

# WORSHIP



December 3, 2023, **First Sunday of Advent**

*"For to us a child is born, to us a child is given, and the government will be upon his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6*

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## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

David Talbott

Welcome to Our Life Together

Tom Haugen

Prayer of Invocation

Music of Preparation

Narnia Carolers

## GIVING PRAISE TO GOD

**\*Call to Worship**

Isaiah 40:26-31

Leader: Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens. Who created all of these? He who brings out the starry host one by one and calls forth each of them by name.

**People: Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing.**

Leader: Why do you complain, Jacob? Why do you say, Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD; my cause is disregarded by my God?"

**People: Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom.**

Leader: He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

**All: Even youths grow tired and weary, and the young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like an eagle; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.**

**Lighting of the Advent Candle**

*Hope*

Andy, Mary, Albert & Oliver  
Patterson

*\* Please stand if you are able.*

## **\*Hymn of Praise**

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appears

3. O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,  
And order all things, far and nigh;  
To us the path of knowledge show  
And teach us in her ways to go.

**Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel  
Shall come to you, O Israel.**

2. O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer  
Our spirits by Thine advent here;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
And death's dark shadows put to flight.

4. O come, Desire of nations, bind  
All peoples in one heart and mind;  
Bid envy, strife and quarrels cease,  
Fill all the world with heaven's peace.

## **GIVING OURSELVES & OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD**

In addition to giving through the passed offering plates, you are also welcome to give online at our website or scan the QR code on the back cover. On the first Sunday of the month we highlight the opportunity to give to our Deacon's ministries of care. There are Deacon envelopes in the pew or near the entrance. Remember our tithes and offerings are a continued act of worship and a physical act of trusting all of our lives to Jesus as we join God in his work in our community and around the world.

### **Prayer of Dedication for Our Tithes & Offerings**

Nathan Gates

### **Offertory**

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

Narnia Carolers

### **\*Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### **Affirmation of Faith** Unison

Nicene Creed

*Let us confess together what we believe about the Christian faith:*

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God; begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made. Who, for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was**

made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*Children in grades K-6 are dismissed for ELMO Pres kids downstairs in the Creative Studios.*

## PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

**\*Hymn of Preparation**      *Joy Has Dawned Upon the World*

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| 1. Joy has dawned upon the world<br>Promised from creation<br>God's salvation now unfurled<br>Hope for every nation<br>Not with fanfares from above<br>Not with scenes of glory<br>But a humble gift of love<br>Jesus born of Mary              | 3. Son of Adam, Son of heaven<br>Given as a ransom<br>Reconciling God and man<br>Christ, our mighty champion<br>What a Savior, what a Friend<br>What a glorious mystery<br>Once a babe in Bethlehem<br>Now the Lord of history |
| 2. Shepherds bow before the Lamb<br>Gazing at the glory<br>Gifts of men from distant lands<br>Prophecy the story<br>Gold, a King is born today<br>Incense, God is with us<br>Myrrh, His death will make a way<br>And by His blood, He'll win us |  |

**Scripture**

Isaiah 9:1-7

**Sermon**

*The Promise of Light*

Tom Haugen

## **\*Hymn of Response**

*Joy to the World*

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| 1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come<br>Let Earth receive her King<br>Let every heart prepare Him room<br>And Heaven and nature sing<br>And Heaven and nature sing<br>And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature<br>sing     | 3. No more let sins and sorrows grow,<br>Nor thorns infest the ground;<br>He comes to make His blessings flow<br>Far as the curse is found,<br>Far as the curse is found,<br>Far as, far as the curse is found |
| 2. Joy to the Earth, the Savior reigns<br>Let all their songs employ<br>While fields and floods, rocks, hills and<br>plains<br>Repeat the sounding joy<br>Repeat the sounding joy<br>Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy | 4. He rules the world with truth and<br>grace<br>And makes the nations prove<br>The glories of His righteousness<br>And wonders of His love<br>And wonders of His love<br>And wonders, wonders, of His love    |

## **Confession of Sin** Unison

Book of Common Prayer (1552)

**Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, so that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Take a moment to confess your sins to God, knowing that he hears and forgives.*

## **Assurance of Forgiveness**

Exodus 34:6-7

The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin.

Leader: Receive these words of comfort from God.

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

## **The Celebration of Communion**

*You have an individual prepackaged communion kit. We will eat the bread and drink the cup together as we remember Christ's death and resurrection and celebrate our common union in Christ.*

# GOING IN GOD'S NAME

## The Lord's Prayer Unison

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## \*Communion Hymn

## *Light of the World*

1.Light of the world, treas - ure of heav - en, Bril - liant like the stars in the win - ter - y sky.\_\_\_\_\_  
2.Light of the world, from the be - gin - ning, The trag - e - dies of time were no match for Your love. From  
3.Light of the world, crown in a man - ger, Born for the cross to suf - fer, to save.\_\_\_\_\_  
4.Light of the world, soon will be com - ing. With fi - re in His eyes, He will ran - som His own. Through

Joy of the Fa - ther, reach through the dark - ness, Shine a - cross the earth, send the shad ows to flight.  
great heights of glo - ry, You saw my sto - ry. God, You en - tered in and be - came one of us.  
High King of Heav - en, death is the poor - er. We are the rich - er by the price that He paid.  
clouds He will lead us stright in - to glo - ry. There He shall reign for - ev - er - more.

