

Welcome to Watsonville First United Methodist Church

Open Mind, Open Heart, Open Door

Welcoming to humans of all races, genders, and sexual orientations. We invite, respect, and support all people who speak to love, dignity, and justice. You are affirmed and accepted as a full participant in the life and work of this United Methodist congregation

Our Vision

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

Thanksgiving Sunday

Sunday, November 20, 2022, 10 am

*Masks are optional.

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.

This Sunday is the *In-Person Lego Sunday!*

First, children will be in worship. Following the Special Music, the teacher, Joan Culbertson, will lead our children to the Nursery Room.

Today's altar flowers are dedicated by Marieta Flores.

Words of Meditation

“Ingratitude is part and parcel of pride and self-centeredness, a deep denial of how dependent we are on God and one another. If we aren't thankful, it's because we don't think we owe anyone anything.”
~ Tim Keller, the founder of Redeemer Presbyterian Church in New York City

The 4th 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

Give Thanks
M. Hayes

Marina Thomas

Bringing in the Light

Welcome & the Life of the Church

***Greetings** (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** *Praise the Lord with the Sound of the Trumpet* FWS #2020

Children’s Time “Healing of Ten Men with Leprosy” Pastor John

***Gospel Reading** **Luke 17:11-19**

Healing of Ten Men with Leprosy

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³ they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶ He prostrated himself at Jesus’s feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine? ¹⁸ Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹ Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”

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!

Choir Anthem *Praise Ye the Lord* (based on Psalm 106:1)

Words : Elsie Duncan Yale & Henry Downton, Music: Stewart Landon
Introducing the tune “Posen” by George C. Strattner

Message **“Healing of Ten Lepers”** Rev. John Song

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

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

Praise the Name of Jesus
A. Bock

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)**

God of all generations, as we worship today, we offer our whole selves to you, all that we have and all that we are. We pray that you will help us be bold in our mission and in our witness. We pray this in the name of our Savior and Redeemer, Christ our Lord. Amen.

Recessional SongGive Thanks*

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***Benediction**

[*This ends Live Streaming]

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.
- 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.

Postlude

Praise, to the Lord, the Almighty
W. Gaither

Marina Thomas

We warmly invite everyone to a delicious cup of quality coffee, refreshments and fellowship in the Social Hall following worship.

Today's refreshments: Norma Luciano

*If you want to bring Refreshments in the future
you can sign up on the clipboard in the narthex or see Marjorie Martinez.

Worship Leaders

Pastor	Rev. John Song
Pianist	Marina Thomas
Choir Leader	Carmelita Abenoja
Liturgists	Tahja Martinez, Febe Avitua, Mark Sorensen
Greeters	Harry & Clarice Wiggins
Head Usher	Marieta Flores
Tech Team	Antonio Pantaleón, Lucila Pantaleón, Elizabeth Reitano
Nursery Attendants	Tatyana Martinez, Julissa Solis
Coffee Hour	Norma Luciano

Upcoming Opportunities!

Next Sunday, Nov. 27, is the First Sun. of Advent
with the **Hanging of the Greens**

*We invite all children to attend and help hang ornaments on Christmas tree
while we all sing favorite Christmas carols.

J2Hope: Sun. Dec. 4, 11:45 am, St. Stephen's room

Church/Charge Conference: Sat. Dec. 10, 10 am, Sanctuary

All Church Leaders Planning Day: Sat. Jan. 28, 9 am – 12 pm, St. Stephen's room

All Church Clean & Organize Day: Sat. Feb. 25, 2023, 9 am – 12 pm

Calendar for the Week

Sun., Nov. 20	10:00 am	Thanksgiving Sunday , LEGO Sunday
	11:10 am	Coffee Hour, Social Hall
	11:30 am	Decorating the Sanctuary & Social Hall for X-Mas!
	11:40 am	Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Wed., Nov. 23		OFFICE CLOSED AT NOON
Thu., Nov. 24		OFFICE CLOSED / Happy Thanksgiving!
Fri., Nov. 25		OFFICE CLOSED
Sun., Nov. 27	10:00 am	First Sun. of Advent with Hanging of the Greens
	11:10 am	Coffee Hour, Social Hall
	11:40 am	Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

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