

# WORSHIP

El Montecito  
Presbyterian Church



Sunday, October 12, 2025

*"We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Thessalonians 1:3*

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## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Joni Parrent

Welcome to Our Life Together

Tom Haugen

Prayer of Invocation

Music of Preparation

## GIVING PRAISE TO GOD

Psalms 25:1-10

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

**People: I trust in you; do not let me be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

Leader: No one who hopes in you will ever be put to shame, but shame will come on those who are treacherous without cause.

**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: Remember, LORD, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old.

**People: Do not remember the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you, LORD, are good.**

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

**All: 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 the demands of his covenant.**

*\* Please stand as you are able.*

## **\*Hymn of Praise**

*The Solid Rock, #404*

1. My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

### *Chorus*

- On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand,  
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2. When darkness veils His lovely face,  
I rest on His unchanging grace;  
In ev'ry high and stormy gale,  
My anchor holds within the veil.
3. His oath, His covenant, His blood,  
Support me in the 'whelming flood;  
When all around my soul gives way,  
He then is all my hope and stay.
4. When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
Oh, may I then in Him be found;  
Dressed in His righteousness alone,  
Faultless to stand before the throne.

## **Confession of Sin** Unison

**Almighty God, to know you is the fulfillment of our deepest longings and the satisfaction of our most ardent desires. Yet foolishly, we have sought our pleasures elsewhere. We have put the seeking of idols, which are bound to leave us feeling empty, above seeking you. We have failed to love you with our whole heart, soul, and mind. We have failed to love our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive our sins for the sake of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. And grant that from now on we might serve you in the newness of life. In the name of Jesus who rescues us. Amen.**

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

## **Assurance of Forgiveness**

Romans 8:31-32

If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all - how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

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 [www.elmopres.org/give-online](http://www.elmopres.org/give-online) or scan the QR code with your phone's camera. 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**

Kirk 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 in the Creative Studios*

## **Prayers for the Church and the World**

## **PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD**

### **\*Hymn of Preparation**

*One Pure and Holy Passion*

1. Give me one pure and holy passion  
Give me one magnificent obsession  
Give me one glorious ambition for my life  
To know and follow hard after You

### *Chorus*

To know and follow hard after You  
To grow as Your disciple in Your truth  
This world is empty, pale and poor  
Compared to knowing You my Lord  
Lead me on and I will run after You  
(Repeat)

## GOING IN GOD'S NAME

### \*Hymn of Response

*O Church Arise*

1. O, church arise and put your armor on  
Hear the call of Christ our captain  
For now the weak can say that they are strong  
In the strength that God has given  
With shield of faith and belt of truth  
We'll stand against the devil's lies  
An army bold whose battle cry is love  
Reaching out to those in darkness

#### *Chorus:*

- Arise, shine, for your light has come  
Arise, shine, for the risen Son.  
Lift your eyes, we are His radiant bride.  
Arise, O Church, arise.
2. Our call to war, to love the captive soul,  
But to rage against the captor  
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole  
We will fight with faith and valor  
When faced with trials on ev'ry side,  
We know the outcome is secure,  
And Christ will have the prize for which He died  
An inheritance of nations
  3. Come, see the cross where love and mercy meet,  
As the Son of God is stricken  
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet,  
For the Conqueror has risen  
And as the stone is rolled away,  
And Christ emerges from the grave,  
This vict'ry march continues till the day  
Ev'ry eye and heart shall see Him

4. So Spirit, come, put strength in ev'ry stride,  
Give grace for ev'ry hurdle,  
That we may run with faith to win the prize  
Of a servant good and faithful  
As saints of old still line the way,  
Retelling triumphs of His grace,  
We hear their calls and hunger for the day  
When, with Christ, we stand in glory

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

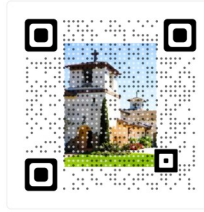
*Thank you to our musicians serving in ELMO's music ministry:*

*Annie Haugen, Joni Parrent, Dan Patterson & Dana Stewart*

*The flowers this morning are given by Mike and Ann Porter  
in celebration of their 29th wedding anniversary.*

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

**Please scan the QR code** to fill out the Connect Form so we may get to know you better and send you our weekly newsletter. Visit our website at: [www.elmopres.org](http://www.elmopres.org), find us on Instagram @elmopres or subscribe to our YouTube channel: El Montecito Presbyterian Church.



