

# WORSHIP

El Montecito  
Presbyterian Church



Sunday, February 23, 2025

*"I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith." Ephesians 3:16-17a*

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## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Welcome to Our Life Together

Tom Haugen

Prayer of Invocation

Music of Preparation

Mighty to Save

*Savior, He can move the mountains, My God is mighty to save, He is mighty to save.  
Forever, Author of salvation, He rose and conquered the grave, Jesus conquered the grave.*

## GIVING PRAISE TO GOD

Catechism Question<sup>1</sup>: Are all people, just as they were lost through Adam, saved through Christ?

**Answer: No, only those who were elected by God and united to Christ by faith.**

**Nevertheless God in his mercy demonstrates common grace to those who are not elect, by restraining the effects of sin and enabling works for human well-being.**

**\*Call to Worship**

Psalm 25

Leader: In you, LORD my God, I put my trust.

**People: Show me your ways, LORD, teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.**

Leader: Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in his ways.

**People: He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way. All the ways of the LORD are loving and faithful toward those who keep his covenant.**

Leader: Who, then, are those who fear the LORD?

**All: He will instruct them in the ways they should choose. They will spend their days in prosperity, and their descendants will inherit the land. The LORD confides in those who fear him; he makes his covenant known to them. My eyes are ever on the LORD, for only he will release my feet from the snare. Guard my life and rescue me; do not let me be put to shame, for I take refuge in you. May uprightness protect me, because my hope, LORD, is in you.**

1. *The New City Catechism*, Crossway

\* *Please stand as you are able.*

## \*Hymn of Praise

## All Creatures of our God and King

1. All creatures of our God and King  
Lift up your voice and with us sing  
O praise Him, alleluia!  
Thou, burning sun with golden beam  
Thou, silver moon with softer gleam  
O praise Him, O praise Him  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
2. Thou rushing wind that art so strong  
Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along  
O praise Him, alleluia!  
Thou, rising moon in praise rejoice  
Ye lights of evening find a voice  
O praise Him, O praise Him  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
3. And all ye men of tender heart  
Forgiving others, take your part  
O sing ye, alleluia!  
Ye, who long pain and sorrow bear  
Praise God and on Him cast your care  
O praise Him, O praise Him  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
4. Let all things their Creator bless  
And worship Him in humbleness  
O praise Him, alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son  
And praise the Spirit, Three in One  
O praise Him, O praise Him  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

## Welcome New Covenant Partners

### Confession of Sin Unison

**God of grace and mercy, you know us better than we know ourselves. We have refused to take up our cross and we have not given up our attachments to possessions or to self. We cling to comfort and control; and lose sight of the values of your Kingdom. Forgive our self-centered sinfulness. Remind us that our true worth, purpose, and contentment is found in you. Help us to change our way of life so that we love what you love, walk in your ways and do what you command, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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

### Assurance of Forgiveness

Psalm 16:11

You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

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

**Barney Melekian**

## PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

### \*Hymn of Preparation      How Deep the Father's Love for Us

1. How deep the Father's love for us  
How vast beyond all measure  
That He should give His only Son  
To make a wretch His treasure  
How great the pain of searing loss  
The Father turns His face away  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One  
Bring many sons to glory
2. Behold the Man upon a cross  
My sin upon His shoulders  
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers  
It was my sin that held Him there  
Until it was accomplished  
His dying breath has brought me life  
I know that it is finished
3. I will not boast in anything  
No gifts no pow'r no wisdom  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ  
His death and resurrection  
Why should I gain from His reward  
I cannot give an answer  
But this I know with all my heart  
His wounds have paid my ransom

**Scripture**

Ephesians 3:14-21

**Sermon**

*"Prayer for the Body of Christ"*

Tom Haugen



Sermon notes:

# GOING IN GOD'S NAME

## \*Hymn of Response

## Crown Him with Many Crowns

1. Crown Him with many crowns  
The Lamb upon His throne  
Hark how the heavenly anthem drowns  
All music but its own  
Awake, my soul, and sing  
Of Him who died for thee  
And hail Him as thy matchless King  
Through all eternity
2. Crown Him the Lord of life  
Who triumphed o'er the grave  
And rose victorious through the strife  
For those He came to save  
His glories, now, we sing  
Who died and rose on high  
Who died eternal life to bring  
And lives that death may die
3. Crown Him the Lord of lords  
Who over all doth reign  
Who once on earth, the Incarnate Word  
For ransomed sinners slain  
Now lives in realms of light  
Where saints with angels sing  
Their songs before Him day and night  
Their God, Redeemer, King
4. Crown Him the Lord of heaven  
Enthroned in worlds above  
Crown Him the King to whom is given  
The wondrous name of love  
Crown Him with many crowns  
As thrones before Him fall  
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns  
For He is King of all

## \*Benediction

## Postlude

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

*Deborah Bertling & Mary Hurt*

# 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](mailto: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](http://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 March 7!

**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](mailto:tomhaugen@elmopres.org)  
*To sign up for the ELMO Pres Family Newsletter, email [LauriHaugen@elmopres.org](mailto: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](mailto: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.
- Bereavement for the family and friends of Pat Clemens.
- Tristan Baker, great-grandson of Bruce Stockin, who has leukemia. Pray for God's protection over Tristan's heart as he begins a new treatment. Pray for his health and energy and all his helpers as they provide care.

## Acts 1:8 Connection: Outreach Ministries

El Montecito Presbyterian Church supports numerous ministries and organizations near and far, including the ministry of Manuel and Laura Vivanco of Mexico City. Laura is the daughter of our Covenant Partner, Ann Marie King. Manuel and Laura's daughter Kelly, a 2024 Westmont graduate, is teaching and ministering in India. Laura reports:

- Good things are happening at their Chiconaulta Church, which is blessed with 10 committed leaders working with Manuel. The mid-week men's group is thriving with 27 at the last meeting.
- The women's group members love what they're discovering in God's Word and in His church.
- The youth put on a musical play to kick off Kids Club for 2025, an outreach to un-churched neighborhood kids.
- Last Sunday, Laura drove 90 minutes to another church where Manuel preached on persevering in the faith to the congregation of around 40 in a humble neighborhood where witchcraft is prevalent.

## Connecting & Serving

**Sunday Adult Discipleship Survey of the New 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 1 & 2 Peter. Coffee is provided.

**Nursery & Preschool Ministry,** we need help sharing Christ with the youngest members of our church and their families. Email [laurihaugen@elmopres.org](mailto: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](mailto:kerstenbarr@gmail.com) to join!

## 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!

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

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