

WORSHIP



Second Sunday of Advent

December 8, 2024

"For nothing is impossible with God." Luke 1:37

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 89

Leader: I will sing of the LORD's great love forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations.

People: I will declare that your love stands firm forever, that you established your faithfulness in heaven itself. You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to David my servant, I will establish your line forever and make your throne firm through all generations."

Leader: Who is like you, LORD God Almighty? You, LORD, are mighty, and your faithfulness surrounds you.

People: Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; love and faithfulness go before you. Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you, who walk in the light of your presence, LORD. They rejoice in your name all day long; they celebrate in your righteousness.

Leader: Indeed, our shield belongs to the LORD, our King to the Holy One of Israel.

All: He will call out to me, 'You are my Father, my God, the Rock my Savior. And I will appoint him my firstborn, the most exalted of the kings of the earth. I will maintain my love to him forever, and my covenant with him will never fail. I will establish his line forever, his throne as long as the heavens endure.

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Peace

Peter & Jana Norman
Brecken, Mercer, River & Thatcher

*Hymn of Praise

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

1. Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King
Peace on earth and mercy mild
God and sinners reconciled
Joyful all ye nations rise
Join the triumph of the skies
With the angelic host proclaim
Christ is born in Bethlehem
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King
2. Christ by highest Heav'n adored
Christ the everlasting Lord
Late in time behold Him come
Offspring of a virgin's womb
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see
Hail the incarnate Deity
Pleased as man with men to dwell
Jesus our Emmanuel
Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King
3. Hail the heav'n born Prince of peace
Hail the Son of Righteousness
Light and life to all he brings
Risen with healing in his wings
Mild he lays his glory by
Born that man no more may die
Born to raise the some of earth
Born to give them second birth
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King

Confession of Sin Unison

Holy Lord, in this time of Advent, we confess we often are distracted by the season's busyness, by the stress of commitment, and even putting our own traditions ahead of the true meaning of Christmas. We confess we also often prefer being sentimental to being sacrificial. Forgive us for all the times we have missed seeing you in our midst, for all the times we have doubted your presence, and for all the times we have failed to hold the holidays as holy days. Pour peace into our lives and let us be bearers of peace to others. Remind us that this is a season of waiting and preparation for the greatest gift of all. In the holy name of our Savior, Jesus. Amen.

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

1 John 4:9-10

This is how God showed his love among us: he sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

Leader: Hear and believe the good news of the gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

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

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.

Prayers for the Church and the World

Erin Barr

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

***Hymn of Preparation** Thou Who Wast Rich Beyond All Splendor

1. Thou who wast rich beyond all splendour
All for love's sake becamest poor
Thrones for a manger didst surrender
Sapphire-paved courts for stable floor
Thou who wast rich beyond all splendour
All for love's sake becamest poor
2. Thou who art God beyond all praising
All for love's sake becamest man
Stooping so low but sinners raising
Heavenwards by Thine eternal plan
Thou who art God beyond all praising
All for love's sake becamest man
3. Thou who art love beyond all telling
Saviour and King we worship Thee
Emmanuel within us dwelling
Make us what Thou wouldst have us be
Thou who art love beyond all telling
Saviour and King we worship Thee

Scripture

Luke 1:26-38

Sermon

"The Visit"

Tom Haugen

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn of Response

Sing We the Song of Emmanuel

1. Sing we the song of Emmanuel
This the Christ who was long foretold
Lo in the shadows of Bethlehem
Promise of dawn now our eyes behold

Chorus 1

God Most High in a manger laid
Lift your voices and now proclaim
Great and glorious Love has come to us
Join now with the hosts of heaven

2. Come we to welcome Emmanuel
King who came with no crown or throne
Helpless He lay the Invincible
Maker of Mary now Mary's son

Chorus 2

O what wisdom to save us all
Shepherds sages before Him fall
Grace and majesty what humility
Come on bended knee adore Him

3. Go spread the news of Emmanuel
Joy and peace for the weary heart
Lift up your heads for your King has come
Sing for the Light overwhelms the dark

Chorus 3

Glory shining for all to see
Hope alive let the gospel ring
God has made a way He will have the
praise
Tell the world His name is Jesus

(REPEAT)

Bridge

Gloria Gloria
Gloria Gloria

(REPEAT)

Triple R Capital Campaign Update

*Benediction

Postlude

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

Joshua Delp, Daniel DeVorzon, Mary Hurt, Rand Olsen, Dana Stewart & Jim Wilson

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. Her memorial will be Saturday, January 11 at 2 pm at ELMO.
- 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.
- For the ministry and outreach of all those who attended the Elf Workshop yesterday. Pray for the neighbors and friends who will receive these gifts and invitations to worship with us.

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)

Triple R Capital Campaign Update

We've raised \$1,491,500 toward our \$1.7M Triple R goals! 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!

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. Join the study on "Disciplines of a Godly Woman"

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

Toy & Clothing Drive: Collecting new toys and clothes for children ages 6-10 thru Dec. 15. This drive will benefit 15 families at Cleveland School. 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:

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