

# WORSHIP

El Montecito  
Presbyterian Church



Sunday, February 22, 2026

*"At that time people began to call on the name of the LORD." Genesis 4:26*

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## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

### Prelude

Welcome to Our Life Together

Tom Haugen

Prayer of Invocation

Music of Preparation

## GIVING PRAISE TO GOD

Psalm 5

### \*Call to Worship

Leader: Listen to my words, LORD, consider my lament.

**People: Hear my cry for help, my King and my God, for to you I pray. In the morning, LORD, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait expectantly.**

Leader: For you are not a God who is pleased with wickedness; with you, evil people are not welcome.

**People: The arrogant cannot stand in your presence. You hate all who do wrong; you destroy those who tell lies. The bloodthirsty and deceitful you, LORD, detest.**

Leader: But I, by your great love, can come into your house; in reverence I bow down toward your holy temple.

**All: Lead me, LORD, in your righteousness because of my enemies - make your way straight before me. Let all who take refuge in you be glad; let them ever sing for joy. Spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may rejoice in you. Surely, LORD, you bless the righteous; you surround them with your favor as with a shield.**

*\* Please stand as you are able.*

## \*Hymn of Praise

*O Worship the King*

1. O worship the King all glorious above  
O gratefully sing His wonderful love  
Our Shield and Defender the Ancient of Days  
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise
2. O tell of His might O sing of His grace  
Whose robe is the light and canopy space  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form  
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm

### *Chorus*

- You alone are the matchless King  
To You alone be all majesty  
Your glories and wonders  
What tongue can recite  
You breathe in the air  
You shine in the light
3. O measureless might ineffable love  
While angels delight to worship above  
Thy mercies how tender how firm to the end  
Our Maker Defender Redeemer and Friend

### Confession of Sin Unison

**Eternal and Almighty God, we come to you today in worship, knowing you alone are worthy of our praise. Yet we turn away and worship other gods. Our self-image, status, money, power, and pleasure guide our steps, not the Holy Spirit. We put trust in our efforts, not in your grace and truth. We value what our culture offers, not the clear teaching of your Word. Forgive us for our idolatry, O God, and have mercy on us for we are sorry for all we have done to displease you. Wash away our iniquities and cleanse us from our sins. By your Spirit, help us to live in your light, walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

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

## Assurance of Forgiveness

Romans 8:1

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

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

Larry Godec

## PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

### \*Hymn of Preparation

*Way Maker*

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| 1. You are here, moving in our midst<br>I worship You, I worship You<br>You are here, working in this place<br>I worship You, I worship You | 3. You are here, turning lives around<br>I worship You, I worship You<br>You are here, mending ev'ry heart<br>I worship You, yeah I worship You Lord |
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#### *Chorus*

- You are Way Maker, Miracle Worker,  
Promise Keeper, Light in the darkness  
My God, that is who You are
2. You are here, touching ev'ry heart  
I worship You, I worship You  
You are here, healing ev'ry heart  
I worship You, I worship You

#### *Bridge*

Even when I don't see it, You're working  
Even when I don't feel it, You're working  
You never stop, You never stop working  
You never stop, You never stop working

**Scripture**

Genesis 4:17-6:8

**Sermon**

*“The Rise of Culture and the Growth of Violence”*

Tom Haugen



Sermon notes:

# GOING IN GOD'S NAME

## \*Hymn of Response

*Living Hope*

1. How great the chasm that lay between us  
How high the mountain I could not climb  
In desperation I turned to heaven  
And spoke Your name into the night  
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness  
Tore through the shadows of my soul  
The work is finished the end is written  
Jesus Christ my living hope
2. Who could imagine so great a mercy  
What heart could fathom such boundless grace  
The God of ages stepped down from glory  
To wear my sin and bear my shame  
The cross has spoken I am forgiven  
The King of kings calls me His own  
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever  
Jesus Christ my living hope

### *Chorus*

- Hallelujah praise the One who set me free  
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me  
You have broken every chain  
There's salvation in Your name  
Jesus Christ my living hope
3. Then came the morning that sealed the promise  
Your buried body began to breathe  
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion  
Declared the grave has no claim on me  
(REPEAT)  
Jesus Yours is the victory

## \*Benediction

### Postlude

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

*Justine Drouillard, Jocelyn Haugen, Mary Hurt, Rand Olsen, Cornelius Patterson & David Talbott*

## 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: March 6 & 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 Transition House, helping hundreds of families locally find relief from homelessness through their family shelter project. Since 1988, ELMO Pres. volunteer crews have served dinner on the 4th Thursday of every month at the family shelter on East Ortega Street. Please pray for this ministry:

- That our small but mighty volunteer dinner crew increase in numbers to provide dinner for 80 people each month. The crew greatly misses stalwart member Shirley Fender.
- That challenges of high-cost housing and uncertainty about government funding will not adversely affect the lives of the shelter's resident families.
- For the success of the higher-ed goals of a SBCC student housed in the emergency shelter who has applied to a four-year college and aspires to receive financial aid through a scholarship recently launched in the name of a longtime Transition House volunteer.

### 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. 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. Register at [www.bsfiinternational.org](http://www.bsfiinternational.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, Sundays, 11:30-12:30 in Library.** Join us 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.

**YoungLives information meeting** this Tuesday, February 24th at 12 p.m. or 7 p.m. Learn from Young Life about this vital ministry to teen parents. See flyer in narthex for more information.

**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) Learn about "right-sizing" your home from Susan Wennerstrom. How to simplify your life to make your future easier.

**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.

**Joy Reflected Luncheon**, Thursday, March 19 at 11:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. All widows are welcome. Please RSVP to Barb Kennedy at [bkennedy@westmont.edu](mailto:bkennedy@westmont.edu) or by phone 805-886-1378

**Registration is open for summer camps at ELMO Pres.** See flyers in narthex for more info!

**Coffee Hospitality Team needs volunteers!** Email [kerstenbarr@gmail.com](mailto:kerstenbarr@gmail.com) to sign-up!

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

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*Leanne Patterson*

**Deacons**

*Susan Dau, Congregational Care, Secretary*

*Terry Foil, Community Life*

*Pamela Gilbert, Receptions, Secretary*

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