

WORSHIP

El Montecito
Presbyterian Church



Sunday, January 25, 2026

"When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it." Genesis 3:6

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Welcome to Our Life Together

Tom Haugen

Prayer of Invocation

Music of Preparation

GIVING PRAISE TO GOD

Psalm 139

*Call to Worship

Leader: You have searched me, LORD, and you know me.

People: You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.

Leader: You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.

People: Before a word is on my tongue you, LORD, know it completely. You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.

Leader: Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?

People: If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.

Leader: How precious to me are your thoughts, God! How vast the sum of them!

All: Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

* Please stand as you are able.

*Hymn of Praise

1. All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name
Let angels prostrate fall
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all
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And crown Him Lord of all
2. Ye chosen seed of Israel's race
Ye ransomed from the fall
Hail Him who saves you by His grace
And crown Him Lord of all
Hail Him who saves you by His grace
And crown Him Lord of all
3. Let ev'ry kindred ev'ry tribe
On this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all
4. Oh, that with all the sacred throng
we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song
and crown him Lord of all.
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and crown him Lord of all.

Confession of Sin Unison

Merciful God, You created us for trust, obedience and joyful communion with You. Yet like Adam and Eve, we listen to voices that distort Your truth. We question Your goodness and doubt Your word. We reach for what You have not given, seeking wisdom apart from You, and autonomy instead of faithfulness. When our eyes are opened to our sin, we hide from Your presence. We cover ourselves with excuses and half-truths, and we shift the blame, onto others, onto circumstances, onto You. You call to us, "Where are you?" Not because You do not know, but because You desire our return. Forgive us, O Lord, for our disobedience and fear, for our pride and our denial, for choosing our own way instead of Yours. By Your mercy, draw us out of hiding. Clothe us with Your grace, restore us to right relationship, and teach us again to walk with You in trust and obedience. We confess our sin before You, and we place our hope not in ourselves, but in Your steadfast love and redeeming promise. Amen.

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

Ephesians 2:4-5

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 - it is by grace you have been saved.

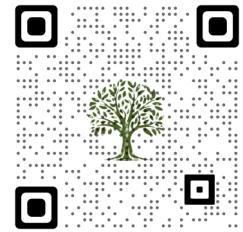
Leader: Hear and believe the good news of the gospel!

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

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

Barney Melekian

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

*Hymn of Preparation

His Mercy is More

1. What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient all knowing He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many His mercy is more
2. What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father so tender is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor
Our sins they are many His mercy is more
3. What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Chorus

Praise the Lord, His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness, new every morn
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

Scripture

Genesis 3:1-13

Sermon

“Temptation and the Human Heart”

Tom Haugen



Sermon notes:

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn of Response

Thy Mercy My God

1. Thy mercy my God is the theme of my song
The joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue
Thy free grace alone from the first to the last
Hath won my affections and bound my soul fast
2. Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here
Sin would reduce me to utter despair
But through Thy free goodness my spirits revive
And He that first made me still keeps me alive
3. Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart
Dissolved by Thy goodness I fall to the ground
And weep for the praise of the mercy I found

Chorus

Hallelujah
Hallelujah

4. Great Father of mercies Thy goodness I own
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son
All praise to the Spirit whose whisper divine
Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine
All praise to the Spirit whose whisper divine
Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine

Ministry Moment

Young Life

Adam Spradley

*Benediction

Postlude

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

Deborah Bertling and Mary Hurt

*The flowers today are given by his family in joyful celebration of
Cal Marble's 90th birthday.*

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) began today! 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! College WhatsApp Group: ELMO Pres College

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.
- Bereavement for the family and friends of Lou Browdy.

Acts 1:8 Connection: Outreach Ministries

El Montecito Presbyterian Church supports ministries near and far including Adam Spradley with Young Life, serving Santa Barbara with the mission of introducing kids to Jesus and helping them grow in their faith. As a Staff Associate, Adam primarily serves in the Goleta sector—Dos Pueblos High School, Goleta Valley Junior High, and developing new leaders from UCSB and SBCC. YL's vision is to meet kids where they are and invite them into a relationship with Jesus Christ.

- Praise for the consistent kids currently attending Young Life each week.
- Pray for our leaders to be filled with peace and be refreshed each week.
- Pray for kids to receive the Word of the Lord and experience his love.

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*. Call Patty Wilson 805-689-4496 or text Deborah Bertling 805-698-0952 to sign-up!

Bible Study Fellowship, Wednesdays, 9:30-11 a.m. Preschool program for children ages 0-5. Register at www.bsfinternational.org

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.

Finishing Our Race With Joy, begins Jan. 27 at 10:30 a.m. Class meets every other Tuesday in Fellowship Hall. A light lunch will be served. RSVP: maryslater805@gmail.com

Prayer Class with Ben Patterson begins Sunday, February 1 following worship in the Library at 11:30 a.m.

GriefShare begins Feb. 2 at 10 a.m. for 13 weeks at Montecito Covenant Church. GriefShare is a non-denominational support group that you may attend at any point. Each session is self-contained and it is not required to attend in sequence. Registration is \$20. Call Pam Sneddon at 805-451-6600 for more info or visit www.griefshare.org

2025 Giving Statements will be mailed & sent electronically by Jan. 31. In the future, **2026 quarterly statements** will be sent electronically. Annual statements will continue to be sent both ways. To update your email address or indicate your mailing preferences, please call or email the office: 805-969-5041/ admin@elmopres.org

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