

# WORSHIP

El Montecito  
Presbyterian Church



Sunday, February 15, 2026

*"If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it." Genesis 4:7*

---

## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

### Prelude

Welcome to Our Life Together

Tom Haugen

Prayer of Invocation

Music of Preparation

## GIVING PRAISE TO GOD

Psalm 103

### \*Call to Worship

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love.

**People: According to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.**

Leader: Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

**People: Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit away from me.**

**Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.**

Leader: Then I will teach transgressors your way, so that sinners will turn back to you.

**People: Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God, you who are God my Savior, and my tongue will sing of your righteousness.**

Leader: Open my lips, Lord, and my mouth will declare your praise.

**All: You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings. My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise. May it please you to prosper Zion, to build up the walls of Jerusalem. Then you will delight in the sacrifices of the righteous, in burnt offerings offered whole; then bulls will be offered on your altar.**

*\* Please stand as you are able.*

## **\*Hymn of Praise**

*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

1. Come Thou fount of ev'ry blessing  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace  
Streams of mercy never ceasing  
Call for songs of loudest praise  
Teach me some melodious sonnet  
Sung by flaming tongues above  
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it  
Mount of Thy redeeming love
2. Hitherto Thy love has blessed me  
Thou hast brought me to this place  
And I know Thy hand will bring me  
Safely home by Thy good grace  
Jesus sought me when a stranger  
Wand'ring from the fold of God  
He to rescue me from danger  
Interposed His precious blood
3. Oh to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be  
Let Thy goodness like a fetter  
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee  
Prone to wander Lord I feel it  
Prone to leave the God I love  
Here's my heart O take and seal it  
Seal it for Thy courts above
4. Oh that day when freed from sinning  
I shall see Thy lovely face  
Full arrayed in blood-washed linen  
How I'll sing Thy sovereign grace  
Come my Lord no longer tarry  
Bring Thy promises to pass  
For I know Thy pow'r will keep me  
Till I'm home with Thee at last

## **Confession of Sin Unison**

**Father God, you created us to live as one family, yet we have let jealousy, pride and anger guide our hearts. We have compared ourselves to others, ignored suffering, and failed to care for our neighbors. Too often we have turned away and asked, "Am I my brother's keeper?" Forgive us for the harm we have done in word and deed. Have mercy on us and mark us with your grace. Teach us humility over envy, peace over anger and love over selfishness. Restore us and lead us to walk faithfully as your reconciled people. Amen.**

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

## **Assurance of Forgiveness**

Isaiah 44:22

I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud and your sins like mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you.

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](http://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

Kirk Gilbert

## PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

### \*Hymn of Preparation

*When I Survey the Wonderful Cross/Heart of Worship*

When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of glory died  
My richest gain I count but loss  
And pour contempt on all my pride  
See from His head His hands His feet  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown

#### *Refrain*

I'm coming back to the heart of worship  
And it's all about You, all about You, Jesus  
I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it  
When it's all about You, all about You, Jesus  
King of endless worth, no one could express  
How much You deserve  
Though I'm weak and poor, all I have is Yours,  
Ev'ry single breath

I'll bring You more than a song  
For a song in itself  
Is not what You have required  
You search much deeper within  
Through the way things appear  
You're looking into my heart (Refrain)  
Were the whole realm of nature mine  
That were an offering far too small  
Love so amazing so divine  
Demands my soul my life my all

**Scripture**

Genesis 4:1-16

**Sermon**

*"Cain and Abel: Sin at the Door"*

Tom Haugen



Sermon notes:

# GOING IN GOD'S NAME

## \*Hymn of Response

*O Come to the Altar*

1. Are you hurting and broken within  
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin  
Jesus is calling  
Have you come to the end of yourself  
Do you thirst for a drink from the well  
Jesus is calling

### *Chorus*

- O come to the altar  
The Father's arms are open wide  
Forgiveness was bought with  
The precious blood of Jesus Christ
2. Leave behind your regrets and mistakes  
Come today there's no reason to wait  
Jesus is calling  
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy  
From the ashes a new life is born  
Jesus is calling

## \*Benediction

## Postlude

### *Bridge*

- Oh what a Savior  
Isn't He wonderful  
Sing alleluia, Christ is risen  
Bow down before Him  
For He is Lord of all  
Sing alleluia, Christ is risen
3. Bear your cross  
As you wait for the crown  
Tell the world of the treasure  
You've found

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

*Deborah Bertling & Mary Hurt*

## 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](http://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 20!

