

# Welcome to Watsonville First United Methodist Church

*“Do not be afraid!  
I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people:  
to you is born this day in the city of David  
a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.”*  
~ Luke 2:10-11

## Celebration of Christmas

Sunday, December 19, 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 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.

\*Today following worship there will be a **children Gingerbread making project** led by Marjorie Martinez and her helpers in the Social Hall during the Coffee Hour.

### Words of Meditation

“Don’t ask what the world needs.  
Ask what makes you come alive, and go do it.  
Because what the world needs is people who have come alive.”  
~ Howard Thurman (1899 – 1981),  
American theologian, mystic and activist; mentor to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

“Glory of God is human fully alive.”  
~ St. Irenaeus, the 2<sup>nd</sup> century bishop of Lyons, France

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

**Prelude** *Come, Thou Almighty King* Marina Thomas  
Arr. B. Johnson

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

**Welcome & the Life of the Church** Rev. John Song

**\*Christmas Greetings** (Please greet one another with *Merry Christmas!*)

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

## Lighting the Fourth Advent Candle of Shepherds

Lourenco & Sorensen Families

### \*Call to Worship

Leader: When an angel of the Lord appeared to Mary,  
Mary said YES, even in the midst of the unknown.

**People: When an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph,  
Joseph said YES, even in the midst of uncertainty.**

Leader: When the host of angels of the Lord suddenly appeared to shepherds tending  
flocks by night, they said YES, even in the midst of fear.

**People: When we consider the origins of our Christian faith  
in the mist of mystery and glory, we say YES, to God.**

Leader: When we celebrate the birth of Christ,  
we proclaim God is with us, Emmanuel.

**All: Come! Let us worship.**

<b>*Gathering Song</b>	<i>Joy to the World</i>	#246 (vs. 1. 2. 4)
<b>Children's Time</b>	"The Real Meaning of Christmas"	Pastor John
<b>Hymn</b>	<i>Hark! the Herald Angels Sing</i>	#240

### Prayers of the People

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

### The Lord's Prayer (said by all)

<b>Response to Our Prayers</b>	<i>On Eagle's Wings</i>	#143
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### Reading from the Prophet **Isaiah 9:2, 6**

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined.... For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

### Epistle Reading **Romans 13:12b**

"Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light."

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

**People: Thanks be to God!**

<b>Special Music</b>	<i>Masters in this Hall</i> Trad. French, Arr. C. Miller	Adult Choir
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<b>Message</b>	<b>"What Happens When You Make a Room for God?"</b>	Rev. John Song
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### Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings



Fa la la la la, la la la la.  
'Tis the season to be jolly,  
Fa la la la la, la la la la.

Don we now our gay apparel,  
Fa la la, la la la, la la la.  
Troll the ancient Yuletide carol,  
Fa la la la la, la la la la.

(Verse 2)  
See the blazing Yule before us,  
Fa la la la la, la la la la.  
Strike the harp and join the chorus  
Fa la la la la, la la la la.

Follow me in merry measure,  
Fa la la, la la la, la la la.  
While I tell of Yuletide treasure,  
Fa la la la la, la la la la.

### ***I Saw Three Ships***

(Verse 1)  
I saw three ships come sailing in  
on Christmas day, on Christmas day.  
I saw three ships come sailing in  
on Christmas day in the morning.

(Verse 2)  
And who was in those ships all three,  
on Christmas day, on Christmas day.  
And who was in those ships all three,  
on Christmas day in the morning.

(Verse 3)  
Our Saviour Christ and His lady,  
on Christmas day, on Christmas day.  
Our Saviour Christ and His lady,  
on Christmas day in the morning.

(Verse 8)  
And all the souls on Earth shall sing,  
on Christmas day, on Christmas day.  
And all the souls on Earth shall sing,  
on Christmas day in the morning.

### ***Feliz Navidad***

Feliz Navidad. Feliz Navidad.  
Feliz Navidad Prospero año y felicidad.

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I want to wish you a merry Christmas.  
I want to wish you a merry Christmas.  
I want to wish you a merry Christmas  
from the bottom of my heart!

I want to wish you a merry Christmas.  
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### ***Jingle Bells***

(Verse 1)

Dashing through the snow, in a one horse open sleigh,  
O'er the fields we go, laughing all the way!

Bells on bobtail ring, making spirits bright,  
what fun it is to laugh and sing a sleighing song tonight.

Oh! Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way,  
oh what fun it is to ride in a one horse open sleigh, hey!

Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way,  
oh what fun it is to ride in a one horse open sleigh!

(Verse 2)

A day or two ago, I thought I'd take a ride  
and soon Miss Fanny Bright was seated by my side!

The horse was lean and lank, misfortune seemed his lot.  
He got into a drifted bank and then we got upsot!

Oh! Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way,  
oh what fun it is to ride in a one-horse open sleigh, hey!

Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way,  
oh what fun it is to ride in a one-horse open sleigh!

### ***We Wish You a Merry Christmas***

(Verse 1)

We wish you a merry Christmas. We wish you a merry Christmas.  
We wish you a merry Christmas, and a happy new year!

Good tidings we bring, for you and your kin.  
Good tidings for Christmas and a happy new year!

(Verse 2)

Oh bring us a figgy pudding. Oh bring us a figgy pudding.  
Oh bring us a figgy pudding, and a cup of good cheer.

Good tidings to you wherever you are.  
Good tidings for Christmas and a happy new year!

**\*Benediction**

**\*Recessional Song**                      *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*                      #251 (vs. 1, 2)

**Postlude**                                      *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*, CD                      Anne Murray

*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:** 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., Dec. 19	10:00 am	<b>Celebration of Christmas Service</b>
	11:10 am	Coffee Hour, Social Hall Children's Gingerbread House making, Social Hall
Wed., Dec. 22		<b>OFFICE CLOSED AT NOON</b>
	1:00 pm	Piano Lessons & Theory, Sanctuary
Thu., Dec. 23		<b>OFFICE CLOSED FOR HOLIDAYS</b>
Fri., Dec. 24		<b>OFFICE CLOSED FOR HOLIDAYS</b>
	5:00 pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Sat., Dec 25		<b>MERRY CHRISTMAS!</b>
Sun., Dec. 26	10:00 am	<b>Last Sunday of the Year</b>
	11:10 am	Coffee Hour, Social Hall

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Antonio Pantaleon, Media Director

Bob Culbertson, Tahja Martinez, Lay Leaders

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