

WORSHIP

El Montecito
Presbyterian Church



Sunday, November 9, 2025

"May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Thessalonians 5:23

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

David Talbott

Welcome to Our Life Together

Tom Haugen

Prayer of Invocation

Music of Preparation

Come and Listen

GIVING PRAISE TO GOD

Psalm 98

*Call to Worship

Leader: Sing to the LORD a new song for he has done marvelous things; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

People: The LORD has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations. He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Leader: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music; make music to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing, with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn - shout for joy before the LORD, the King.

All: Let the sea resound, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it. Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy; let them sing before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity.

** Please stand as you are able.*

***Hymn of Praise**

'Tis So Sweet

1. 'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus
And to take him at his word
Just to rest upon his promise
And to know, "Thus saith the Lord."

Chorus

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him!
How I've proved him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust him more!

2. Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus
Just from sin and self to cease
Just from Jesus simply taking
Life and rest, and joy and peace
(*Chorus*)
3. I'm so glad I learned to trust thee
Precious Jesus, Savior, friend
And I know that thou art with me
Wilt be with me to the end
(*Chorus*)

Confession of Sin Unison

Holy and gracious God, You call us to live as children of the light—awake, alert, and faithful. Yet we have drifted into complacency and darkness. You urge us to rejoice always, pray continually, and give thanks in all things, but we have been anxious, silent, and ungrateful. You call us to encourage one another and to hold fast to what is good, but we have spoken carelessly and clung to what is evil. Forgive us, Lord. Renew us by Your Spirit, that we may walk in Your light, rejoice in Your will, and be found blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

Psalm 103:11-12

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

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 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

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

Dan Patterson

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

*Hymn of Preparation

Rest on Us

As the Spirit was moving over the waters
Spirit come move over us
Come rest on us, come rest on us
(Repeat 3 more times)

Come down
Spirit when you move
You make my heart pound
When you fill the room
You're here and I know you are moving,
I'm here and I know you will fill me
(Repeat)

As the Spirit was moving over the waters
Spirit come move over us
Come rest on us, come rest on us
(Repeat)

Come down
Spirit when you move
You make my heart pound
When you fill the room
You're here and I know you are moving,
I'm here and I know you will fill me
(Repeat)

Fire and wind would you do it again
Open up the gates let Heaven come in
Come rest on us, rest on us
(Repeat 2 more times)

Come down
Spirit when you move
You make my heart pound
When you fill the room
You're here and I know you are moving,
I'm here and I know you will fill me
(Repeat)

Scripture

1 Thessalonians 5:1-28

Sermon

"How to Prepare for the Return of Jesus"

Tom Haugen

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

***Hymn of Response**

Amazing Grace

1. Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear,
The hour I first believed.
3. Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far
And grace will lead me home
4. When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we've first begun
5. Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.
Was blind, but now I see.

***Benediction**

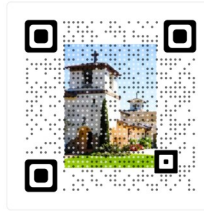
Postlude

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

Emily Sommermann, David Talbott & Daniella Terry

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-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: November 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: Josefina Everett, Brian Johnson, Ann Marie King, 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.
- 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 \$178583

Expenses YTD \$229,115

Net (\$50,530)

Acts 1:8 Connection: Outreach Ministries

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.

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. We'll enjoy lattes, learning and encouraging one another. The November 20th topic is "Creating Family Traditions During the Holidays"

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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