

WORSHIP

El Montecito
Presbyterian Church



Sunday, January 18, 2026

*This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created,
when the LORD God made the earth and the heavens. Genesis 2:4*

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Welcome to Our Life Together

Tom Haugen

Prayer of Invocation

Music of Preparation

*I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice
To worship you, O my soul rejoice
Take joy, my King, in what you hear
Let it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear*

GIVING PRAISE TO GOD

Psalms 8

*Call to Worship

Leader: LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory in the heavens.

People: Through the praise of children and infants you have established a stronghold against your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger.

Leader: When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them?

People: You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor.

Leader: You made them rulers over the works of your hands; you put everything under their feet: all flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild, the birds in the sky, and the fish in the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas.

All: LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

** Please stand as you are able.*

***Hymn of Praise**

Everything

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| 1. Praise the Lord
Praise Him in His sanctuary
Sing the greatness of His glory
Praise the Lord | 3. Praise the Lord
Praise the King of all creation
Sing the song of His salvation
Praise the Lord |
| 2. Praise the Lord
Praise Him with the cymbals crashing
Winds and brass and strings and dancing
Praise the Lord | 4. Praise the Lord
Praise Him with the voice He's given
Everywhere in earth and Heaven
Praise the Lord |

Chorus

Let everything, everything
Let everything that breathes
Let everything that breathes
Come praise the Lord

Confession of Sin Unison

Father God, we realize that we are part of your kingdom, that you created us and have a purpose for us. We are sorry that we become so engrossed with ourselves and our worldly matters. We do not give time to consider why you made us, who we are and that you placed us where we are. We place ourselves in the center of our world and make life all about us; so we feel we can manage life by ourselves and are in control. Forgive us and cleanse us. Help us to move from inwardly directed, selfish lives, to lives of upward worship and outward love that we were created to live. We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

Psalm 103:12

As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed 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

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

Connie Wilson

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

*Hymn of Preparation

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

1. I sing the mighty pow'r of God
That made the mountains rise
That spread the flowing seas abroad
And built the lofty skies
I sing the wisdom that ordained
The sun to rule the day
The moon shines full at His command
And all the stars obey
2. I sing the goodness of the Lord
Who filled the earth with food
He formed the creatures with His Word
And then pronounced them good
Lord how Thy wonders are displayed
Where'er I turn my eye
If I survey the ground I tread
Or gaze upon the sky
3. There's not a plant or flow'r below
But makes Thy glories known
And clouds arise and tempests blow
By order from Thy throne
While all that borrows life from Thee
Is ever in Thy care
And everywhere that man can be
Thou God art present there

Scripture

Genesis 2:4-25

Sermon

“Image, Identity, and Vocation”

Tom Haugen



Sermon notes:

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn of Response

All Glory Be to Christ

1. Should nothing of our efforts stand
No legacy survive
Unless the Lord does raise the house
In vain its builders strive
To you who boast tomorrow's gain
Tell me what is your life
A mist that vanishes at dawn
All glory be to Christ
2. His will be done His kingdom come
On earth as is above
Who is Himself our daily bread
Praise Him the Lord of love
Let living water satisfy
The thirsty without price
We'll take a cup of kindness yet
All glory be to Christ
3. When on the day the great I Am
The faithful and the true
The Lamb who was for sinners slain
Is making all things new
Behold our God shall live with us
And be our steadfast light
And we shall e'er his people be
All glory be to Christ

Chorus

All glory be to Christ our king
All glory be to Christ
His rule and reign we'll ever sing
All glory be to Christ

*Benediction

Postlude

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

Mary, Ella and Thaddeus Hurt, Annie Haugen, Rand Olsen, Dana Stewart,
David Talbott, Mackenzie, Vera and Ellie Warner, & Jim Wilson

*The flowers today are given in joyful celebration of Mary Slater's birthday and in
thankful recognition of her service to the church*

Welcome Visitors!

We are glad you are worshiping 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: February 6 & 20!

Roots of the Faith (Confirmation) begins January 25: Sundays, 8:45-9:45 a.m., in Creative Studios for 7-9th graders. RSVP: laurihaugen@elmopres.org

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.
- 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 Network Medical Women's Center. NMWC is a non-profit medical clinic serving women in unplanned pregnancies with early medical services to confirm their pregnancies and with community resources to support their decision to choose life. Praising God for the 93 lives saved in 2025, and 10 Professions of Faith in Jesus. Please support NMWC by praying -

- For wisdom as we seek God's guidance and direction for 2026.
- For the hearts of our patients to be turned toward their unborn.
- For healing for women and men hurting from a past abortion.
- For the planning of the fundraiser to be smooth and successful.

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., Intersarsity 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 Studios 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.

What does your spiritual foundation look like? Is it in good shape? Are you ready for the storms of life? These are some topics we will be presenting in the coming weeks: What kinds of scams are happening in Santa Barbara and how can I avoid them? How can I leave documents that will give my loved one's the helpful information they need? What can I do if I move to a smaller space? What do I do with all my stuff? How can I deal with grief? How do we make the difficult decisions that will come along? What can I do to be as ready as possible for the end of my life? What community resources are available to us as we age? Class will meet every other Tuesday beginning January 27th. A light lunch will be served. Everyone is welcome. Please email Mary Slater to RSVP: maryslater805@gmail.com

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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