

WORSHIP



First Sunday of Advent

Communion Sunday, December 1, 2024

"Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!" Philippians 4:4

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Welcome to Our Life Together

Tom Haugen

Prayer of Invocation

Music of Preparation

GIVING PRAISE TO GOD

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 33

Leader: Sing joyfully to the LORD, you righteous; it is fitting for the upright to praise him.

People: For the word of the LORD is right and true, he is faithful in all he does. The LORD loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his unfailing love.

Leader: The plans of the LORD stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations.

People: From heaven the LORD looks down and sees all mankind; from his dwelling place he watches all who live on earth - he who forms the hearts of all, who considers everything they do.

Leader: The eyes of the LORD are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love.

All: We wait in hope for the LORD; he is our help and our shield. In him our hearts rejoice for we trust his holy name. May your unfailing love rest upon us, O LORD, even as we put our hope in you.

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Hope

Paul & Ashley Olsen
Rand, Anders & Briggs

*Hymn of Praise

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

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| 1. Come Thou long expected Jesus
Born to set Thy people free
From our fears and sins release us
Let us find our rest in Thee
Israel's strength and consolation
Hope of all the earth Thou art
Dear desire of every nation
Joy of every longing heart | 2. Born Thy people to deliver
Born a child and yet a King
Born to reign in us forever
Now Thy gracious Kingdom bring
By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone
By Thine all sufficient merit
Raise us to Thy glorious throne |
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GIVING OURSELVES & OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

In addition to giving through the passed offering plates, you are welcome to give online at our website, or scan the QR code on the back cover. Our tithes and offerings are a continued act of worship and a physical act of trusting 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

Pamela Gilbert

Music of Reflection

*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.**

Children are excused to their ELMO Kids classrooms downstairs in the Creative Studios.

Affirmation of Faith Unison

The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, And the life everlasting. Amen.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

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

1. Joy has dawned upon the world
Promised from creation
God's salvation now unfurled
Hope for ev'ry nation
Not with fanfares from above
Not with scenes of glory
But a humble gift of love
Jesus born of Mary
2. Sounds of wonder fill the sky
With the songs of angels
As the mighty Prince of Life
Shelters in a stable
Hands that set each star in place
Shaped the earth in darkness
Cling now to a mother's breast
Vulnerable and helpless
3. Shepherds bow before the Lamb
Gazing at the glory
Gifts of men from distant lands
Prophecy the story
Gold a King is born today
Incense God is with us
Myrrh His death will make a way
By His blood He'll win us
4. Son of Adam Son of heaven
Given as a ransom
Reconciling God and man
Christ our mighty Champion
What a Savior what a Friend
What a glorious mystery
Once a babe in Bethlehem
Now the Lord of history

Scripture

Philippians 4:4-7

Sermon

"Rejoice"

Tom Haugen

CELEBRATING COMMUNION

Confession of Sin Unison

Loving and faithful God, in this season of Advent, we celebrate that Jesus has come, and that he promises to come again. Jesus came to bring light and hope, but our hearts are often shrouded by darkness and despair. Jesus came to bring joy and peace, but our hearts are often encased by sorrow and turmoil. Jesus came to bring life and love, but our hearts are often hardened by resistance and contempt. Forgive us, Lord, for these patterns of passionless discipleship. We open our hearts in confession to be cleansed from our sinfulness and to be restored. Give us hearts of great expectation as we wait for the glorious return of our Savior. May we be ever faithful servants as we anticipate the day of his arrival. All of this we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Take a moment to silently confess your sins, knowing that God hears you.

Assurance of Forgiveness

John 3:16-17

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

Pastor: Hear and believe in the good news of the gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ we are cleansed and 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.

T-coil available for hearing impaired, use channel B. Please see our ushers for more information.

***Hymn of Response**

As With Gladness Men of Old

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| 1. As with gladness men of old
Did the guiding star behold
As with joy they hailed its light
Leading onward beaming bright
So most gracious Lord may we
Evermore your splendour see | 3. As they offered gifts most rare
At your cradle plain and bare
So may we with holy joy
Pure and free from sin's alloy
All our costliest treasures bring
Christ to you our heavenly king |
| 2. As with joyful steps they sped
Saviour to your lowly bed
There to bend the knee before
You whom heaven and earth adore
So with ever quickening pace
May we seek your throne of grace | 4. Holy Jesus every day
Keep us in the narrow way
And when earthly things are past
Bring our ransomed souls at last
Where they need no star to guide
Where no clouds your glory hide |

***Benediction**

Postlude

Thank you to our musicians serving in ELMO's music ministry:

Annie Haugen, Mary Hurt, Alita Rhodes

Finance Team Update: *Thank you for your faithful giving to the flourishing work of God here at ELMO and beyond! Your contributions are greatly appreciated.*

YTD through October, 2024

Revenue \$270,665.32

Expense (\$320,209.33)

Net Income/(Loss) (\$49,544.01)

Welcome to El Montecito Presbyterian Church



Welcome Visitors! We are glad you are worshiping with us today.

