

WORSHIP

El Montecito
Presbyterian Church



Sunday, January 11, 2026

*"So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them." Genesis 1:27*

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Mary Hurt

Welcome to Our Life Together

Tom Haugen

Prayer of Invocation

Music of Preparation

GIVING PRAISE TO GOD

Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good. His love endures forever.

People: Give thanks to the God of gods. Give thanks to the LORD of lords: to him who alone does great wonders.

Leader: His love endures forever.

People: Who by his understanding made the heavens, who spread out the earth upon the waters, who made the great lights - the sun to govern the day, the moon and the stars to govern the night.

Leader: His love endures forever.

All: He remembered us in our low estate and freed us from our enemies. He gives food to every creature. Give thanks to the God of heaven. His love endures forever.

** Please stand as you are able.*

***Hymn of Praise**

All Creatures of Our God and King

1. All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou, burning sun with golden beam
Thou, silver moon with softer gleam
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
2. Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son
And praise the Spirit, Three-in-One
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
3. All the redeemed washed by His blood
Come and rejoice in His great love
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Christ has defeated every sin
Cast all your burdens now on Him
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
4. He shall return in pow'r to reign
Heaven and earth will join to say
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Then who shall fall on bended knee?
All creatures of our God and King
O praise Him! O praise Him!

Confession of Sin Unison

Father God, Creator God, in the beginning, you spoke, and all things came into being. You formed light and life, land and sea, and you declared your creation good. Yet we confess that we have not lived as faithful creatures. You called us to reflect your image, but we have distorted it by our selfishness and pride. You entrusted us with your world, yet we have exploited what you made to steward. You ordered creation with wisdom and care, but we often bring disorder into our lives, our relationships, and your world through our sin and neglect. You called your work good, yet we complain instead of giving thanks. You rested on the seventh day and blessed it, but we confess that we resist your gift of rest. We trust our striving more than your provision, and we forget that you are God and we are not. Forgive us, O Lord. Restore in us the joy of being your creatures, renew in us your image, and teach us again to live in obedience, gratitude, and trust. We confess our sin to you in silence.

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

1 Timothy 2:3-6

God our savior wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of truth. For there is one god and one mediator between God and mankind, Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all people.

Leader: Hear and believe the good news of the gospel!

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

GIVING OURSELVES & OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

Prayer of Dedication for Our Tithes & Offerings

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 & 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 & the world.



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

Larry Godec

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

*Hymn of Preparation

How Great Thou Art

1. O Lord my God when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made
I see the stars I hear the mighty thunder
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed

Chorus

- Then sings my soul, my Saviour, God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
Then sings my soul, my Saviour, God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze
3. And when I think that God His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die I scarce can take it in
That on the Cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin
4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home what joy shall fill my heart
Then shall I bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim my God how great Thou art

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn of Response

God the Uncreated One (King Forevermore)

1. God the uncreated One
The Author of salvation
Who wrote the laws of space and time
And fashioned worlds to His design
The One whom angel hosts revere
Hung the stars like chandeliers
Numbered every grain of sand
Knows the heart of every man
He is King forever
He is King forever
He is King forevermore
2. God our fortress and our strength
The Rock on which we can depend
Matchless in His majesty
His power and authority
Unshaken by the schemes of man
Never changing Great I am
Kingdoms rise and kingdoms fall
He is faithful through it all
Crown Him King forever
Crown Him King forever
Crown Him King forevermore
3. Mighty God in mortal flesh
Forsaken by a traitor's kiss
The curse of sin and centuries
Did pierce the lowly Prince of Peace
Lifted high the sinless man
Crucified the spotless Lamb
Buried by the sons of man
Rescued by the Father's hand
To reign as King forever
Reign as King forever
Reign as King forevermore
4. King eternal God of grace
We crown You with the highest praise
Heaven shouts and saints adore
You're holy, holy, holy, Lord
What joy in everlasting life
All is love and faith is sight
Justice rolls and praises rise
At the name of Jesus Christ
King of kings forever
King of kings forever
King of kings forevermore

*Benediction

Postlude

The flowers this Sunday are given in memory of Jean Svoboda.

Welcome Visitors!

We are glad you are worshipping with us today. **Please fill out a visitor card or scan the QR code with your phone's camera** to fill out a Connect Form so we may get to know you better. Visit our website at: www.elmopres.org, find us on Instagram @elmopres or subscribe to our YouTube channel. You are welcome to join us for our weekly worship gatherings every Sunday at 10 a.m.



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: January 16! *Roots of the Faith (Confirmation)* begins January 25: Sundays, 8:45-9:45 a.m., in Creative Studios for 7-9th graders.

ELMO Pres College "Catch a Ride" from Clark dorm at 9:35 a.m. *College Small Group Bible Study* at the Haugens, Tuesdays, 7-8 p.m. (Catch a ride from Clark—pick up at 6:50 p.m.) Begins January 13! *Super Bowl Party*: Join us in the Great Room on Sunday, Feb 8, at 3 p.m. Bring snacks to share! We'll provide dinner!

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: Ann Marie King, Curt & Erlyne Whiteman and Jim Worthen.
- For Imre Patterson, recovery from surgery. Sign-up to bring the Pattersons a meal here: www.mealtrain.com/trains/vd6996
- Bereavement for the family and friends of Shirley Fender.
- Bereavement for the family and friends of Norman Marks, father of Deborah Bertling.
- Bereavement for the family and friends of Jean Svoboda.

Acts 1:8 Connection: Outreach Ministries

Our church supports ministries and service organizations near and far, including Mayu Guillen serving in Morelia, Mexico with United World Missions working with high school students and women in crisis recovery.

- Pray for Mayu's ministry, that God would continue to strengthen, sustain, and guide her as she mentors 7 women: for safety, healing, dignity, and renewed hope for Mary, Ivonne, Josefina, Carmen, Juanita, Luna & Doris.
- Pray for the high school students she mentors who are facing crisis, violence, or emotional harm, that they may encounter peace and new beginnings.

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, 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Our theme is *God Will Make a Way*. Join us anytime for small friendship groups, music with Deborah Bertling and Barbi Wilson, and teaching by Patty Wilson. For more info or 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., 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.

Roots of the Faith (Confirmation) begins January 25! This class will help 7th-9th grade students dive in and study some of the foundational doctrines of the Christian Faith. At the end of the class, you'll have an opportunity to become a Covenant Partner, confirm your faith in Christ, and be baptized if you haven't yet done so. Sundays, 8:45-9:45 a.m. in the Creative Studio Great Room. To RSVP email Pastor Lauri: laurihaugen@elmopres.org

New Class Series: Finishing Our Race With Joy, begins Tuesday, January 27 at 10:30 a.m. Join us for four classes that will inform and encourage those of us who are closer to the end of our race. The first class is on Tuesday, January 27 at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Kristina Perkins from the District Attorney's office will talk about what scams are currently used in Santa Barbara and how to avoid being scammed. A light lunch will be served. Please email Mary Slater to RSVP: maryslater805@gmail.com

IMPACT short term mission trip applications **due February 1**. For more information and to apply, visit <https://www.impact-theglobe.org/>

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