

WORSHIP

El Montecito
Presbyterian Church



Communion Sunday, November 2, 2025

"Therefore encourage one another with these words."

1 Thessalonians 4:18

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

Psalm 37

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.

People: Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Commit your ways to the LORD; trust in him and he will do this: He will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn, your vindication like the noonday sun.

Leader: Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him.

People: The blameless spend their days under the LORD's care, and their inheritance will endure forever. The LORD makes firm the steps of the one who delights in him; though he may stumble, he will not fall, for the LORD upholds him with his hand.

Leader: For the LORD loves the just and will not forsake his faithful ones.

All: Hope in the LORD and keep his way. Consider the blameless, observe the upright; a future awaits those who seek peace. The salvation of the righteous comes from the LORD; he is their stronghold in time of trouble. The LORD helps them and delivers them; he delivers them from the wicked and saves them, because they take refuge in him.

** Please stand as you are able.*

***Hymn of Praise**

Another Like You

1. You embodied the fullness of God
 Wrapped in mercy
 You showed us Your heart
 Your love upon the cross
 Your love poured out for all

Bridge

Worthy is the Lamb worthy is the King
Worthy is the One who reigns forever
Seated on the throne high above it all
Everyone will know You're like no other

Chorus

- There is no one like the Lord our God
You've been faithful every day of my life
I could search the world and never find
Another like You another like You
2. You set a table You invite us to come
 Your body broken
 Your blood was enough
 This love upon the cross
 This love poured out for all

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 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

Connie Wilson

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 Pres Kids classrooms downstairs in the Creative Studios.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

***Hymn of Preparation**

Before the Throne of God

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| 1. Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is Love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heav'n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart | 3. Behold Him there the risen Lamb
My perfect spotless righteousness
The great unchangeable I Am
The King of glory and of grace
One with Himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased with His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Saviour and my God
With Christ my Saviour and my God |
| 2. When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end to all my sin
Because the sinless Saviour died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me | |

Scripture

1 Thessalonians 4:1-18

Sermon

"How to Please God"

Tom Haugen

CELEBRATING COMMUNION

Confession of Sin Unison

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart, and we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we might delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

Romans 6:22-23

But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Pastor: Hear and believe in the good news of the gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

The Celebration of Communion

You have an individual prepackaged communion kit. We will eat the bread and drink the cup together as we remember Christ's death and resurrection and celebrate our common union in Christ.

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

The Lord's Prayer Unison

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

***Hymn of Response**

Abide

1. For my waking breath
For my daily bread
I depend on You
I depend on You
For the sun to rise
For my sleep at night
I depend on You
I depend on You

Chorus 1

You're the way the truth and the life
You're the well that never runs dry
I'm the branch and You are the vine
Draw me close and teach me to abide

2. Where the Spirit leads
As I'm following
I depend on You
I depend on You
For the victories
Still in front of me
I depend on You
I depend on You

***Benediction**

Postlude

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

Abrah Crooks, Annie Haugen, Rodney Meadth, Rosie Murren,

Rand Olsen, Joni Parrent and Abigail Pryor

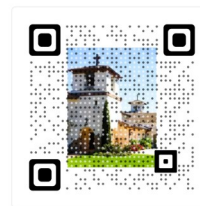
Chorus 2

You're the way the truth and the life
You're the well that never runs dry
I'm the branch and You are the vine
Draw me close and teach me to abide
Be my strength my song in the night
Be my all my treasure my prize
I am Yours forever You're mine
Draw me close and teach me to abide

3. When I pass through death
As I enter rest
I depend on You
I depend on You
For eternal life
To be raised with Christ
I depend on You
I depend on You

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, 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-6th) 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: November 7 & 21!

ELMO Pres College “Catch a Ride” from Clark dorm at 9:35 a.m. College lunches after worship—Next Up: Nov. 16 (all-church lunch) and Dec. 14. in Creative Studios.

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 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: Brian Johnson, Ann Marie King, Donna Medwid, Bruce Stockin, Curt & Erlyne Whiteman and Jim Worthen.
- Bereavement for the family and friends of Betsy Knight and Joyce Hutchinson.
- Bereavement for the family and friends of Shirley Fender—Celebration of Life on Friday, November 7th at 2 p.m. at ELMO Pres.
- 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.

Financial Statement of YTD Actuals Through September 30, 2025

Revenue YTD \$178,583

Expenses YTD \$229,115

Net **(\$50,530)**

Acts 1:8 Connection: Outreach Ministries

Transition House has been providing family solutions for homelessness in Santa Barbara for over forty years. They provide emergency shelter, transitional and permanent housing, homelessness prevention services, and comprehensive programs for children. Please pray for:

- An additional 2-3 volunteers from ELMO Pres. to bring salad and rolls on the 3rd Thursday of each month. If interested, please email the office at admin@elmopres.org
- For the many staff, case managers and volunteers to be guided by God's love and wisdom as they walk alongside and assist those in need.
- For God to protect and provide for those awaiting housing placement and that additional housing would be made available.

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.

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.

Christmas in Narnia Volunteers Needed, Saturday, December 6th, 11-3 p.m. Sign-up to help with this imaginative community outreach using the QR code on flyers in courtyard!

Praise and Pie, New Date! Sunday, November 16 following worship in Fellowship Hall. Enjoy lunch, pie, and thankful fellowship with your church family.

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes are due back by November 16.

M4 Poultry Drive to benefit the Food Bank of Santa Barbara. Deliver frozen chickens or turkeys to church courtyard on Sunday, November 23, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Christmas Eve Choir 20 minute practices after worship on 11/30, 12/7, 12/14 & 12/21.

All ages & abilities are welcome. Sing at the beginning of 3 & 5 p.m. Christmas Eve Services. Music pick up November 23. Email maryhurt@elmopres.org if interested.

Greening of the Church, Saturday, November 29, 9 a.m. Help us deck the halls!

Join the Poinsettia Delivery Team, email Ashley at admin@elmopres.org to sign-up to bring Christmas cheer to our homebound members after worship Sunday, November 30.

Read the Narnia Series before our Narnia outreach event! We have 3 complete sets available to borrow in the church office. Stop by the desk in the lobby and check a book out.

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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