

Welcome to Watsonville First United Methodist Church

Open Mind, Open Heart, Open Door

As a Christian community, we lean in on radical inclusion welcoming to humans of all races, gender identities, and sexual orientations who are affirmed and accepted as a full participant in the life and work of this United Methodist congregation.

Epiphany Sunday / Domingo de Epifanía

Day of the Kings / El Día de los Reyes

Appearance of the Three Kings

with Holy Communion

Sunday, January 5, 2025, 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.

Words of Meditation

“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, retired UM Diaconal Minister

*(*Please stand if you are able)*

Prelude

Holly Ota

Bringing in the Light

Welcome & the Life of the Church

***New Year Greeting:** Wave to your neighbors and exchange greetings of
Happy New Year! Próspero Año Nuevo!

***Call to Worship**

Marilyn Hyde

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**

We Three Kings

#254 (vs. 1, 2, 3, 5)

Appearance of the Three Kings

Children's Time

“A Legend of the Three Kings from the East”

Pastor John

***Gospel Reading**

Matthew 2: 1-12

Marilyn Hyde

The Visit of the Magi

¹In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the east came to Jerusalem, ² asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east and have come to pay him homage.” ³ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him, ⁴ and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet:

*⁶And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah,
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.*

⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸ Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” ⁹ When they had heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen in the east, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy.

¹¹ On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Message "Who Were These Three Wise Guys?" Rev. John Song

Hymn *The First Noel* #245 (vs. 3-5)

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 Holly Ota

Presentation of Offering

*Doxology *Love Has Come* #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.

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.

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:

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.)

***Recessional Song**

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

#251

***Benediction**

In 2025 and beyond, may you be blessed with

*Peace in your heart,
Christ lighting your path,
Grace in every step you take,
Wonder, laughter, and beauty.*

[*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

Holly Ota

*We warmly invite everyone to a potluck lunch and fellowship
in the Social Hall immediately following worship.*

Today's refreshments: Marieta Flores

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

Worship Leaders

Pastor	Rev. John Song
Pianist	Holly Ota
Choir Leader	Carmelita Abenoja
Liturgist	Marilyn Hyde
Spanish Reader	Laura Andrade Sorensen
Communion Stewards	Marieta Flores, Laura Andrade 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

Weekly Wednesday Bible Study RESUMES!

Every Wednesday from 3 pm – 4 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!

Calendar for the Week

Sun., Jan. 5	10:00 am	Epiphany Sunday with Holy Communion
	11:10 am	Potluck Lunch, Social Hall
Wed., Jan 8	3:00 pm	Wed. Bible Study Resumes , St. Stephen's
Thu., Jan 9	12:00 pm	United Methodist Women Meeting , St. Stephen's
Sun., Jan. 12	10:00 am	Baptism of the Lord Sunday
		Guest Preacher: Rev. Clyde Vaughn
	11:10 am	Coffee Hour, Social Hall

*Pastor John is away on retreat Jan. 9th – 12th and will return to office on Jan. 14.

We at Watsonville First United Methodist church

Wish you and your loved ones

Happy New Year! Próspero Año Nuevo!

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