

WORSHIP

El Montecito
Presbyterian Church



Sunday, February 8, 2026

"As for me, I will always have hope; I will praise you more and more." Psalm 71:14

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: Praise the LORD, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

People: Praise the LORD, my soul, and forget not all his benefits - who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with compassion, who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Leader: As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him.

People: But from everlasting to everlasting the LORD's love is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children's children - with those who keep his covenant and remember to obey his precepts.

Leader: The LORD has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom rules over all.

All: Praise the LORD, you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, who obey his word. Praise the LORD, all his heavenly hosts, you his servants who do his will.

Praise the LORD, all his works everywhere in his dominion.

***Hymn of Praise**

Great is Thy Faithfulness

1. Great is Thy faithfulness
O God my Father
There is no shadow
Of turning with Thee
Thou changest not
Thy compassions they fail not
As Thou hast been
Thou forever wilt be
2. Summer and winter
And springtime and harvest
Sun moon and stars
In their courses above
Join with all nature
In manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness
Mercy and love
3. Pardon for sin
And a peace that endureth
Thy own dear presence
To cheer and to guide
Strength for today
And bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine
With ten thousand beside

Confession of Sin Unison

Almighty God, to know you is the fulfillment of our deepest longings and the satisfaction of our most ardent desires. Yet foolishly, we have sought our pleasures elsewhere. We have put the seeking of idols, which are bound to leave us feeling empty, above seeking you. We have failed to love you with our whole heart, soul, and mind. We have failed to love our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive our sins for the sake of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. And grant that from now on we might serve you in the newness of life. In the name of Jesus who rescues us. Amen

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

Psalm 28:6-7

Praise be to the Lord, for he has heard my cry for mercy. The Lord is my strength and shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I will praise him.

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

Erin Barr

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

*Hymn of Preparation

Goodness of God

1. I love You Lord
Oh Your mercy never fails me
All my days
I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God

2. I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
In darkest night
You are close like no other
I've known You as a father
I've known You as a friend
I have lived in the goodness of God

Chorus

All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God

Bridge

Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
With my life laid down
I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me



Sermon notes:

"Even when I am old and gray, do not forsake me, my God, till I declare your power to the next generation, your mighty acts to all who are to come." - Psalm 71:18

"Hope is hearing the music of the future, faith is to dance to it." - Reuben Alves

"For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time has come for my departure. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."
2 Timothy 4:6,7

"There is a popular school of thought ... that violently resents the operation of time upon the human spirit. It looks upon age as something between a crime and an insult. Its prophets have banished from their savage vocabulary all such words as adult, mature, experienced, venerable; they know only snarling and sneering epithets such as middle-aged, elderly, stuffy, senile, and decrepit. Such men, finding no value for the world as it is, proclaim very loudly their faith in the future, 'which is in the hands of the young.' With this flattery they bind their own burden on the shoulders of the next generation." - Dorothy Sayers

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn of Response

1. Facing a task unfinished
That drives us to our knees
A need that undiminished
Rebukes our slothful ease
We who rejoice to know Thee
Renew before Thy throne
The solemn pledge we owe Thee
To go and make Thee known
2. Where other lords beside Thee
Hold their unhindered sway
Where forces that defied Thee
Defy Thee still today
With none to heed their crying
For life and love and light
Unnumbered souls are dying
And pass into the night

Chorus

We go to all the world
With kingdom hope unfurled
No other name has power to save
But Jesus Christ The Lord

*Benediction

Postlude

Facing a Task Unfinished (We Go to all the World)

3. We bear the torch that flaming
Fell from the hands of those
Who gave their lives proclaiming
That Jesus died and rose
Ours is the same commission
The same glad message ours
Fired by the same ambition
To Thee we yield our powers
4. O Father who sustained them
O Spirit who inspired
Saviour whose love constrained them
To toil with zeal untired
From cowardice defend us
From lethargy awake
Forth on Thine errands send us
To labour for Thy sake

The flowers today are given in loving memory of Patrick Clemens by the Clemens Family.

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

Daniel DeVorzon, Annie Haugen, Mary Hurt, Dan Patterson, Emily Sommermann,
Dana Stewart & Jim Wilson

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, 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!

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.) *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, Jon Wilson & Jim Worthen.
- Bereavement for the family and friends of Jean Svoboda.
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Acts 1:8 Connection: Outreach Ministries

El Montecito Presbyterian Church supports ministries near and far including Fellowship of Christian Athletes. FCA's mission is to lead every coach and athlete into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church. Thank you for partnering with us to make an impact for Christ in our community. Please pray for:

- High school and college huddles to be bright lights on campuses this spring.
- Student leaders to be bold in inviting friends and sharing the Gospel.
- Our spring & summer events and camps as we pray, plan, invite, fundraise and prepare.
- Our SB staff to grow in trust in the Lord and love for our community (Cade, Bailey, Gabi, Macey, Ryan Marsh, Diego, Joey, Jackson, Gavin, Natalie, Garrett, Will, Britt, & Ryan)
- If anyone would like to hear more or see the ministry in action. Reach out to Ryan or Britt Warner (rwarner@fca.org, bwarner@fca.org). Thank you!

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 begins today, 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.

Finishing Our Race With Joy, Next up: "Get Your Earthy Affairs in Order" Tuesday, Feb. 10 in Fellowship Hall at 10:30 a.m. This will be a practical, hands-on workshop focusing on what you can do now to help your family later. A light lunch will be served.

RSVP: maryslater805@gmail.com

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!

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

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