

WORSHIP

Sunday, April 12, 2026



EL MONTECITO
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet. 'The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel (which means "God with us").'" Matthew 1:22-23

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Welcome to Our Life Together

Tom Haugen

Prayer of Invocation

Music of Preparation

He is Lord! He is Lord!
He is risen from the dead, and he is Lord!
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess
That Jesus Christ is Lord!

GIVING PRAISE TO GOD

Isaiah 42:1-9

*Call to Worship

Leader: Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will bring justice to the nations.

People: He will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice in the streets. A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out. In faithfulness he will bring forth justice; he will not falter or be discouraged till he establishes justice on earth. In his teaching the islands will put their hope.

Leader: This is what God the Lord says—the Creator of heavens, who stretches them out, who spreads out the earth with all that springs from it, who gives breath to its people, and life to those who walk on it:

People: I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.

Leader: I am the Lord; that is my name! I will not yield my glory to another or my praise to idols. See, the former things have taken place, and new things I declare; before they spring into being I announce them to you.

All: Let us worship the Lord, who brings justice, freedom, and light to all the earth!

** Please stand as you are able.*

*Hymn of Praise

1. God the uncreated One
The Author of salvation
Who wrote the laws of space and time
And fashioned worlds to His design
The One whom angel hosts revere
Hung the stars like chandeliers
Numbered every grain of sand
Knows the heart of every man
He is King forever
He is King forever
He is King forevermore
2. God our fortress and our strength
The Rock on which we can depend
Matchless in His majesty
His power and authority
Unshaken by the schemes of man
Never changing Great I am
Kingdoms rise and kingdoms fall
He is faithful through it all
Crown Him King forever
Crown Him King forever
Crown Him King forevermore

God the Uncreated One (King Forevermore)

3. Mighty God in mortal flesh
Forsaken by a traitor's kiss
The curse of sin and centuries
Did pierce the lowly Prince of Peace
Lifted high the sinless man
Crucified the spotless Lamb
Buried by the sons of man
Rescued by the Father's hand
To reign as King forever
Reign as King forever
Reign as King forevermore
4. King eternal God of grace
We crown You with the highest praise
Heaven shouts and saints adore
You're holy holy holy Lord
What joy in everlasting life
All is love and faith is sight
Justice rolls and praises rise
At the name of Jesus Christ
King of kings forever
King of kings forever
King of kings forevermore

Confession of Sin Unison

King of kings, we would like to be your transformed people, but our stubborn pride prevents us from bending a knee to you. We have our own plans and agendas and we want to be rulers of our world. We want to be your salt and light, bringing hope for others, but we cower with our hardened hearts. We long to stand for those in need, but our selfishness keeps our backs rigid in judgment. Forgive us, Immanuel, and humble us that we may be true servants to the broken and lost. Split open our hearts of stone that compassion might flow freely to those who are hurting. Fill our minds with the presence of your Spirit, that we might learn how to follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, into your kingdom of grace, mercy and hope.

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

John 3:16-17

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through 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

Kirk Gilbert

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

*Hymn of Preparation

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

1. Let all mortal flesh keep silence
And with fear and trembling stand
Ponder nothing worldly minded
For with blessing in His hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth
Our full homage to demand
2. King of kings yet born of Mary
As of old on earth He stood
Lord of lords in human vesture
In the body and the blood
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heav'nly food
3. At His feet the six winged seraph
Cherubim with sleepless eye
Veil their faces to the Presence
As with ceaseless voice they cry
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia
Lord Most High
4. Rank on rank the host of heaven
Spreads its vanguard on the way
As the Light of light descendeth
From the realms of endless day
That the pow'rs of hell may vanish
As the darkness clears away

Scripture

Matthew 1-2

Sermon

“A King Like No Other”

Tom Haugen

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn of Response

King of Kings

1. In the darkness we were waiting
Without hope, without light
Till from Heaven You came running
There was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfil the law and prophets
To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt
2. To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake You died
3. And the morning that You rose
All of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored
4. And the Church of Christ was born
Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this Gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel shall not faint
By His blood and in His Name
In His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me

Chorus

Praise the Father, praise the Son
Praise the Spirit, Three in One
God of Glory, Majesty
Praise forever to the King of kings

*Benediction

Postlude

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

Mary Hurt & Emily Sommermann

The flowers today are given in loving memory of Glen Adams by his family.

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-6th) 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: April 17!

ELMO Pres College “Catch a Ride” from Clark dorm at 9:35 a.m. on Sundays.
College Study Lounge: Wednesdays in April, 6-10 p.m., ELMO Pres Creative Studios.

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 AE4 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 & friends of Glen Adams.
- Bereavement for the family & friends of Lou Browdy. Memorial is May 16, 10 a.m.

Coffee Hospitality Team needs volunteers! Offer hospitality, welcome newcomers, & serve our church family. **Grab a friend and serve together! Get the kids involved and serve as a family!** Email kerstenbarr@gmail.com 1st, 2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays of the month available!

Outreach & Missions Prayer Connection

Each week we spend time praying for a ministry we support: Luke Everett and Rancho Sordo Mundo (Ranch for the Deaf World) Please support them in prayer:

- For wisdom in planning and vision casting to build a Christian Deaf school in Ensenada.
- For groups to use RSM as an outreach center to serve the Deaf in Ensenada.
- For God to lead people to serve at Hogar EnSeñas in Queretaro short term & long term.
- For God to lead people to sponsor/serve at Deaf retreats and conferences we hope to host.
- For my wife Josefina, since her stroke 16 months ago (her second stroke, she had one 25 years ago) she is still wheelchair bound, no movement in L. arm, little movement in L. leg.

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! This year's theme is *God Will Make A Way*

Bible Study Fellowship, Wednesdays, 9:30-11 a.m. Register at www.bsinternational.org

Women's Bible Study, Thursdays, 7:45-9 a.m. at IHOP on State St., Intersarsity 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.

Register today for our summer camps!



**MIDDLE SCHOOL
ADVENTURE
WEEK**

**DISCOVER
THE GREATEST
ADVENTURE—
LIFE
IN CHRIST**

Scan QR code to register!
Questions? Contact LauriHaugen@elmopres.org

Week 1	Week 2
15 - 19 June 2026	27 - 31 July 2026
9 AM - 2 PM	
\$250	
6th-9th Grade	

ADVENTURE WEEK RECREATION

elmopres students



**ELMO PRES KIDS
Summer
ARTventure**

Get hyped for a week of wacky games, art, Bible, friends, & fun as we embark on an adventure with Christ!

Scan QR code to register!
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22 - 26 June 2026
9 AM - 1 PM
\$200
Rising 3 rd - 6 th Graders

elmopres kids

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

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