

Welcome to Watsonville First United Methodist Church

Our Mission

*Tipping the world toward love and justice
in alignment with God's deepest desire
for our lives and the world.*

Our Purpose

*Watsonville First United Methodist Church exists so that
all are invited to experience the love of God
and to follow the Way of Jesus Christ
to transform ourselves and the world.*

Baptism of the Lord Sunday with Holy Communion

Sunday, January 9, 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.

Words of Meditation

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

“We all, with unveiled faces, beholding the glory of the Lord,
are being transformed in the likeness of Christ.”

~ 2 Corinthians 3:18

*(*Please stand if you are able)*

Prelude

Shepherd Medley
D. Wyrzten

Marina Thomas

Bringing in the Light

Welcome & the Life of the Church

***Passing of Peace** (Wave to your neighbors near you with “**Peace of Christ be with you.**”)

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Holy Protector of all who are in need,

the words you place within our hearts
shine like a guiding star,
calling us to show the world
your goodness and your grace.

**People: Heal us with your steadfast love
when we close our minds
and shutter our hearts,
refusing to let your brightness
shine through us.**

Leader: You call us to protect widows and orphans,
and to care for all who have no helper.

**People: Restore us in your mercy
when we put our own comfort
before the needs of others,
and when we are unwilling
to stop the oppression and violence
done in our name.**

Leader: You promised to reveal your glory through us,
and proclaimed that we will shine like the sun
when the world is plunged into shadows.

**All: Renew us in the power of your Spirit
when we refuse to follow the star
you have placed before us.**

***Unison Prayer**

Bright, shining Maker of visions and dreams,
the good news of your love
lights up the world with radiant glory.

We see you in rain and snow,
in sunrise and sunset,
in the smiles and hugs and celebrations
that greet the new year.

Like the Magi who followed a star
to welcome the newborn Christ,
help us follow the star of your love
and bring gifts of wholeness and peace
to a world that is broken and in pain;

Share with us the boundless riches of your grace,
that we might be bearers of your goodness,
in the name of Jesus, who is the Christ,
now and in the days to come. Amen.

Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or you had formed the earth,
from everlasting to everlasting, you alone are God.

You created light out of darkness and brought forth life on the earth.

You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.

When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets.

*Antes que los montes fueran engendrados, o que habías formado la tierra,
desde todos los siglos, tú solo eres Dios.*

Creaste la luz de las tinieblas y sacaste la vida en la tierra.

Tú nos formaste a tu imagen y soplaste en nosotros el aliento de la vida.

Cuando nos alejamos, y nuestro amor fracasó, tu amor se mantuvo firme.

Tu nos has librado de la cautividad, hiciste pacto para ser nuestro Dios soberano, y hablaste con nosotros por medio de tus profetas.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

(The Faith we Sing #2007, “HOLY, HOLY, HOLY”)

(The Faith We Sing #2007, “SANTO, SANTO, SANTO”)

Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you!

My heart knows how to say to you: You are holy, Lord!

Santo, santo, santo, mi corazón te adora!

Mi corazón te sabe decir: ¡Santo eres, Señor!

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ, in whom you have revealed yourself,
our light and our salvation.

You sent a star to guide wise men to where the Christ was born;
and in your signs and witnesses, in every age and through all the world,
you have led your people from far places to his light.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church,
delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and
the Spirit.

*Por el bautismo de su sufrimiento, muerte y resurrección diste a luz a tu Iglesia, nos liberaste
de la esclavitud del pecado y de la muerte, y has hecho con nosotros un nuevo pacto por el
agua y el Espíritu.*

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave
thanks, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:

“Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.”

*En la noche que se entregó por nosotros, tomó pan, dio gracias,
lo partió y lo dio a sus discípulos diciendo:*

*“Tomen, coman; esto es mi cuerpo dado por ustedes.
Hagan esto en memoria de mí.”*

When the supper was over he took the cup,
gave thanks, gave it to his disciples, and said:
“Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

*Después de la cena, tomó la copa,
y después de haber dado gracias, la dio a sus discípulos, diciendo:
“Beban de ella, todos ustedes; ésta es mi sangre del nuevo pacto,
derramada por ustedes y por muchos para el perdón de los pecados.
Hagan esto todas las veces que la beben, en memoria de mí.”*

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ’s offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.
Cristo ha muerto; Cristo ha resucitado; Cristo vendrá de nuevo.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and juice. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Creator, now and forever. **Amen.**

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:
Y ahora, con la confianza de los hijos de Dios, oremos:

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.

Sharing of the bread and the cup

(The congregation is invited to share in communion of the bread and the cup.)

Se comparten el pan y la copa

(Se invita a la congregación compartir la comunión del pan y de la copa.)

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Leader: 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 *What Star is This?* Marina Thomas
F. Ritter

Presentation of Offering

***Doxology** *Love Has Come* FWS #3059 (v.1)

Love has come — a light in the darkness!
Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies.
See, all heaven has come to proclaim it;
hear how their song of joy arises:
Love! Love! Born unto you, a Savior!
Love! Love! Glory to God on high.

***Recessional Song** *Give Thanks* FWS #2036

*Sending Out into the World

Postlude *Grand Chorus* Marina Thomas
C. Franck

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

Refreshments: Hospitality Team

Liturgists: Tahja Martinez, Febe Avitua

Ushers/Communion Stewards: Marieta Flores, Laura Andrade Sorensen

Tech Team: Antonio Pantaleon, Lucila Pantaleon, Kaya Lourenco

Nursery Attendants: Julissa Solis, Tatyana Martinez

Calendar for the Week

Sun., Jan. 9	10:00 am	The Baptism of the Lord Sunday
	11:10 am	Coffee Hour, Social Hall
Tue., Jan 11		NO Piano & Theory Lessons Today
Wed., Jan 12		NO Piano & Theory Lessons Today
Sun., Jan. 16	10:00 am	Martin Luther King Sunday / Human Relations Day
	11:10 am	Coffee Hour, Social Hall
	11:50 am	Watsonville Journey to Hope Meeting, St. Stephen's Room

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