**ELMO Pres College** "Catch a Ride" from Clark dorm at 9:35 a.m. on Sundays.

*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.)

## 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](mailto: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, Rev. Jon Wilson & Jim Worthen.
- Bereavement for the family and friends of Lou Browdy.

### Year-to-Date Financial Report: July '25—December '25

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Revenue	\$486,135	\$498,118	(\$11,983)
Expenses	\$445,819	\$461,779	\$15,960
<b>Net</b>	<b>\$40,317</b>	<b>\$36,339</b>	<b>\$3,978</b>

## Acts 1:8 Connection: Outreach Ministries

El Montecito Presbyterian Church supports ministries near and far including Santa Barbara Rescue Mission provides free year-long residential treatment programs for adults seeking to recover from addictions. It's also the only organization between Oxnard and Santa Maria offering hot meals, showers and overnight accommodations for up to 200 homeless guests each night, 365 nights a year. Totally funded by private donations, SBRM's services have grown to include locating permanent housing for formerly homeless clients. Please pray:

- For their guests to be able to transition to stable shelter & experience lasting transformation
- For the needed renovations to their new women's sober living home to be completed
- For God's wisdom & discernment in addressing the changing needs of those they serve
- For those completing their year-long treatment program & graduating Saturday, March 21st

## 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](http://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](mailto:bkennedy@westmont.edu) with questions.

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

**With Christ in the School of Prayer, 11:30-12:30 in Library**. Please join us as we gather to pray with Christ, who is even now praying for us (Hebrews 7:25). This is not simply a class, but an invitation into a deeper way of life, learning prayer by practicing it together for the church and the world.

**Church Offices closed** Monday, February 16 in observance of Presidents' Day

**Prayer Shawl Ministry**, join us every third Thursday of the month in Fellowship Hall from 1:30-3:30 p.m. to knit and crochet baby blankets and prayer shawls. Next up: February 19!

**Finishing Our Race With Joy**, Tuesday, Feb. 24 in Fellowship Hall at 10:30 a.m. A light lunch will be served. RSVP: [maryslater805@gmail.com](mailto:maryslater805@gmail.com) "How to simplify your life to make your future easier" Learn about "right-sizing" your home from Susan Wennerstrom.

**Easter Choir Practices** begin Sunday, March 1 following worship. Brief 15 minute rehearsals. Contact Worship Director Mary Hurt [maryhurt@elmopres.org](mailto:maryhurt@elmopres.org) for more information.

**Office hours, Monday—Thursday, 9 a.m.—2 p.m.**

*Rev. Dr. Tom Haugen, Pastor*

*Rev. Lauri Haugen, Asst. Pastor to Families*

*Mary Hurt, Worship Director*

*Ashley Olsen, Office Manager*

*Barbara Mendelson, Treasurer*

*Michele Sullivan, Accountant*

**El Montecito Early School**

*Jenny Thompson, Director*

*The Entire Congregation, Ministers of the Gospel*

**805-969-5041**

[tomhaugen@elmopres.org](mailto:tomhaugen@elmopres.org)

[laurihaugen@elmopres.org](mailto:laurihaugen@elmopres.org)

[maryhurt@elmopres.org](mailto:maryhurt@elmopres.org)

[admin@elmopres.org](mailto:admin@elmopres.org)

[accounting@elmopres.org](mailto:accounting@elmopres.org)

**805-969-3566**

[jenny@elmopres.org](mailto:jenny@elmopres.org)

**Elders**

*Tom Haugen, Moderator*

*Janet Gates, Clerk of Session*

*Erin Barr*

*Kersten Barr*

*Kirk Gilbert*

*Larry James*

*Leanne Patterson*

**Deacons**

*Susan Dau, Congregational Care, Secretary*

*Terry Foil, Community Life*

*Pamela Gilbert, Receptions, Secretary*

*Darlene James, Community Life*

*Brian Johnson, Receptions*

*Fran Lambeth, Congregational Care*

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

Elders: [elders@elmopres.org](mailto:elders@elmopres.org)

Deacons: [deacons@elmopres.org](mailto:deacons@elmopres.org)

Prayer Chain: [prayers@elmopres.org](mailto:prayers@elmopres.org)



1455 East Valley Rd., Montecito

**Mailing:** P.O. Box 5369,

Santa Barbara, CA 93150

[www.elmopres.org](http://www.elmopres.org)

