

Welcome to Watsonville First United Methodist Church

Open Mind, Open Heart, Open Door

**Second Sunday of Advent
with Holy Communion**

Sunday, December 4, 2022, 10 am

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 resource 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’s altar flowers are dedicated my Marieta Flores.

Words of Meditation

“Don’t fight the darkness —
stay connected to Christ, the bringer of the light,
and darkness will disappear.”

~ John Song

“I have come into the world as a light,
so that no one who believes in me stay in darkness.”

~ John 12:46

*(*Please stand if you are able)*

Prelude

O Holy Night
Arr. B. Johnson

Marina Thomas

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.”)

“Centering Breath

***Advent Candle Song**

Light the Advent Candle

FWS #2090 (vs. 2)

Lighting the Second Advent Candle of Mary

Abenoja/Estioko Family
& the Reitano Family

***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.

***Gathering Song** *There's a Song in the Air* #249

Children's Time "Christmas Story of the First Family" Pastor John

Reading from the Prophet **Isaiah 9:2**

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.

***Gospel Reading** **John 1:1-5**

"In the beginning was the Word, and Word was with God, and the Word was God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Special Music *Carol from an Irish Cabin* Brandon & Trisha Kett
An old Christmas carol of Irish origin with an unknown author

Message Part 2) "**Facing Darkness Before Light**" Rev. John Song

Hymn *I Want to Walk as a Child of Light* #206

Celebration of Holy Communion / Celebración de la santa comunión

The Lord be with you. / *El Señor sea con ustedes.* Spanish Reader: Laura Andrade Sorensen
And also with you. / Y también contigo.

Lift up your hearts. / *Elevemos los corazones.*

We lift them up to the Lord. / Demos gracias al Señor nuestro Dios.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. / *Demos gracias al Señor nuestro Dios.*

It is right to give our thanks and praise. / Es justo darle gracias y alabanza.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you.

Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. 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. In the fullness of time you gave your only Son Jesus Christ to be our Savior, and at his birth the angels sang glory to you in the highest and peace to your people on earth. 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 Jesus Christ.
Santo eres Tú, y bendito sea Jesucristo.

As Mary and Joseph went from Galilee to Bethlehem and there found no room, so Jesus went from Galilee to Jerusalem and was despised and rejected. As in the poverty of a stable Jesus was born, so 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.

Como María y José viajaron de Galilea hacia Belén y no encontraron albergue, así Jesús fue de Galilea a Jerusalén y fue despreciado y rechazado. Como Jesús nació en la pobreza de un establo, así por el bautismo de su sufrimiento, muerte y resurrección tu diste a luz a tu Iglesia, nos liberaste de la esclavitud al pecado y la muerte, e hizo un nuevo pacto por medio del agua y el Espíritu.

As your Word became flesh, born of Mary, on that night long ago so, 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:

Como tu Palabra se hizo carne, nació de María, en esa noche hace mucho tiempo, en la noche que se entregó por nosotros, tomó pan, dio gracias, lo partió y lo dio a sus discípulos diciendo:

“Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”
“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:
Después de la cena, tomó la copa, y después de haber dado gracias, la dio a sus discípulos, diciendo:

“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.”

“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.

Y así, recordando tus actos poderosos en Cristo Jesús, nos ofrecemos en alabanza y agradecimiento como un sacrificio santo y vivo, en unión con la ofrenda de Cristo por nosotros, mientras proclamamos el misterio de la fe.

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.

Advent Prayer in Unison

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.

***Receiving of the Bread and the Cup**

(The United Methodist Church practices open Communion. All are invited, including children, to come forward in the middle aisle in two lines to receive the Communion. If you wish to receive Communion at your seat, please raise your hand or ask one of the ushers.)

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

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

Ding! Dong! Merrily On High
G. Sewell

Marina Thomas

Presentation of Offering

***Doxology**

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
O come, thou Wisdom from on high,
and order all things far and nigh;
to us the path of knowledge show
and cause us in her ways to go.

#211 (v. 2)

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall
come to thee, O Israel.

***Offertory Prayer** (In unison)

Accept these gifts from our hearts, O God, and our lives in the ministry of love and peace,
through Jesus our Lord. Amen.

***Responsive Benediction**

Leader: Keep awake.

People: Hope is coming.

Leader: Wait for the Lord.

People: The Liberator is coming.

Leader: Prepare the way.

All: Christ is coming soon!

***Recessional Song**

Soon and Very Soon

#706 (v.1 only) 2x

***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

Rise Up, Shepherds, And Follow
Arr. A. Page

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: Marjorie Martinez, Marieta Flores

*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
Pianist
Choir Leader

Rev. John Song
Marina Thomas
Carmelita Abenoja

Liturgists	Tahja Martinez, Febe Avitua, Mark Sorensen
Spanish Reader	Laura Andrade Sorensen
Greeters	Harry & Clarice Wiggins
Head Usher	Marieta Flores
Communion Stewards	Marieta Flores, Laura Andrade Sorensen
Tech Team	Antonio Pantaleón, Lucila Pantaleón, Elizabeth Reitano
Nursery Attendants	Tatyana Martinez, Julissa Solis
Coffee Hour	Marjorie Martinez, Marieta Flores

Advent/Christmas Services

December 11	Third Sunday of Advent: Lighting the Candle of Joseph
December 18	Christmas Celebration: Lighting the Candle of Shepherds
December 24	(Saturday, 5:00 pm) Christmas Eve Candlelight Service: Lighting the Candle of CHRIST
December 25	Christmas Day Service with Singing of the Carols

Calendar for the Week

Sun., Dec. 4	10:00 am	Second Sun. of Advent with Holy Communion
	11:10 am	Coffee Hour, Social Hall
	11:40 am	Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
	11:45 am	WJ2H Foundation Board Mtg., St. Stephen's room
Thu., Dec. 8	12:00 pm	UMW X-Mas Potluck , St. Stephen's room
Sat., Dec. 10	10:00 am	Church Charge Conference , Sanctuary
Sun., Dec. 11	10:00 am	Third Sun. of Advent
	11:15 am	Coffee Hour, Social Hall
	11:40 am	Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Up-coming Opportunities

Church/Charge Conference: Sat. Dec. 10, 10 am, Sanctuary
[Rev. Clyde Vaughn will preside over our Charge Conference.]

Winter Dinner Program @ Salvation Army: Fri. Dec. 16, 5 pm
[Volunteers will meet at the Salvation Army at 4:30 pm to serve the people at 5 pm.
Please park your car at the back-parking lot @ 214 Union St. Watsonville.]

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

Pastor Office Hours: Tue – Thu 10 am – 12 pm, 3 pm – 5 pm

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Baptism, Membership, Wedding, Funeral, and Pastoral Counseling are available