

**The January/February Upper Room devotional shipment has arrived!** Copies are available today and in the church office.

**Worship Assistant** sign ups (usher, liturgist, coffee volunteer, altar flowers) are available in the Fellowship Hall.

**Aptos UMC sends out a weekly email blast on Saturdays.** If you would like to be added to the email list, contact the office at [office@aptosumc.org](mailto:office@aptosumc.org). *If you've given us your email address and aren't receiving the emails, please check your junk or spam folder.*

**Thanks Today to:**

Our **Liturgist:** Ruth Landmann

Our **Usher:** Tammy Philbin

Our **Tech Team:** Carolyn Collins, Roger Swenson

Our **Coffee Volunteers:** Jane and Steve Green

Our **Altar Flowers:** Given by Anne Scott in memory of David

**This Week:**

Monday, 1/26: PACT 10 AM

Tuesday, 1/27: Alive Now 10 AM, Upper Room Group 7 PM

Thursday, 1/29: Senior Stretch 9:30 AM

Friday, 1/30: Scott Group 10 AM

**Coming Up:**

Sunday, 2/1: **Missionary Katherine Parker Special Offering**

Wednesday, 2/4: Village Santa Cruz 1 PM

**Online giving is available.** Go to [aptosumc.org](http://aptosumc.org) and click on the 'GIVE NOW' button, or scan this code using your smartphone.



**You are invited to join our Prayer Team.** The Prayer Team receives a weekly email with prayer requests. To join the Prayer Team or submit a prayer request, contact the church office.

# APTOS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**January 25, 2026 ~ 10 AM Worship**

**Third Sunday after the Epiphany**

*Aptos UMC is an inclusive community that welcomes and encourages full participation of ALL PERSONS, regardless of race, culture, age, economic circumstance, sexual orientation, gender identity, or physical/mental abilities. We affirm our denomination's motto, "Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors"*



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## *Order of Worship*

### *Gathering Music*

#### *Call To Worship*

Children of God, when fears press in on every side, we can proclaim with confidence:

**God is our light and salvation! Whom shall we fear?**

When our problems overwhelm us and we feel pressed in on every side, we can declare with confidence:

**God is the stronghold of our lives! Of whom shall we be afraid?**

No matter the troubles we face, we seek after God and to live in the house of God forever.

**God shelters and protects us in the day of trouble.**

Come, let us worship God with joy, for God is our light and salvation!

**We come to worship as bearers of the Light. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

### *Prelude*

#### *Opening Prayer*

**O God of all the nations, you manifested your love by sending your only Son into the world that all might live through him. Pour your Spirit on your Church, that it may fulfill his command to preach the gospel everywhere; send forth laborers into your harvest; defend them in all dangers and temptations; give them grace to bear faithful witness to you; endue them with zeal and love, that they may turn many to righteousness; through the same your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### *Announcements*

*Opening Hymn #512 (v1,2,3)*

**“Stand By Me”**

### *Children’s Time*

#### *Prayer for Illumination*

**Lord, open our hearts and minds, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read, and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

#### *Scripture*

Psalm 27:1, 4-9

#### *Sermon*

“Carrying the Light”

Pastor Gabe

#### *Hymn #2212*

**“My Life Flows On”**

#### *Prayers of the People*

#### *Confession and Pardon*

**Holy Christ, we come to You knowing that we have fallen away from your intentions for us. You gave your life for us, and yet we are willing to give so little at times. Forgive us for not recognizing the sacrifice of love, to live for others instead of ourselves. Call us back to repent and return to the kingdom of God. In your precious name, we pray. Amen.**

#### *Passing of the Peace*

#### *Offering*

*Doxology #94*    **“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”**

#### *Prayer of Thanksgiving*

#### *The Lord’s Prayer*

*Closing Hymn #533 (v1,2,3,4)*

**“We Shall Overcome”**

#### *Benediction*

#### *Postlude*

## **Psalm 27:1, 4-9 NRSVue**

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life;  
of whom shall I be afraid?

<sup>4</sup> One thing I asked of the LORD;  
this I seek:

to live in the house of the LORD  
all the days of my life,  
to behold the beauty of the LORD,  
and to inquire in his temple.

<sup>5</sup> For he will hide me in his shelter  
in the day of trouble;  
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;  
he will set me high on a rock.

<sup>6</sup> Now my head is lifted up  
above my enemies all around me,  
and I will offer in his tent  
sacrifices with shouts of joy;  
I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

<sup>7</sup> Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;  
be gracious to me and answer me!

<sup>8</sup> "Come," my heart says, "seek his face!"  
Your face, LORD, do I seek.

<sup>9</sup> Do not hide your face from me.

Do not turn your servant away in anger,  
you who have been my help.

Do not cast me off; do not forsake me,  
O God of my salvation!