

# 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*

## Thanksgiving Sunday

Sunday, November 21, 2021, 10 am

### Whoever you are...

what you've done,

who you love,

and **wherever you are in your journey of faith...**

what you believe

or what you don't believe,

***You are welcome here!***

**\*[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.

Our pastor John Song is away this week. He'll return for next Sunday's service.

## Words of Meditation

"Feeling grateful and not expressing it  
is like wrapping a present and not giving it."

- William Ward

The 4<sup>th</sup> century desert father, Abba Benjamin, taught his son this:

"Do this and you will be saved:

Rejoice always,

pray without ceasing,

and give thanks in all circumstances."

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

**Prelude**

*Thanks Be to God!*

Marina Thomas

M. Thompson

**Bringing in the Light**

## Welcome & the Life of the Church

Bob Culbertson

**\*Passing of Peace** (Wave to your neighbors and exchange greeting of “*Happy Thanksgiving*”)

**\*Thanksgiving Day Prayer** (in Unison)

(by Walter Rauschenbusch (1861–1918), an American theologian and Baptist pastor)

For the wide sky and the blessed sun,  
**For the salt sea and the running water,**  
For the everlasting hills  
**And the never-resting winds,**  
For trees and the common grass underfoot.  
**We thank you for our senses**  
By which we hear the songs of birds,  
**And see the splendor of the summer fields,**  
And taste of the autumn fruits,  
**And rejoice in the feel of the snow,**  
And smell the breath of the spring.  
**Grant us a heart wide open to all this beauty.**

**\*Gathering Song**

*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

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## LEGO Sunday School

[All children are invited to follow the Sunday School teacher Joan Culbertson to the Nursery.]

**Prayers of the People**

Bob Culbertson

- 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)

- a. 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.
- b. Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo, santificado sea tu nombre; venga tu reino; hágase tu voluntad, en la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día. Perdona nuestras ofensas como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden. No nos dejes caer en tentación y líbanos del mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo el poder y la gloria por siempre. Amen.

**Response to Our Prayers**

*On Eagle’s Wings*

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And God will raise you up on eagle’s wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of God’s hands.

**Psalm Reading**

**Psalm 118:24**

“This is the day that the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.”

**Epistle Reading**

**1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances;  
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

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

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Special Music**

*Thanks to God*  
by August Ludwig Storm

Choir

**Message**

**“What I Am Thankful For”**

Febe Abenoja, Clarice Wiggins, Hilda Rocha

**Hymn**

*We Gather Together*

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**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**

*Now Thank We All Our God*  
R. Lau

Marina Thomas

**Presentation of Offering**

**\*Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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

Accept our gifts from our hearts, O God, and dedicating our lives in tipping the world  
toward love by following the Way of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**\*Recessional Song**

*Give Thanks*

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**\*Sending Out into the World**

Bob Culbertson

**Postlude**

*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*  
J. Scriveyner

Marina Thomas

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

Refreshments: Cheryl Carroll

**Liturgists:** Bob Culbertson, Tahja Martinez, Febe Avitua  
**Ushers/Greeters:** Marieta Flores  
**Tech Team:** Antonio Pantaleon, Lucila Pantaleon, Kaya Lourenco  
**Nursery Attendants:** Julissa Solis, Tatyana Martinez

## **Hanging of the Green Service**

**Next Sunday, Nov. 28, is the First Sunday of Advent**

First Sunday of Advent is the official start of the Advent/Christmas Season for Christians. Advent is a time of pregnant waiting for the birth of God in Christ child, our Savior.

**\*All children and youth will receive Advent Calendars**

(In Advent Calendar, there is a surprise waiting for you each day as you open a window every day to help you countdown to Christmas.)

### **Calendar for the Week**

Sun., Nov. 21	10:00 am	<b>Thanksgiving Sunday Celebration</b>
	11:10 am	Coffee Hour, Social Hall
Tue., Nov. 23	3:00 pm	Piano Lessons & Theory, Sanctuary
Wed., Nov. 24		<b>OFFICE CLOSED AT NOON</b>
	3:00 pm	Piano Lessons & Theory, Sanctuary
Thu., Nov. 25		<b>OFFICE CLOSED / HAPPY THANKSGIVING!</b>
Fri., Nov. 26		<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>
Sun., Nov. 28	10:00 am	<b>Hanging of the Green Service/First Sunday of Advent</b>
	11:10 am	Coffee Hour, Social Hall

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