

Next weekend is Pledge Dedication Sunday. Church members and constituents are encouraged to pledge to financially support Aptos UMC in 2027. Through our gifts of time, talents, and financial support, we build our legacy of service to one another and to God. Pledge cards are available today if you did not receive one or have misplaced yours.

Copies of the November/December edition of **The Upper Room** devotional are available today and in the office.

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

Thanks Today to:

Our **Liturgist:** Sally Hicks

Our **Usher:** Peggy Kaysen

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

Our **Coffee Volunteers:** Jeanne Grimes, Diane McElroy

Our **Altar Flowers:** Given by Peggy Kaysen

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

Friday, 10/30: Scott Group 10 AM

Coming Up:

Sunday, 11/1: **All Saints Day, Pledge Dedication Sunday, Daylight Saving Time ends**

Monday, 11/2: PACT 10 AM

Wednesday, 11/4: Village Santa Cruz 1:30 PM, Finance 5:15 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

October 25, 2026 ~ 10 AM Worship

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost



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Order of Worship

Gathering Music

Call To Worship

We are chosen children of God, bound together by the Holy Spirit.

We belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another.

When we feel tested by hard decisions, calls to advocate against injustice, competing narratives, and worrying misinformation, we remember:

We belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another.

When we struggle with damaged trust and the need to repair our relationships with God and one another, when we are called to go against the social current to build communities of mercy and justice, we remember:

We belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another.

Come, let us worship God whose grace surrounds us when we feel tested and tried, empowering us to remain faithful disciples of Jesus Christ when we face chaos, division, injustice, and hardship.

We come to worship God who chooses us, empowers us, and inspires us to live as the Body of Christ in a broken and hurting world. Amen.

Prelude

Opening Prayer

Happy are we, O God, when our hearts are full, our ways are yours, our spirits enlivened by your call. Happy are we, O God, when our lives are guided by delight. We gather here today for just that, holy God. We gather to draw on all you would give us to be more fully yours. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Announcements

Opening Hymn #130

“God Will Take Care of You”

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

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Sermon

“Tested”

Pastor Gabe

Hymn #572

“Pass It On”

Prayers of the People

Confession and Pardon

Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you; you call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped up in our own concerns. We have gone along with evil, with pride, quarreling, and divisiveness. Holy God, help us to face up to ourselves, so that, as you move toward us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Special Music

“Blessed Be the Name of the Lord”

Choir

by Russell Nagy

Stewardship Moment

Paula LaHue

Offering

Doxology #94

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn #2184

“Sent Out in Jesus' Name”

Benediction

Postlude

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 NRSVue

¹ You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, ² but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. ³ For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, ⁴ but, just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals but to please God, who tests our hearts. ⁵ As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed, ⁶ nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, ⁷ though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. ⁸ So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.