

WORSHIP

El Montecito
Presbyterian Church



Sunday, March 9, 2025

"Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD." Psalm 150:6

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: How can we be saved?

Answer: Only by faith in Jesus Christ and in his substitutionary atoning death on the cross.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 145

Leader: Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.

People: One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts. They speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty - and I will meditate on your wonderful works. They tell of the power of your awesome works - and I will proclaim your great deeds.

Leader: They celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness. Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations.

People: The LORD is trustworthy in all he promises and faithful in all he does. The LORD upholds all who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down. The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time.

Leader: You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing.

People: The LORD is righteous in all he does. The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

Leader: He fulfills the desires of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them.

All: The LORD watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy. My mouth will speak in praise of the LORD. Let every creature praise his holy name for ever and ever.

1. *The New City Catechism*, Crossway

** Please stand as you are able.*

*Hymn of Praise

Holy, Holy, Holy

1. Holy, holy, holy
Lord God Almighty
Early in the morning
Our song shall rise to Thee
Holy holy holy
Merciful and mighty
God in three persons
Blessed Trinity
2. Holy, holy, holy
All the saints adore Thee
Casting down their golden crowns
Around the glassy sea
Cherubim and seraphim
Falling down before Thee
Which wert and art
And evermore shalt be
3. Holy, holy, holy
Though the darkness hide Thee
Though the eye of sinful man
Thy glory may not see
Only Thou art holy
There is none beside Thee
Perfect in power
In love and purity
4. Holy, holy, holy
Lord God Almighty
All Thy works shall praise Thy name
In earth and sky and sea
Holy holy holy
Merciful and mighty
God in three persons
Blessed Trinity

Confession of Sin Unison

Lord God, we have given more weight to our successes and our happiness than to your will. We have eaten without a thought for the hungry. We have spoken without an effort to understand others. We have kept silent instead of telling the truth. We have judged others, forgetful that you alone are the Judge. We have acted in accordance with our desires rather than according to your commands. Within the church we have been slow to practice love of our neighbors. And in the world we have not been your faithful servants. Father, forgive us and help us to live as followers of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. Amen.

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

Ephesians 2:4-5

But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in transgressions - it is by grace you have been saved.

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

Dan Patterson

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

*Hymn of Preparation

My God How Wonderful Thou Art

1. My God how wonderful Thou art
Thy majesty how bright
How beautiful Thy mercy-seat
In depths of burning light
2. How dread are Thine eternal years
O everlasting Lord
By prostrate spirits day and night
Incessantly adored
3. How wonderful how beautiful
The sight of Thee must be
Thine endless wisdom boundless power
And awesome purity
4. O how I fear Thee living God
With deepest tenderest fears
And worship Thee with trembling hope
And penitential tears
5. Yet I may love Thee too O Lord
Almighty as Thou art
For Thou hast stooped to ask of me
The love of my poor heart
6. No earthly father loves like Thee
No mother e'er so mild
Bears and forebears as Thou hast done
With me Thy sinful child
7. Father of Jesus, love's reward
What rapture will it be
Prostrate before Thy throne to lie
And gaze and gaze on Thee
have paid my ransom

Scripture

Psalm 150

Sermon

“Forever and For Everyone.”

Ben Patterson

GOING IN GOD’S NAME

***Hymn of Response**

I Could Sing of Your Love Forever/More Precious Than Silver

1. Over the mountains and the sea
Your river runs with love for me
And I will open up my heart
And let the Healer set me free
I'm happy to be in the truth
And I will daily lift my hands
For I will always sing
Of when Your love came down

Lord you are more precious than silver
Lord you are more costly than gold
Lord you are more beautiful than diamonds and
Nothing I desire compares with you

We exalt Thee!
We exalt Thee!
We exalt Thee, O Lord!

Chorus

I could sing of Your love forever
I could sing of Your love forever
I could sing of Your love forever
I could sing of Your love forever

Ministry Moment

Royal Family Kids

Zak Stengel
Avala Elwood

***Benediction**

Postlude

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

Mary Hurt & David Talbott



Sermon notes:

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. Next youth group meets March 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

This Summer: Adventure Week for 6th-8th graders, June 16-20, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
ELMO SINGS for 1st-6th graders, June 23-27, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. See newsletter for details!

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.
- Bereavement for the family and friends of Pat Clemens, Ann Marie King and Ben Luce.
- The memorial service for Pat Clemens will be held Saturday March 15th, 2 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church.
- 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 Royal Family Kids Camp and Mentoring. Please pray:

- For wisdom and unity for the camp leadership team as they work together to plan for camp.
- That God would move in the hearts of the people he wants to serve on staff for the week of camp and for all of the needed roles to be filled.
- For wisdom connecting with the campers that God wants to have at camp this summer.
- Praise God for the mentoring staff to serve 16 of our local Royal Family Kids in our mentoring club this year!
- For continued building of relationships in these last few months of mentoring with God's help. Nurturing a sense of trust and belonging for the kids in mentoring. Many are already excited to go to camp in June.
- For graduates as they leave the safety and continuous care of our programs where they've experienced God's love, truth and acceptance.
- Pray always for the parents and caregivers of our kids.

Connecting & Serving

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

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 if interested!

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!

Sunday Adult Discipleship Prayer Workshop: 11:30-12:30, in the library, led by Ben Patterson. Last class is today!

Congregational Meeting, March 16th, brief 5 minute congregational meeting following worship to vote in new nominating team.

Joy Reflected Luncheon Thursday, March 20 at 11:45 in the Fellowship Hall. The luncheon is open to all widows, including your friends and neighbors. Please join us for a meal and conversation as we welcome the arrival of spring that day. To RSVP and/or request a ride, contact Shirley Fender at fendersender@cox.net

Prayer Shawl Ministry, Thursday, March 20 from 1:30-3:30 in the Library

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

Rev. Dr. Tom Haugen, Pastor
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Shirley Fender, Joy Reflected Ministry, Ushers
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If you would like to connect with one of the following, please email:

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