

Announcements:

Sunday, August 24, 2025

1. **Welcome:** Welcome to all Newcomers and Visitors!  
Please join us downstairs after Worship Service for our end of summer Luau to thank the Lord for all His mercy, healing and blessings!
2. **NO Thursday Night Bible Study** in July & August as we will be taking a summer break.
3. **Ukulele group:** will practice first Sunday of each month after church. Those who wish to join let Richard Marquez know.
4. **Unity Candle:** This week at Westview Presbyterian Church in Watsonville with Rev Dan Hoffman.
5. **Prayer Concerns:** Marian (& Adele), Meja (& Lyle).

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## Worship Order

### Welcome & Announcements

Joys & Concerns

### Opening Prayer

O Lord, open our lips, and we shall proclaim your praises. God of grace and God of glory, help us to sing your praise gladly, and to worship you in spirit and in truth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### A Word for Your Week (Psalm 4:7-8)

You have given me greater joy than those who have abundant harvests of grain and new wine. In peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, O Lord, will keep me safe.

### Call to Worship (Psalm 70:4, 43:4)

**Leader:** Let all those who seek You rejoice

**All:** and be glad in You.

**Leader:** We will go to the altar of God,

**All:** to God our exceeding joy.

### \*Opening Hymn

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He Has Made Me Glad (I Will Enter His Gates)

The Joy of the Lord is My Strength

### Scripture: (Nehemiah 8:10)

And Nehemiah continued, “Go and celebrate with a feast of rich foods and sweet drinks and share gifts of food with people who have nothing prepared. This is a sacred day before our Lord. Don’t be dejected and sad, for the joy of the Lord is your strength!”

**Sermon** “The Joy of the Lord” Wayne Shen  
(“The Christian’s Duty of Joy” by CH Spurgeon)

### \*Closing Hymn

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I’ve Got the Joy, Joy, Joy

### Benediction

### Fellowship with Church Family on Zoom

\*Congregation Standing, if able.

**Rejoice** evermore. (1 Thessalonians 5:16)

**Rejoice** in the Lord always. (Philippians 4:4)

“The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, Because the Lord has anointed Me to preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to **heal** the **brokenhearted**... To **comfort** all who **mourn**... To give them **beauty** for **ashes**, the oil of **joy** for **mourning**, the garment of **praise** for the spirit of **heaviness**... that He may be **glorified**.” (Isaiah 61:1,2,3)

**Be anxious for nothing**, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the **peace of God**, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:6-7)

But those who wait on the Lord shall **renew** their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint. (Isaiah 40:31)