Articles for the December/January Tide are due. Please email your information to office@aptosumc.org.

Worship Assistant signups (usher, liturgist, coffee volunteer) for December are available in the Fellowship Hall.

Garden Paver Stone order forms are available in the Fellowship Hall. Questions? Need help with ordering? Contact Dick Wood or the office.

Thanks Today to:

Our **Liturgist:** Greg Phipps

Our **Usher**: Jillian Holmberg

Our **Tech Team:** Roger Swenson

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

Our **Altar Flowers**: Given by Beth Hinton

Special thanks to the **Choir** (*Dick Wood, Bill Fennell, Helene Milner, Jillian Holmberg, Ruth Landmann, Peggy Kaysen, Lee MacDonell, Pastor Gabe, Laurel Blaney*) for sharing their talents with us today!

This Week:

Tuesday, 11/24: Alive Now 10 AM, Upper Room Group 7 PM

Thursday, 11/26: **Thanksgiving Day ~ Office Closed**

Friday, 11/27: Scott Group ***cancelled***

Coming Up:

Sunday, 11/29: First Sunday of Advent

Monday, 11/30: PACT 10 AM

Wednesday, 12/2: Village Santa Cruz 1 PM

Saturday 12/5: Annual Charge Conference 11:30 AM

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. *If you've given us your email address and aren't receiving the emails, please check your junk or spam folder.*

Online giving is available. Go to 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.

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

November 22, 2026 ~ 10 AM Worship

Reign of Christ Sunday



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Order of Worship

Gathering Music

Call To Worship
Family of God, on this Reign of Christ Sunday, we celebrate and remember Christ, who reigns over all creation with love and grace, forming us as a family bound together by God.
We come to worship Christ, who cares for the least of these and calls us to do the same.
We gather to recount all the ways we encounter Christ in our midst—in our neighbor who checks in when we're sick, in our unhoused friends who gather for a meal, in our friends who have been wounded in body and spirit.
We come to worship Christ, who cares for the least of these and reminds us to do the same.
We join our voices with Christians throughout the world and throughout time to give thanks and to seek guidance as we grow in love of God, neighbor, self, and creation.
We come to worship Christ, who cares for the least of these and inspires us to do the same.
Come, you blessed by God, with open hearts, open arms, and open doors to welcome and embrace all of our neighbors, because when we love our neighbors, we love Christ among us.
We come to worship Christ, who cares for the least of these and empowers us to do the same. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Prelude

Opening Prayer
Almighty and everlasting God, it is your will to restore all things to Christ, whom you have anointed priest for ever and ruler of creation. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united under the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

Announcements

Opening Hymn **#694** **"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"**

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 Matthew 25:31-46

Sermon "Come, You Blessed" Pastor Gabe

Hymn **#2176** **"Make Me a Servant"**

Prayers of the People

Confession and Pardon
In the lives of neighbors who suffer brokenness and pain:
We confess you are still speaking!
In the struggle of the poor whose rights are not honored:
We confess you are still speaking!
In a world crying out for wisdom, love, and mercy:
We confess you are still speaking!
In a world calling for the blessing of truth:
We confess you are still speaking! Bless us to receive!
We confess that in our lives we often hide behind our work and play, schools and jobs, fun and fashion.
We let ourselves get so busy that we forget the cause of the poor and the suffering. We confess we allow the powers of this world to seduce us into selfishness and silence our witness. Teach us to champion the cause of justice for all; strengthen us to love our neighbor and speak truth no matter the penalty. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Special Music Choir
"*A Thanksgiving Prayer*" by Lloyd Larson
"*A Harvest of Thanksgiving*" by Roger Thornhill & Stacey Nordmeyer

Offering

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn **#2190** ***(v1,2,3)*** **"Bring Forth the Kingdom"**

Benediction

Postlude

Matthew 25:31-46 NRSVue

31 “When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all
the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne
of his glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered before
him, and he will separate people one from another
as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats,
33 and he will put the sheep at his right hand and
the goats at the left. 34 Then the king will say to
those at his right hand, ‘Come, you who are blessed
by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you
from the foundation of the world, 35 for I was
hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and
you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger
and you welcomed me, 36 I was naked and you gave
me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I
was in prison and you visited me.’ 37 Then the
righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that
we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty
and gave you something to drink? 38 And when was
it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or
naked and gave you clothing? 39 And when was it
that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’
40 And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you,
just as you did it to one of the least of these
brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.’
41 Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You
who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal
fire prepared for the devil and his angels, 42 for I
was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty
and you gave me nothing to drink, 43 I was a
stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and
you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and
you did not visit me.’ 44 Then they also will answer,
‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or
thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison
and did not take care of you?’ 45 Then he will
answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do
it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to
me.’ 46 And these will go away into eternal
punishment but the righteous into eternal life.”