## **ELMO Pres Kids, Youth & College**

**Nursery** (3 mo.-2.5 yrs.) & **Preschool** (ages 2.5-5 yrs.) 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 Student Ministry** (6th-12th) Join us in the Creative Studios for “Friday Nights at ELMO” on the 1st & 3rd Friday nights of the month from 6–8 p.m. Dinner, games, fun and a deep dive into the book of Acts. Next up: October 17!

**ELMO Pres College** “Catch a Ride” from Clark dorm at 9:35 a.m. College Lunches in the Creative Studios Nov. 16 & Dec. 14.

## **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 AE3 Alex Barr, U.S. Navy; Sgt. Jack Burrows, U.S. Army; Lt. Col. James Wentzel, U.S. Air Force.
- For our covenant partners dealing with ongoing health issues and recovery from surgeries: Josefina Everett, Shirley Fender, Brian Johnson, Ginger Ketzell, Ann Marie King, Donna Medwid, Bruce Stockin, Curt & Erlyne Whiteman and Jim Worthen.
- Bereavement for the family and friends of Betsy Knight. Bereavement for the family and friends of Joyce Hutchinson. Bereavement for the family and friends of Netta Jones, memorial at Santa Ynez Pres. October 18, 2 p.m.
- Jackson Zerwas, an ELMO Pres Youth Leader and pre-med senior at Westmont College as he completes his Global Health requirement in Uganda this Fall semester.
- Praise the Lord for the arrival of Rebekah Jane Hurt, born September 16. Please pray for rest, recovery, and God’s blessings over this precious new life. If you’d like to bring the Hurt Family a meal, sign-up here: [www.mealtrain.com/trains/w4o8r1](http://www.mealtrain.com/trains/w4o8r1)

## Acts 1:8 Connection: Outreach Ministries

Our church supports ministries and service organizations near and far, including Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse, delivering millions of gift-filled shoeboxes to children around the world!

- Pray that each gift would demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need.
- Pray for God's provision and protection over the packing, processing, shipping, and distributing of shoeboxes.
- Pray for Samaritan's Purse partners as they come alongside local congregations worldwide to share the Good News of Jesus Christ and make disciples of the nations.
- Pray for families to be reached, churches started, and communities transformed in areas resistant to the Gospel.
- Pray for boys and girls who both give and receive shoeboxes to know they are "masterpieces, created in Christ Jesus for good works" (Eph 2:10). And, may God cultivate in their lives a deep love for Christ, compassion for others & generous hearts!

## Connecting & Serving

**Sunday Adult Discipleship**, in the Library at 9 a.m. Each week, we will prepare for our worship time and dive into the scripture passage for our sermon. Everyone is welcome!

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

**Women in the Word**, Mondays, in Fellowship Hall at 9:30 a.m. Studying Joshua. To sign up, call Patty Wilson: 805-689-4496 or text Deborah Bertling: 805-698-0952.

**Women's Bible Study**, Thursdays, 7:45-9 a.m. at IHOP on State St. Studying 1 & 2 Peter.

**Men's Bible Study**, Thursdays, 9-10 a.m. in the Library, studying Romans.

**Deepening Your Conversation with God—Learning to Love to Pray**, led by Ben Patterson from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the Library thru November 16.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry**, Third Thursday each month from 1:30-3:30 in Fellowship Hall.

**Third Thursdays**, 9-9:45 a.m. - Church & Early School Moms, you're invited to join us in the Creative Studios for a monthly gathering designed just for you! We'll spend about 45 minutes together over lattes, learning and encouraging one another. October 16th Topic: "Helping Preschoolers Thrive with Loving Boundaries" with Dr. Mary Patterson.

**New Covenant Partner Class**, Saturday, Nov. 8, 9 a.m-1 p.m. in the Creative Studios. Continental breakfast, coffee, and lunch provided. Email [admin@elmopres.org](mailto:admin@elmopres.org) to RSVP and indicate if you have any dietary restrictions for lunch.

**Christmas in Narnia Volunteers Needed**, Saturday, December 6th, 1-4:30 p.m. Sign-up to help with this magical community outreach using the QR code on flyers in courtyard!

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

*Rev. Dr. Tom Haugen, Pastor*

*Rev. Lauri Haugen, Asst. Pastor to Families*

*Brad Catron, Facilities Manager*

*Mary Hurt, Worship Director*

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*Larry James*

*Leanne Patterson*

**Deacons**

*Shirley Fender, Chair, Joy Reflected Ministry, Ushers*

*Susan Dau, Congregational Care, Secretary*

*Terry Foil, Community Life*

*Pamela Gilbert, Receptions, Secretary*

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