

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

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

Thanks Today to:

Our **Liturgist:** Ruth Landmann

Our **Usher:** Jillian Holmberg

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

Our **Coffee Volunteer:** Jeanne Grimes

Our **Altar Flowers:** Given by Anne Scott

This Week:

Tuesday, 11/25: Alive Now 10 AM, Upper Room Group 7 PM

Thursday, 11/27: **Thanksgiving Day ~ Office Closed**, Senior Stretch *cancelled*

Friday, 11/28: Scott Group *cancelled*

Coming Up:

Sunday, 11/30: **First Sunday of Advent, Annual Charge Conference**

Monday, 12/1: PACT 10 AM

Wednesday, 12/3: Village Santa Cruz 1 PM

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.

APTOS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

November 23, 2025 ~ 10 AM Worship

Christ the King/Reign of Christ Sunday

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

It is done.

God has always been in charge—yesterday and today.

Even when things seem out of control, God's reign is on its way.

Let us prepare the way for God.

Prelude

Opening Prayer

Gracious God, expand our thankful imaginations: to time beyond our time, to wisdom beyond our wisdom, and to strength beyond our strength. As we pray for your coming reign, remind us that the whole earth is already yours. Even as we pray for things not yet seen, help us celebrate your sure, eternal reign. Amen.

Announcements

Opening Hymn #2075

“King of Kings”

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

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Sermon

“Woe to the Shepherds”

Pastor Gabe

Hymn #174

“His Name Is Wonderful”

Prayers of the People

Confession and Pardon

Merciful God, imagining your reign can be challenging. It is difficult to picture a world governed by your justice and righteousness alone. Our minds are held captive by the worst images of human kings, rulers, and powers. When nobler visions fail and we settle for kingdoms of our own making, correct and forgive us. Free the borders of our imaginations, that we may envision your greater good and celebrate the coming of your reign on earth as in heaven. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Offering

Doxology #94

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn #176

“Majesty, Worship His Majesty”

Benediction

Postlude

Jeremiah 23:1-6 NRSVue

¹ Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. ² Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. ³ Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴ I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall no longer fear or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

⁵ The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶ In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."