

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

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

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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 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 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

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross/Heart of Worship

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

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

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

Deborah Bertling & Mary Hurt

O Come to the Altar

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

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 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. 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

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

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

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.

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 "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 for more information.

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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