

WORSHIP

Sunday, September 13th, 2026



EL MONTECITO
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom".

Psalm 90:12

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Welcome to Our Life Together

Tom Haugen

Prayer of Invocation

Music of Preparation

GIVING PRAISE TO GOD

Worship begins with God's invitation, not our initiative. In the Call to Worship, we hear God's Word summoning us into His presence with praise, gratitude, and reverence. This Scriptural invitation reminds us that we gather because God has called us to Himself and delights to meet with His people.

*Call to Worship

Psalm 93

Leader: The LORD reigns, he is robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and armed with strength; indeed, the world is established, firm and secure.

Congregation: Your throne was established long ago; you are from all eternity.

Leader: The seas have lifted up, LORD, the seas have lifted up their voice; the seas have lifted up their pounding waves.

All: Mightier than the thunder of the great waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea—the LORD on high is mighty. Your statutes, LORD, stand firm; holiness adorns your house for endless days.

***Hymn of Praise**

How Great Thou Art

1. O Lord my God when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made
I see the stars I hear the mighty thunder
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed

Chorus

- Then sings my soul my Saviour God to Thee
How great Thou art how great Thou art
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2. And when I think that God, His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the Cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin
 3. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And lead me home, what joy shall fill my heart
Then shall I bow, in humble adoration
And there proclaim my God how great Thou art

Confession of Sin Unison

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a burden of guilt and shame. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

Romans 8:31-32

If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for all of us - how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

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

Kirk Gilbert

Music of Reflection

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.



*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.

ELMO Pres Kids in grades 1st-6th are excused to meet their teachers in the courtyard before proceeding to their classrooms downstairs. Following worship, please pick up your children in their classrooms.

Prayers for the Church and the World

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

*Hymn of Preparation

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

Scripture

Psalm 90

Sermon

"Teach Us to Number Our Days"

Tom Haugen

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn of Response

Be Thou My Vision (Lord You Are)

1. Be Thou my Vision O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me save that Thou art
Thou my best thought by day or by night
Waking or sleeping Thy presence my light
2. Be Thou my Wisdom and Thou my true Word
I ever with Thee and Thou with me Lord
Thou my great Father and I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one
3. Riches I heed not nor man's empty praise
Thou mine inheritance now and always
Thou and Thou only first in my heart
High King of Heaven my Treasure Thou art

Bridge

- Lord You are more precious than silver
Lord You are more costly than gold
Lord You are more beautiful than diamonds
And nothing I desire compares with You
4. High King of Heaven my victory won
May I reach heaven's joys oh bright Heaven's Sun
Heart of my own heart whatever befall
Still be my Vision O Ruler of all

*Benediction

Postlude

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

*Grant Bragg, Julien Ete, ELMO Pres Kids singers, Mary Hurt,
Dan, Cor, Marshall and Imre Patterson*

A prayer team is available in the left transept following the worship gathering.

Welcome Visitors!

We are so glad you are worshipping with us today!

Please fill out a visitor card in your pew or scan the QR code with your phone's camera to sign-up for our weekly newsletter and fill out the online Connect Form so we may get to know you better. Visit our website www.elmopres.org, find us on Instagram @elmopres or subscribe to our YouTube channel.



ELMO Pres Kids & Youth

NEW THIS YEAR: *ALL children ages 0-6th grade must complete courtyard check-in prior to worship.*

Nursery/Preschool (3 mo.-3 yrs.) & **TK/Kindergarten** (ages 4-5 yrs.) meet at 9:50 a.m. until end of worship in the Early School classrooms. Pick up your child after worship.

ELMO Pres Kids (1st-6th) Children in 1st-6th grades are excused after the doxology to meet their teachers in the courtyard before proceeding to their classrooms downstairs. Directly following worship, please pick up your children in their classrooms.

ELMO Pres Student Ministry (6th-12th) Every 1st & 3rd Friday evening of the month beginning September 18! Dinner, games, Bible study, & friends!

- Middle School Youth Group from 6:00-8:00 p.m. upstairs in the Fellowship Hall.
- High School Youth Group from 6:00-8:30 p.m. downstairs in the Creative Studios.

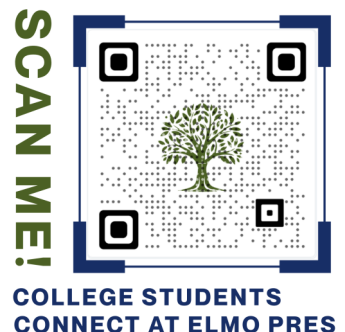
Families are you interested in joining a 9-week home group Bible study this fall? Scan the QR code on the back of this bulletin and fill out an interest form or email the office for more information: admin@elmopres.org

Welcome College Students!

Scan the QR code to connect and learn more about the life of our church and upcoming college events.

Catch a ride to worship! Carpools depart from Clark Dorm at 9:35 a.m. and return after worship.

Romans Bible Study begins on September 24th from 7-8 p.m. at the Haugen's house. Email laurihaugen@elmopres.org for more info!



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 AE2 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: Barbara Biehl, Judy Cooper-Ashford, Robert & Ann Marie King, Ann Porter, David Talbott, Curt & Erlyne Whiteman.
- Bereavement for the family & friends of Jerry Belch and Don Rhodes.

Connecting & Serving

Sunday Adult Discipleship, in the Library at 9 a.m. Each week, 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.

Prayer Class “In the Gap” with Ben Patterson will resume at the end of the month.

Women in the Word Mondays, 9:30-11:15 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Studying Gospel of Mark & The Power of the Holy Spirit. Small friendship groups, music with Deborah Bertling and Barbi Wilson, and teaching by Patty Wilson. Join any time.

Bible Study Fellowship Wednesdays from 9:30-11:00 a.m. Studying Romans.

Women’s Thursday Bible Study, 7:45 a.m. in the Oaks Dining Room at Samarkand. Studying Romans. New members welcome any time.

Men’s Bible Study, Thursdays, 9:00 -10:00 a.m. in the Library, studying 1 & 2 Peter.

All-Church Fall Kick-off Lunch, TODAY following worship in Fellowship Hall.

GriefShare – Begins Monday, September 14th, at Montecito Covenant Church. Navigating loss is hard, but you do not have to walk through it alone. Mondays, 10 a.m. for 13 weeks. \$20 registration fee. Join any time. Each session stands on its own, so you do not need to attend in order. Reach out to Pam Beebe at 805-679-1501 for a friendly chat & more info.

Joy Reflected Luncheon, Tuesday, September 15 at 11:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Home Group Leader Training following worship September 20th in the library. Reach out to Pastor Tom for more information.

Small Group Bible Studies begin the week of September 21st! 9 week commitment. Scan the QR code on the back of the bulletin or fill out a pew card if you’re interested!

New Covenant Partner Class, Saturday, October 3, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. in the Creative Studios. Continental breakfast, coffee, & lunch provided. RSVP to admin@elmopres.org

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

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**JOIN A SMALL GROUP
BIBLE STUDY THIS FALL**



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