

You are invited to contribute \$5 in honor or memory of a loved one to the **Christmas wreaths** that will adorn our Sanctuary this holiday season. Clipboards for signing up will be available today and next Sunday at worship, or contact the office. The list of names will be published in a bulletin insert. The last day to sign up is Sunday, November 24.

Articles for the December 2024/January 2025 Tide are due. Please email your information to office@aptosumc.org.

Book Club meets this Wednesday at 1:30 PM in the Youth Room. This month's book is *Our Missing Hearts* by Celeste Ng.

Our Annual Charge Conference will be held on Sunday, December 1 after worship. District Superintendent Rev. Dr. Samuel Hong will preside.

Thanks Today to:

Our **Liturgist:** Jeff Favorite

Our **Usher:** Jillian Holmberg

Our **Tech Team:** Carolyn Collins

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

Our **Altar Flowers:** Given by Debbie and Marty Mason

Special thanks to Bill Fennell and Dick Wood for sharing their talents with us today!

This Week:

Monday, 11/18: PACT 10 AM

Tuesday, 11/19: Alive Now 10 AM, Upper Room Group 7 PM

Wednesday, 11/20: Book Club 1:30 PM

Thursday, 11/21: Senior Stretch 9:30 AM

Friday, 11/22: Scott Group 10 AM

Coming Up:

Sunday, 11/24: United Methodist Student Day

Thursday, 11/28: Thanksgiving Day ~ Office Closed

Saturday, 11/30: AFC Shelter Meal

Sunday, 12/1: Annual Charge Conference, First Sunday of Advent

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.

Online giving is available. Go to aptosumc.org and click on the 'GIVE NOW' button, or scan this code using your smartphone.



APTOS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

November 17, 2024 ~ 10 AM Worship

Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

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"



Do Not Be Alarmed

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Order of Worship

Gathering Music

Call To Worship

Children of God, when wars and rumors of wars circle all around, Jesus says:

Do not be alarmed. This is not the end.

When earthquakes, hurricanes, fires, famines, and floods produce chaos and destruction, Jesus says:

Do not be alarmed. This is not the end.

When misinformation and disinformation try to dismantle relationships of trust in our families, churches, cities, and nation, Jesus says:

Do not be alarmed. This is not the end.

Children of God, whatever leaves you feeling unsteady, insecure, scared, and confused today--do not be alarmed. This is not the end.

We come to worship God who inscribes our ending, our beginning, and everything in-between in Love. Thanks be to God!

Prelude

Opening Prayer

God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; courage to change the things I can; and wisdom to know the difference. Living one day at a time; enjoying one moment at a time; accepting hardships as the pathway to peace; taking, as He did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it; trusting that He will make things right if I surrender to His Will; so that I may be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with Him forever and ever in the next. Amen.

Announcements

Opening Hymn #2212

“My Life Flows On”

Special Music
“The Journey”

Duet
arr. Joseph M. Martin

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

Mark 13:1-8

Sermon

“Do Not Be Alarmed”

Pastor Gabe

Hymn #534

“Be Still, My Soul”

Prayers of the People

Confession and Pardon

O God who loves us, hear our prayer. So often we come to you at a loss – at a loss for the right words, the right deeds, the right feelings. We know all is not right, but we cannot say with certainty what is wrong. There are deep divisions between us and others. There are too many who live in poverty and fear. There are too many horrific stories, and not enough hopeful ones. So we pray to you, our Creator and Redeemer, to make things right, and to make us right with you and each other. Turn us around from that which destroys toward that which heals and brings joy. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Offering

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord’s Prayer

Closing Hymn #526

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

Benediction

Postlude

Mark 13:1-8 NRSVue

¹ As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" ² Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

³ When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴"Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" ⁵ Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. ⁶ Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. ⁷ When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. ⁸ For nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.