

WORSHIP

El Montecito
Presbyterian Church



Sunday, November 23, 2025

"And as for you, brothers and sisters, never tire of doing what is good."

2 Thessalonians 3:13

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Welcome to Our Life Together

Tom Haugen

Prayer of Invocation

Music of Preparation

Holy, Holy, Holy

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

GIVING PRAISE TO GOD

*Call to Worship

Psalm 145

Leader: I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever.

People: Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever. Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.

Leader: 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.

Leader: The LORD is righteous in all his ways and faithful in all he does.

All: The LORD is near to all who call on him in truth. He fulfills the desires of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them. 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.

** Please stand as you are able.*

***Hymn of Praise**

For the Beauty of the Earth

1. For the beauty of the earth
For the glory of the skies
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies

Chorus

Christ our God, to Thee we raise
This our sacrifice of praise

2. For the beauty of each hour
Of the day and of the night
Hill and vale, and tree and flow'r
Sun and moon and stars of light

3. For the joy of human love
Brother, sister, parent, child
Friends on earth, and friends above
For all gentle thoughts and mild
4. For each perfect Gift of Thine
To our race so freely given,
Graces human and Divine,
Flowers of earth, and buds of Heaven

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 us our sins for the sake of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. And grant that from now on we might serve you in newness of life. Amen.

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

Titus 3:4-7

But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

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

Leanne Patterson

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

***Hymn of Preparation**

He Will Hold Me Fast

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| 1. When I fear my faith will fail
Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail
He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold
He must hold me fast | 3. For my life He bled and died
Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied
He will hold me fast
Raised with Him to endless life
He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight
When He comes at last |
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Chorus

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| He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so
He will hold me fast | 2. Those He saves are His delight
Christ will hold me fast
Precious in His holy sight
He will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost
His Promises shall last
Bought by Him at such a cost
He will hold me fast |
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Scripture

2 Thessalonians 2 & 3

Sermon

"Stability for God's People"

Tom Haugen



Sermon notes:

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn of Response

Lion and the Lamb

1. He's coming on the clouds
Kings and kingdoms will bow down
And every chain will break
As broken hearts declare His praise
For who can stop the Lord Almighty

2. So open up the gates
Make way before the King of kings
The God who comes to save
Is here to set the captives free
For who can stop the Lord Almighty

Chorus

Our God is the Lion
The Lion of Judah
He's roaring with power
And fighting our battles
And every knee will bow before Him
Our God is the Lamb
The Lamb that was slain
For the sins of the world
His blood breaks the chains
And every knee will bow
Before the Lion and the Lamb
Every knee will bow before Him

Bridge

Who can stop the Lord Almighty
Who can stop the Lord Almighty

***Benediction**

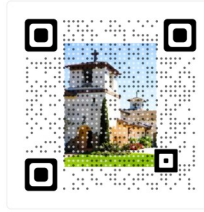
Postlude

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

Mary Hurt & ELMO Pres. Kids

Welcome Visitors! We are glad you are worshipping 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. No youth group Dec. 5. Next up: December 19th!

ELMO Pres College “Catch a Ride” from Clark dorm at 9:35 a.m. Next College Lunch in the Creative Studios is Dec. 14. Interested in serving and/or discipleship opportunities? Contact 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 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, 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.

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. Beginning an Intervarsity study of Isaiah. Contact Barb at bkennedy@westmont.edu with questions.

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

Christmas Eve Choir Pick up music TODAY and sign-up in the church office! 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.

Narnia Tea Volunteer Meeting TODAY, following worship in Fellowship Hall.

M4 Poultry Drive to benefit the Food Bank of Santa Barbara. Deliver frozen chickens or turkeys to bin in parking lot TODAY, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Greening of the Church, Saturday, November 29, 9:30 a.m. Help us deck the halls!

Narnia Decorating & Clean-up Schedule: Join us for a fun week of decorating and fellowship beginning Saturday, November 29. Come anytime between these hours, and we'll find a job for you:

Decorating Schedule:

Saturday, 11/29 9:30-11:00

Monday, 12/1 11:30-4:00

Tuesday, 12/2 9:30-4:00

Wednesday, 12/3 9:30-4:00

Thursday, 12/4 9:30-12:00

Clean Up Schedule Post-Narnia:

Saturday, 12/6 3:00-4:30

Sunday, 12/7 11:30-1:00

Monday, 12/8 1:00-3:00

Tuesday, 12/9 10:00-12:00 & 1:00-3:00

Joy Reflected Luncheon, December 11 at 11:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Email Barb bkennedy@westmont.edu to RSVP. All widows, including neighbors & friends, are welcome.

Connect with our Ministry Partners: Our ministry partners enjoy receiving encouraging notes. Contact information: Greg & Chris Callison: gregandchris@callison.net; James & Renata Bultema: jamesbultema@spccturkey.com, renatabultema@spccturkey.com; Dana & Karen Ostby: danaostby@gmail.com, karina@lite.email; Ryan & Brittany Warner: rwarner@fca.org, bwarner@fca.org; United World Mission, Mexico, Mayu Guillen Villanueva: mayuguivi@gmail.com; Manuel & Laura Vivanco: laura.vivanco@uwm.org; Rancho Sordo Mundo, Ed Everett: mrneondemexico@hotmail.com, Luke Everett: sanlucasrsm@gmail.com.

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If you would like to connect with one of the following, please email:

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