

WORSHIP

El Montecito
Presbyterian Church



Sunday, February 16, 2025

*"I have given them the glory that you gave me,
that they may be one as we are one - I in them and you in me." John 17:22-23a*

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Welcome to Our Life Together

Tom Haugen

Prayer of Invocation

Music of Preparation

GIVING PRAISE TO GOD

Catechism Question¹: What else does Christ's death redeem?

Answer: Christ's death is the beginning of the redemption and renewal of every part of fallen creation, as he powerfully directs all things for his own glory and creation's good.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 133

Leader: How precious and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!

People: It is like precious oil poured on the head,

Leader: Running down on the beard, running down on Aaron's beard,

All: Down on the collar of his robe. It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion. For there the LORD bestows his blessing, even life forevermore.

1. *The New City Catechism*, Crossway

* Please stand as you are able.

***Hymn of Praise**

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

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| <p>1. Joyful, joyful we adore Thee
God of glory Lord of love
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee
Opening to the sun above
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness
Drive the dark of doubt away
Giver of immortal gladness
Fill us with the light of day</p> <p>2. All Thy works with joy surround Thee
Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays
Stars and angels sing around Thee
Center of unbroken praise
Field and forest vale and mountain
Flowery meadow flashing sea
Chanting bird and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in Thee</p> | <p>3. Thou art giving and forgiving
Ever blessing ever blest
Wellspring of the joy of living
Ocean depth of happy rest
Thou our Father Christ our Brother
All who live in love are Thine
Teach us how to love each other
Lift us to the joy divine</p> <p>4. Mortals join the mighty chorus
Which the morning stars began
Father love is reigning o'er us
Brother love binds man to man
Ever singing march we onward
Victors in the midst of strife
Joyful music lifts us sunward
In the triumph song of life</p> |
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Confession of Sin Unison

Almighty and merciful Father, you have called us to be your people and have made us one body. Yet we have not lived like we are one body. We have not loved one another as we ought. Selfish ambition has gripped us, and we have failed to associate with and care for those who are different from ourselves. We have not treated one another as those in whom Christ dwells. Forgive us for our offenses against you, and go on to subdue everything in us that is contrary to your purposes. By the power of your Spirit make us a community that shows forth your acceptance, kindness, and love. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

John 3:16

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.

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

Kirk Gilbert

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

*Hymn of Preparation

Only a Holy God

1. Who else commands all the hosts of heaven
Who else could make every king bow down
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles
Only a Holy God
2. What other beauty demands such praises
What other splendour outshines the sun
What other majesty rules with justice
Only a Holy God

Chorus

Come and behold Him
The One and the Only
Cry out sing holy
Forever a Holy God
Come and worship the Holy God

3. What other glory consumes like fire
What other power can raise the dead
What other name remains undefeated
Only a Holy God
4. Who else could rescue me from my failing
Who else would offer His only Son
Who else invites me to call Him Father
Only a Holy God
Only my Holy God

Scripture

John 17

Sermon

"Prayer for Unity"

Tom Haugen

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn of Response

My Jesus I Love Thee

1. My Jesus I love Thee
I know Thou art mine
For Thee all the follies
Of sin I resign
My gracious Redeemer
My Savior art Thou
If ever I loved Thee
My Jesus 'tis now
2. And I love Thee because Thou
Hast first loved me
And purchased my pardon
On Calvary's tree
I love Thee for wearing
The thorns on Thy brow
If ever I loved Thee
My Jesus 'tis now
3. I love Thee in life and I
Will love Thee in death
And praise Thee as long as Thou
Has lendest me breath
And say when the death dew lies
Cold on my brow
If ever I love Thee
My Jesus 'tis now

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Let the Amen sound from Your
people again
Gladly forever adore Him

*Benediction

Postlude

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

Daniel DeVorzon, Annie Haugen, 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](https://www.instagram.com/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. Next youth group is February 21!

College: Rides from Westmont (depart at 9:40 a.m. at Clark Dorm). Campus Bible Study: Westmont Prayer Chapel, Thursdays, 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: Glen Adams, Darlene James, Cynde Lundgren, Curt & Erlyne Whiteman.
- Pray for all those impacted by the LA fires who are grieving. Ask God to comfort those who have evacuated amidst uncertainty and for God to protect firefighters, first responders and those working in active fire zones.
- Bereavement for the family and friends of Pat Clemens.
- Tristan Baker, great-grandson of Bruce Stockin, undergoing treatment for leukemia.

Triple R Capital Campaign Update

As of February 12, we've raised \$1,696,935.95 toward our Triple R goals totaling \$1.7 M: repair the roof, renovate the manse & retire the debt! Please continue to join us in praying for God to provide for the flourishing future of El Montecito Presbyterian Church!

Acts 1:8 Connection: Outreach Ministries

El Montecito Presbyterian Church supports numerous ministries and organizations near and far, including Cleveland Elementary School with an enrollment of 250 children. ELMO covenant partners have volunteered as “reading buddies” in classrooms. Covenant Partners have also helped at school events such as setting up for promotion ceremonies and providing gift certificates the principal uses to incentivize student achievement and reward positive behavior. Your prayer support and joining in praise for Cleveland School are greatly appreciated.

- Pray that community volunteers support “Read With Cleveland” on Friday, March 7, from 9:00-11:00 am. Volunteers may bring a favorite book and sign up by calling the school at 963-8873.
- Praise for recognition for Cleveland School’s efforts to increase academic growth among students in special education and students who are new to the U.S.
- Praise and welcome to babies born to two school staff members recently.
- Praise that a fourth grader diagnosed with leukemia has been able to return to her home from the hospital in recent days. Members of ELMO’s prayer shawl ministry and Outreach Ministry Team gifted the student with a prayer shawl and a toy while she was hospitalized.

Connecting & Serving

Sunday Adult Discipleship Survey of the Old Testament. Library at 9 a.m.
Book fee is \$20.

Sunday Adult Discipleship Prayer Workshop: 11:30-12:30, Sundays through Feb. 23 in the library. Led by Ben Patterson.

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

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

Women’s Bible Study, Thursdays at 7:45 - 9 a.m. at IHOP at 1701 State St. New study: 1 & 2 Peter!

Men’s Bible Study, Thursdays at 9 - 10 a.m. in the Library, bring your Bible to participate in a study of Revelation. Coffee is provided.

Prayer Shawl Ministry, Third Thursday every month, 1:30-3:30 in Fellowship Hall. Join us to knit, crochet or quilt! Contact Fran Lambeth for more information.

Nursery & Preschool Ministry, we need help sharing Christ with the youngest members of our church and their families. Email laurihaugen@elmopres.org if you can help!

Coffee Fellowship Team, we need volunteers on the 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays of each month. Training provided. Contact Kersten Barr at kerstenbarr@gmail.com to join!

Office hours, Monday—Thursday, 9 a.m.—2 p.m.

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If you would like to connect with one of the following, please email:

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