

WORSHIP

El Montecito
Presbyterian Church



Sunday, November 30, 2025

"For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

Isaiah 9:6

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Welcome to Our Life Together

Tom Haugen

Prayer of Invocation

Music of Preparation

GIVING PRAISE TO GOD

*Call to Worship

Psalm 33

Leader: Sing joyfully to the LORD, you righteous; it is fitting for the upright to praise him.

People: For the word of the LORD is right and true; he is faithful in all he does. The LORD loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his unfailing love.

Leader: Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the people of the world revere him. For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm. The plans of the LORD stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations.

All: We wait in hope for the LORD; he is our help and our shield. In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name. May your unfailing love be with us LORD, even as we put our hope in you.

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Hope

Thompson Family

** Please stand as you are able.*

***Hymn of Praise**

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

1. Come, Thou long expected Jesus,
Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us;
Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear Desire of ev'ry nation,
Joy of every longing heart.
2. Born Thy people to deliver,
Born a child, and yet a King,
Born to reign in us for ever,
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all-sufficient merit
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

Confession of Sin Unison

Father God, you promised to lift our heads in hope by redeeming our dark world and making all things new. But we often live with too little hope, for we forget that your power works through humble means. You are the humble King who serves us. But we want to be served rather than to serve, for we do not see hope in being humble before you. You came to us humbly in the form of a child. But we seek hope in our strength and achievements, for we do not trust your power to work through our weakness. You came to us in a humble place. But we avoid places where we feel weak and unprepared, for we do not see your glory and hope in humble places. Messiah, have mercy on us.

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

Ephesian 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 - for 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!

Verse 3 of Silent Night

How silently, how silently
The wondrous gift is given
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of His heaven
No ear may hear His coming
But in this world of sin
Where meek souls will receive Him still
The dear Christ enters in

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

Barney Melekian

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

*Hymn of Preparation

Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming

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| 1. Lo how a Rose e'er blooming
From tender stem hath sprung
Of Jesse's lineage coming
As seers of old have sung
It came a blossom bright
Amid the cold of winter
When half-spent was the night | 3. O Flower whose fragrance tender
With sweetness fills the air
Dispel in glorious splendour
The darkness everywhere
True man yet very God
From sin and death now save us
And share our every load |
| 2. Isaiah 'twas foretold it
The Rose I have in mind
With Mary we behold it
The Virgin Mother kind
To show God's love aright
She bore to us a Saviour
When half-spent was the night | |

Scripture

Sermon

Isaiah 9:2-7

Tom Haugen

"The Light Has Dawned"



Sermon notes:

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn of Response

For Unto Us a Child is Born / Angels We Have Heard on High

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| 1. For unto us a child is born
For unto us a child is born
Unto us a Son is given
Unto us a Son is given (repeat) | 2. Shepherds why this jubilee
Why your joyous strains prolong
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heav'nly song |
| 2. And His name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor
The mighty God
The Everlasting Father
The Prince of Peace
The Everlasting Father
The Prince of Peace | 3. Come to Bethlehem and see
Christ whose birth the angels sing
Come adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord the newborn King |
| | 4. See Him in a manger laid
Whom the choirs of angels praise
Mary Joseph lend your aid
While our hearts in love we raise |
- "Angels We Have Heard on High"*

1. Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains

Chorus

Gloria
In excelsis Deo
Gloria
In excelsis Deo

***Benediction**

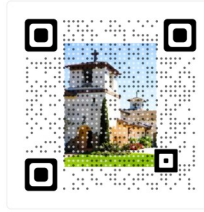
Postlude

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

Annie Haugen, Mary Hurt & Alita Rhodes

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. 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 Shirley Fender.
- Bereavement for the family and friends of Norman Marks, father of Deborah Bertling.
- 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 Intersity 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 Practice begins TODAY! 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 Decorating & Clean-up Schedule: Join us for a fun week of decorating & fellowship beginning tomorrow! Come anytime between these hours, and we'll find a job for you:

Decorating Schedule:	Clean Up Schedule Post-Narnia:
Monday, 12/1 11:30-4:00	Saturday, 12/6 3:00-4:30
Tuesday, 12/2 9:30-4:00	Sunday, 12/7 11:30-1:00
Wednesday, 12/3 9:30-4:00	Monday, 12/8 1:00-3:00
Thursday, 12/4 9:30-12:00	Tuesday, 12/9 10:00-12:00 & 1:00-3:00

Toy and Warm Clothing Drive Drop off toys, jackets, sweaters, socks & underwear for ages 5-12 to our collection bin in the church office thru December 15.

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.

Acts 1:8 Connection: Outreach Ministries

El Montecito Presbyterian Church supports ministry partners near and far including Santa Barbara Rescue Mission, open 365 days a year. SBRM provides homeless services to guests with showers, meals and beds. They also operate a highly successful drug and alcohol treatment program. Please pray:

- Support for the new Connected Care programs for men and women to offer supportive care and transitional housing for a long term solution to homelessness.
- Support and donations for the December 18th Christmas Feast and Giveaway. This event will offer a hot meal and shopping experience for the Mission's guests. They are seeking donations of blankets, winter coats, sweatshirts and sweatpants, flannel or fleece lined shirts, hats and lots of work boots and shoes. You may drop off your donations at the Rescue Mission.

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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