 am	Coffee Hour, Social Hall

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