Please fill out a visitor card or email us at admin@elmopres.org so we may get to know you better and send you our weekly newsletter. You may also connect with us on our website at: elmopres.org, find us on Instagram @elmopres, or subscribe to our YouTube channel: El Montecito Presbyterian Church.

ELMO Pres Kids, Youth & College

Nursery (ages 0-2.5) & **Preschool** (ages 2.5-5) 9:50 a.m. until end of worship in the Pre-K classrooms.

ELMO Pres Kids (K-7th) are dismissed after the Doxology to the Creative Studios. Please pick up your child after worship.

ELMO Pres Youth Group (6th—12th): Join us in the Creative Studios on the 1st & 3rd Friday nights of the month from 6-8 p.m. for dinner, games, fun and a deep dive into the Gospel of Luke.

College: Rides from Westmont (pick-up at 9:40 a.m. at Clark Dorm). Campus Bible Study: Westmont Prayer Chapel, Tuesdays, 7 p.m. Contact tomhaugen@elmopres.org

To sign up for the ELMO Pres Family Newsletter, email LauriHaugen@elmopres.org

Caring

Please take time to pray for the needs of the Church, local community, state, country and world. Email prayer requests to prayers@elmopres.org. In addition, please pray for:

- Safety for those serving in the armed forces, including Lt. Morgan Hale, U.S. Navy; Lt. Miles Hale, U.S. Army; Lt. Col. James Wentzel, U.S. Air Force, Cpl. Jack Burrows U.S. Army, AE3 Alex Barr, U.S. Navy.
- For our covenant partners dealing with ongoing health issues and recovery from surgeries: Alice Amspoker, Dan Van Elderen, Curt & Erlyne Whiteman, Mandi Wright.
- The family and friends of Blanche Heitkamp as they mourn her loss.
- The friends and family of Marie-Christine Wolseley as they mourn her passing. Especially her husband Michael and their three daughters.
- Tristan Baker, great-grandson of Bruce Stockin, undergoing treatment for leukemia.
- For peace in conflict zones including Haiti, Ukraine, Israel, Gaza, Lebanon, Iran, Sudan (Darfur), Syria and Ethiopia.

Triple R Capital Campaign Update

We've raised \$1,341,500 toward our \$1.7M goal! Due to the generosity of an anonymous family at our church, any gift given to the campaign between now and the end of the year will receive an additional \$1,000, up to \$100,000! The donors' hope is to involve 100 more people to support the campaign!

Acts 1:8 Connection: Outreach Ministries

El Montecito Presbyterian Church supports numerous ministries and organizations near and far, including Cleveland Elementary School. ELMO Covenant Partners, along with members of other local churches, have a long history of volunteering as “reading buddies” in classrooms, helping at school events such as promotion ceremonies set-up, and providing gift certificates to McDonald’s that the principal uses to incentivize student achievement and reward positive behavior. Please pray:

- For volunteers to consistently commit to spending 40 minutes in a classroom at least once a week reading with students.
- For a fulltime music teacher. The SBUSD has funds for such a teacher, but high housing costs drive away prospective certificated applicants.
- That transportation issues be resolved for Cleveland students to participate in an expanded after-school program offering chess, parkour, song writing, ukulele lessons and other enriching subjects.

Connecting & Serving

Sunday Adult Discipleship, Survey of the Old Testament, ages 13+ welcome. Library at 9 a.m. Suggested donation is \$20. To sign up, email admin@elmopres.org

Prayer Time, Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room.

Women in the Word, Mondays, 9:30 a.m. Studying Acts.

Women’s Bible Study, Thursdays, 7:45 - 9 a.m. at IHOP at 1701 State St.

Men’s Bible Study, Thursdays, 9-10 a.m. in the Library. Studying Ephesians.

Joy Reflected, Dec. 5, 11:45 a.m. Christmas luncheon and carols open to all widows. To RSVP and/or request a ride, contact Shirley at fendersender@cox.net

Elf Workshop: Drop by the Creative Studios between 9:30-11:30 a.m. on Dec. 7 to make a special gift for a Christmas outreach project. All ages welcome! Parental supervision required for elves age 10 and younger!

Toy & Clothing Drive: for Cleveland School families, due Dec. 15. Email office for details.

Christmas Eve: Join us for a Candlelight Service of Lessons & Carols at 4 & 5:30 p.m.

Connect with our Ministry Partners: Encourage our ministry partners with a note:

James & Renata Bultema: jamesbultema@spccturkey.com, renatabultema@spccturkey.com;

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