

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 ourselves and the world*

Second Sunday in Christmastide

Sunday, January 2, 2022, 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.

*If you have not already done so, you are invited to pause to look at the **International Art of the Nativity & Epiphany** displayed by Rev. Alice Ann Glenn. See the images of the Wise Ones; The Holy Family; and Creche scenes from around the world. They are on a table in the narthex.

Words of Meditation

Said the night wind to the little lamb
"Do you see what I see?
Way up in the sky, little lamb...
A star, a star, dancing in the night
With a tail as big as a kite"
~ Regney Noel / Shain Gloria Adele

I hope we can find resilience as we continue to confront the challenges of COVID and do the long and difficult work of carrying the Light into the world. Together may we reach the bright future we desire to light together. May we, like the Wise Magi, believe in the Light and follow it no matter where it leads us. ~ Alice Ann Glenn

*(*Please stand if you are able)*

Prelude

Christmas Medley
W. Gillock

Marina Thomas

Bringing in the Light

Welcome & the Life of the Church

Rev. Alice Ann Glenn

We welcome our Guest Preacher Rev. Alice Ann Glenn!

Rev. Alice Ann Glenn is a retired Deacon in the United Methodist Church. She worked for many years as a Director of Christian Education in large churches. When she started writing for the United Methodist Publishing House, she stopped being on a church staff, and did Christian Education Consulting. Alice Ann spent a decade working as an educator with the Monterey County Aids Project. She lives in Monterey and enjoys reading, gardening, travel, and spending time with her extended family. The grandchildren keep her young at heart!

*** Christmastide Blessings** (Wave to your neighbors and exchange greetings of *May the Christ Child be with you all year. And also with you.*)

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Arise; shine, for your light has come!

People: We are called out of our darkness into light.

Leader: Lift up your eyes and look around.

People: We rejoice in the gift of light.

Leader: Come let us worship the God of light and joy and peace.

All: We come to kneel at the cradle of the babe, the light incarnate.

***Prayer in Unison**

God of promise and light,
open our eyes this morning,
that we may see your light in the darkness.

Open our hearts,
that we may perceive your promises
of justice and righteousness
fulfilled in the babe of Bethlehem.

May we, like the Magi,
have a star to guide us
on our journey quest
to find the one who will truly set us free.

May this time of worship
bring us closer to you,
that the good news
of the birth of light and love
will transform our lives. Amen.

***Gathering Song** *Star-Child* FWS #2095

Children's Time "Surprises" Deacon Alice Ann

Hymn *Jesus Loves Me* #191

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)

- 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.

Response to Our Prayers *On Eagle's Wings* #143

Responsive Reading of Psalm **Psalm 72: 1-17** #795

Hebrew Reading **Micah 5:2**

***Gospel Reading** **Matthew 2: 1-12**

Leader: Let us listen for what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People: Thanks be to God!

Special Music *God is Love, the Heaven's Tell It* by John Peterson
Duet: Carmelita Abenoja & Mike Locke-Paddon

Message **"For All the World"** Rev. Alice Ann Glenn

Hymn *Many Gifts, One Spirit* #114

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Like the Magi, let us bring our gifts to honor the babe of Bethlehem and bring the light to all the dark places in our community and our world.

Offertory *Jerusalem* Marina Thomas
Arr. A Moore

Presentation of Offering

***Doxology** *We Three Kings* #254 (refrain only 2X)

O, star of wonder, star of night
Star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading, still proceeding
Guide us to thy perfect light

***Offertory Prayer** (In unison)

God of light and promise, we bring our gifts to further your work to those overwhelmed by darkness, pain, and loneliness. May these gifts of money, time, and self shine for all to see, so all may experience peace and love. Amen.

***Recessional Song** *For the Healing of the Nations* #428

***Sending Out into the World** Rev. Alice Ann Glenn

Postlude

Trumpet Tune in C
H. Purcell

Marina Thomas

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

**Please sign up for your personalized nametag necklace from Tahja & the Crew.*

Refreshments: Hospitality Team

Liturgists: Tahja Martinez, Febe Avitua

Ushers/Greeters: Marieta Flores

Tech Team: Antonio Pantaleon, Lucila Pantaleon, Kaya Lourenco

Nursery Attendants: Julissa Solis, Tatyana Martinez

*Pastor John will return to office on Jan. 4th.

Calendar for the Week

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| Sun., Jan. 2 | 10:00 am | First Sunday of Epiphany |
| | | Guest Preacher: Alice Ann Glenn |
| | 11:10 am | Coffee Hour, Social Hall |
| Tue., Jan 4 | | REOPEN OFFICE |
| Thu., Jan 6 | 4:00 pm | Food for Children, Back Parking Lot |
| Sun., Jan. 9 | 10:00 am | The Baptism of the Lord Sunday |
| | 11:10 am | Coffee Hour, Social Hall |
| | 11:50 am | Watsonville Journey to Hope Meeting, Pastor’s Office |

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Office Hours: Tue-Thu 9 am – 5 pm, Fri 9 am – 12 pm (Closed for lunch 12-1 pm)

Rev. Alice Ann Glenn, Guest Preacher

Rev. John Juno Song, Pastor

Mike Locke-Paddon, Music Director

Marina Thomas, Pianist

Antonio Pantaleon, Media Director

Bob Culbertson, Tahja Martinez, Lay Leaders

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***We at Watsonville First United Methodist church
Wish you and your loved ones Happy New Year!***