

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*

Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 12, 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 resources 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

There's a quiet place
in my head like an egg
hidden in a nest. A place
I go when the world is loud.
A moss-green forest with birds.
Where do you go when the world is loud?

- Kate Coombs

A monk was sitting in deep meditation in the busy marketplace.
A businessman passes by and comments, "Sitting and doing nothing is idling."
The monk responds, "Running frantically around is idling."

– Zen saying

"Contemplation is the highest form of human activity."

- Thomas Keating, the father of Centering Prayer

“Contemplation is a practice of receiving much reality as one can bear.”

– Richard Rohr, Franciscan Fr.

*(*Please stand if you are able)*

Prelude *To a Virgin Meek and Mild* Marina Thomas
A. Page

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

Welcome & the Life of the Church Rev. John Song

***Advent Blessings** (Wave to your neighbors and exchange greetings of...
“*Advent blessings be with you. And also with you.*”)

*** Advent Candle Song** *Light the Advent Candle* FWS #2090 (vs. 3)

Lighting the Third Advent Candle of Joseph Bernabe-Gomez & Guzman Families

***Call to Worship**

We may not know the day or time of your coming,
but we know that it is time to wake from sleep.
In a world where there is no room for Christ child to be born,
Let us make a room for Christ to be born in us and in the world!

***Prayer in Unison**

Lord, we have lived far too long
in dark places of our own making.
We have walled ourselves in,
shut the world out,
and held ourselves captive
to our fear and failings.
Free us from this place, Lord.
Return us to a life in your presence,
where we may face the trials of this world
with you by our side.
Restore your light to our eyes,
that we may behold anew
your love in our lives.
Hear us and help us, we pray.
We wait in eager anticipation,
for the glory of your salvation this day. Amen.

***Gathering Song** *When Christmas Morn Is Dawning* #232

Children’s Time “**His Master’s Voice**” Pastor John

Special Music

Ukrainian Carol
M. Hayes

Febe Avitua

LEGO Sunday School

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

Prayers of the People

- a. Sharing of Joys & Concerns (Please raise your hand & the mic will be given to you)
- b. Pastoral Prayer *Be/ still/ and know/ that I am/ God.* –Psalm 46:10

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.

Padre Nuestro

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 líbranos del mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo el poder y la gloria por siempre. Amén.

Response to Our Prayers

On Eagle's Wings

#143

Psalm Reading

Psalm 46:10

“Be still and know that I am God.”

Hebrew Reading

1 King 19: 11-13

The Sound of Silence

¹¹ God said to Elijah, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; ¹² and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?”

*Gospel Reading

Luke 2:6-7

No Room at the Inn

⁶ While they were there (Bethlehem), 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.**

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Calendar for the Week

Sun., Dec. 12	10:00 am 11:10 am	Third Sunday of Advent Service / LEGO Sunday School Coffee Hour, Social Hall
Tue., Dec. 14	3:00 pm	Piano Lessons & Theory, Sanctuary
Wed., Dec. 15	3:00 pm	Piano Lessons & Theory, Sanctuary
Sun., Dec. 19	10:00 am 11:10 am	Celebration of Christmas Service Coffee Hour, Social Hall Children's Gingerbread House making, Social Hall

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