Sing Hal - le - lu - jah! Sing Hal - le - lu - jah! Sing Hal - le - lu - jah for the things He has done!

Come and a - dore Him, bow down be - fore Him. Sing Hal - le - lu - jah to the Light of the world.\_\_\_\_\_

O Come, let us adore Him  
O Come, let us adore Him  
O Come, let us adore Him  
Christ the Lord

## \*Benediction

## Postlude

## Welcome to El Montecito Presbyterian Church

**Welcome Visitors!** We are glad you are worshipping with us today. **Please fill out a Visitor Card** or email us at [admin@elmopres.org](mailto:admin@elmopres.org) so we can get to know you better and send you our weekly newsletter. You can also connect with us on our website at: [elmopres.org](http://elmopres.org) or on Instagram @elmopres or subscribe to our YouTube channel: El Montecito Presbyterian Church.



### ELMO Pres Kids & Youth

#### Sunday Mornings with ELMO Pres Kids:

Nursery (age 0-2.5) & Preschool (age 2.5-5) from 9:50 a.m. until end of Worship in the Early School classrooms. Curriculum: *The Beginner's Gospel Story Bible* by Jared Kennedy.

K-6th Children begin in Worship and will be dismissed at 10:15 a.m. for ELMO Pres Kids. Pick up at 11:15 in the Fellowship Hall. Curriculum: *The Biggest Story Curriculum* by Crossway.

Youth: 6th—12th grade students meet together on the 1st and 3rd Friday night of the month from 6-8 p.m. Next up: December 15.

**Sign up for the ELMO Pres Family Newsletter!** Email: [LauriHaugen@elmopres.org](mailto:LauriHaugen@elmopres.org).

### Caring

Please take some time to pray specifically for the needs of the Church, local community, state, country and world. Email your prayer requests to [prayers@elmopres.org](mailto:prayers@elmopres.org).

Our Ministry Partners the Bultemas, Callisons, Ostbys, Warners, Vivancos. Mayu Luz Gullien Villanueva, Everetts at Rancho Sordo Mundo and Pastor Noe Perez Gomez at Iglesia Cristo es el Camino, SB Rescue Mission, Transition House and Network Medical Women's Center of SB.

Morgan Hale US Navy, Miles Hale US Army, sons of Rob and Christine Hale, James Wentzel, US Air Force, son of Bob and Nancy Phinney. Jack Burrows US Army, grandson of Sydney and Peter Tredick.

Imre Patterson, for recovery from surgery.

Carol Luce, for wisdom for her doctors to resolve her health issues.

Halleine Morrison, for continued recovery.

Donna Medwid, for recovery from a fall which resulted in hip surgery.

Ann Marie King, for her unstable heart condition and wisdom from her doctors.

Curtis Whiteman for continued healing.

Bring peace to Israel and Gaza

## Connecting & Serving

### **Joy Reflected Luncheon, Thursday December 7, 11:45 am in the Fellowship Hall**

Widows in our extended church family are invited to our Christmas luncheon. Please join us for a festive turkey dinner, good conversation, and singing of Christmas carols. RSVP to Shirley Fender and to arrange transportation if needed. The team looks forward to celebrating the birth of Christ with you!

### **Women in the Word, Mondays at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall**

Join us for "Celebrating Life in the Kingdom" an in-depth study of the book of Matthew.

### **Women's Bible Study, Thursdays 7:45 - 9:00 a.m. at IHOP on State St.**

Starting a new study on Worship - What do we mean and what does it include?

### **Men's Bible Study, Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. in the Library**

You're invited to join us in a study of the Book of Acts. Bring your Bible, coffee is provided.

### **Connect with our Ministry Partners**

*Please continue sending notes of encouragement to our Ministry Partners:*

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### **Acts 1:8 Connection: Christmas in Narnia Outreach Event**

- Pray for families and children to make the connection that just as the Narnians needed a Savior, so do we. "When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for the ungodly" (Romans 5:6).
- Praise for the volunteers who helped with set-up all week long and served on a team for the event. We could not do this event with out you!
- Pray that during Christmas of 2023, the Light of Christ would dawn in our hearts afresh as we celebrate our Savior, God's Promise, planned from time eternal! "The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned" (Isaiah 9:2).

**Office hours, Monday—Thursday, 9 AM to 2 PM 805-969-5041**

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*Rob Hale*

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*Mary Slater*

### **Deacons**

*Melissa Hillegas and Darlene James,*

*Co-chairs & Congregational Care*

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