

Welcome to Watsonville First United Methodist Church

Open Mind, Open Heart, Open Door

We are a publicly declared **Reconciling Congregation** and a member of the Reconciling Ministries Network that advocates and works for a truly all-inclusive church. As a Christian community, we lean in on radical inclusion welcoming to humans of all races, genders, and sexual orientations who are affirmed and accepted as a full participant in the life and work of this United Methodist congregation.

Día de los Muertos **The Day of the Dead Celebration**

Sunday, October 27, 2024, 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* back in the narthex.

Prayer Candles are located back at the narthex for anyone who wants to light a candle for someone or something and offer it to God in prayer.

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.

*(*Please stand if you are able)*

Prelude *Home Across the River Medley* Marina Thomas

Lighting of Candles

Welcome & the Life of the Church Rev. John Song

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

***Centering Breath**

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Lord, open our lips and we will proclaim your praise.

People: We arise today, through God’s strength to power us.

Leader: God’s way to set us on the right path

People: God’s loving gaze to affirm us

Leader: God’s ear to hear us

People: God’s wisdom to guide us

Leader: God’s shield to protect us

People: God’s hand to lift us when we fall

Leader: God’s grace to sustain us

All: **God’s embrace to gather us as ONE. Amen.**

***Gathering Song**

Sanctuary

FWS #2164 (2x)

Children's Time

"Happiest People on Earth"

Pastor John

***Gospel Reading**

Mark 10:46-52

Mark Sorenson

The Healing of Blind Bartimaeus

⁴⁶ They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷ When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁸ Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁹ Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." ⁵⁰ So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹ Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again."⁵² Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Choir Anthem

Come, Holy Spirit

Words & Music by John W. Peterson

1. The Holy Spirit came at Pentecost, He came in mighty fulness then; His witness thru' believers won the lost, and multitudes were born again. The early Christians scattered o'er the world, They preached the gospel fearlessly; Tho' some were martyred and to lions hurled, they marched along in victory!

Refrain: Come, Holy Spirit, Dark is the hour, We need Your filling, Your love and Your mighty pow'r; Move now among us, Stir us, we pray, Come, Holy Spirit, Revive the Church today!

2. Then in an age when darkness gripped the earth, "The just shall live by faith" was learned; The Holy Spirit gave the Church new birth as Reformation fires burned. In later years the great revivals came, When saints would seek the Lord and pray; O once again we need that holy flame to meet the challenge of today!

Message

"Seeing Our Unhoused Neighbors"

Sam Altis, Director of the Association of Faith Communities (AFC)

Spanish Speaker

Cristina Gomez-Hernandez, Staff of AFC

Hymn

Morning Has Broken

#145

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

Day by Day

Marina Thomas

Presentation of Offering

***Hymn to the Trinity** *Gloria Patri* (Glory Be to the Father) #70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

***Offertory Prayer** (In unison)

Accept our gifts from our hearts, O God, and dedicating our lives in tipping the world toward love by following the Way of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***Recessional Song** *They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love* FWS #2223 (vs. 1-3)

***Benediction** [*This ends the 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 *Down by the Riverside* Marina Thomas

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

*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

Ministers	Each one of us
Pastor	Rev. John Song
Preaching	Sam Altis, Director of AFC
Spanish Speaker	Cristina Gomez-Hernandez, Staff of AFC
Pianist	Marina Thomas
Choir Leader	Carmelita Abenoja
Liturgist	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	Marieta Flores, Tatyana Martinez

Opportunities

Halloween Costume Contest (for children)

During Coffee Hour in the Social Hall

Candle Sale TODAY During Coffee Hour!

Mark Sorensen has set up a candle sale table in the Social Hall. Candle prices range from \$5 - \$15. 20% of each sale will benefit our church general budget. Please consider purchasing a candle for yourself or a friend! They smell wonderful and are made with lots of love.

Daylight Savings Time Ends Next Sunday!

Turn back your clocks one hour before going to bed on Sat., November 2, 2024!

Membership Invitation

Anyone who is interested in becoming a member at Watsonville First UMC, please see or contact our pastor at johnsongumc@gmail.com or (650) 722-1277.

Weekly Wednesday Bible Study!

Every Wednesday from 4 pm – 5 pm, St. Stephen's room

We are studying the Gospel of Luke led by Pastor John.

Bring your Bible. Don't have one? We'll provide you.

All are welcome!

Church Conference will be held on **Sat. Nov. 23 @ 10 am** in St. Stephen's

Calendar for the Week

Sun.	Oct. 27	10:00 am	Day of the Dead (Día de Muertos) Sunday Guest Preacher: Sam Altis, Director of the Association of Faith Communities (AFC)
		11:10 am	Coffee Hour, Social Hall
		11:45 am	Leadership Council , St. Stephen's
Wed.	Oct. 30	4:00 pm	Wed. Bible Study
Sun.	Nov. 3	10:00 am	All Saints Sunday with Holy Communion & Baptism
		11:10 am	Coffee Hour, Social Hall
		11:45 am	SPRC 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)

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