WORSHIP

EL MONTECITO
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Communion Sunday, November 1st, 2026

"This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe."
Romans 3:22

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Welcome to Our Life Together — Tom Haugen

Prayer of Invocation

Music of Preparation

GIVING PRAISE TO GOD

***Call to Worship** — Psalm 27:4-9

Leader: One thing I ask from the LORD, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.

People: For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent and set me high upon a rock.

Leader: Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me; at his sacred tent I will sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing and make music to the LORD.

People: Hear my voice when I call, LORD; be merciful to me and answer me.

Leader: My heart says of you, "Seek his face!" Your face, LORD, I will seek.

All: Do not hide your face from me, do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my helper. Do not reject me or forsake me, God my Savior.

**Please stand if you are able.*

***Hymn of Praise** *10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)*

Chorus

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

1. The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
   It's time to sing Your song again
   Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
   Let me be singing when the evening comes

2. You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
   Your name is great and Your heart is kind
   For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
   Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

3. And on that day when my strength is failing
   The end draws near and my time has come
   Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
   Ten thousand years and then forevermore

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GIVING OURSELVES & OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

Prayer of Dedication for our Tithes & Offerings Jackson Dreesmann

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 and 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 and 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.

Affirmation of Faith Unison **The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

***Hymn of Preparation** *Your Words Are Wonderful (Psalm 119)*

1. Your words are wonderful unfolding like the dawn
   A wellspring and the rock we rest upon
   We trust Your promises that keep our hope alive
   They steady us throughout life's weary climb

Chorus 1

Where else can we go where else can we go
You have the words of life the words of life

2. Come write Your holy truth upon our longing hearts
   And strengthen us to shine against the dark
   Lord guard us from the lies the enemy will speak
   No guilt remains for those You have redeemed

Chorus 2

Where else can we go where else can we go
You have the words of life the words of life
Make Your glory known make Your glory known
Through all Your words of life Your words of life

Bridge

Give us ears to hear and eyes to see
Help us in our doubt and unbelief
Give us ears to hear and eyes to see
Help us in our doubt and unbelief
Give us ears to hear and eyes to see
Help us in our doubt and unbelief

Scripture Romans 3:21-4:25

Sermon *"Faith Like Abraham"* Tom Haugen

Sermon Notes:

***Hymn of Response:** *Before the Throne of God Above*

1. I have a strong and perfect plea
   A great High Priest whose name is Love
   Who ever lives and pleads for me
   My name is graven on His hands
   My name is written on His heart
   I know that while in heav'n He stands
   No tongue can bid me thence depart
   No tongue can bid me thence depart

Chorus

Hallelujah
My life is found in Jesus Christ
Hallelujah
For I am His and He is mine

2. When Satan tempts me to despair
   And tells me of the guilt within
   Upward I look and see Him there
   Who made an end to all my sin
   Because the sinless Saviour died
   My sinful soul is counted free
   For God the Just is satisfied
   To look on Him and pardon me
   To look on Him and pardon me

3. Behold Him there the risen Lamb
   My perfect spotless righteousness
   The great unchangeable I Am
   The King of glory and of grace
   One with Himself I cannot die
   My soul is purchased with His blood
   My life is hid with Christ on high
   With Christ my Saviour and my God
   With Christ my Saviour and my God

CELEBRATING COMMUNION

At the Lord's Table, we remember Jesus Christ's sacrifice for us and celebrate the grace that is ours through his death and resurrection. As we receive the bread and cup in faith, the Holy Spirit unites us with our risen and ascended Lord, nourishing and strengthening us in faith. All who trust in Jesus Christ are welcome at his Table. Come with grateful hearts to receive this gift of God's grace and to be renewed in our fellowship with Christ and one another.

Confession of Sin Unison

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

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

Assurance of Forgiveness Ephesians 2:8

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God.

Leader: Hear and believe the good news of the gospel!

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

The Celebration of Communion

You have an individual prepackaged communion kit. We will eat the bread and drink the cup together as we remember Christ's death and resurrection and our common union in Christ.

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

The Lord's Prayer Unison

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

***Closing Hymn** *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

Chorus

Praise the Father, Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of Glory, Majesty
Praise forever to the King of kings

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

***Benediction**

Postlude

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

Thank you to our musicians serving in ELMO's music ministry:
Deborah Bertling, Mary Hurt, Jake Lolli & Rand Olsen



Year-to-Date Financial Update

Through September 30, 2026

Actual

Revenue: $263,352

Expense: - $261,689

Net: $1,663

Thank you for your generosity and faithful support of our church.

Welcome Visitors!

We are so glad you are worshiping 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. Visit our website www.elmopres.org, find us on Instagram @elmopres or subscribe to our YouTube channel.



ELMO Pres Kids & Youth

All children ages 0-6th grade please complete courtyard check-in prior to worship.

Nursery/Preschool (3 mo. - 3yrs.) & **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. Next up: November 6 & 20! 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 6:00-8:30p.m. downstairs in the Creative Studios.

College Ministry

Catch a ride to worship: Carpools depart from Clark Dorm at 9:35 a.m. & return afterwards

Romans Bible Study, Thursdays, 7-8 p.m. Email laurihaugen@elmopres.org for more info

Serve at ELMO Pres! Use your time, talents, & treasure for God's redemptive purposes. Contact Pastor Lauri if you are interested in serving.

Caring

Please take time to pray for the needs of the Church, local community, state, country & 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; SSG 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, Robert & Ann Marie King, Ann Porter, David Talbott, Nate Thompson, Curt & Erlyne Whiteman.
- Bereavement for the family and friends of Ingrid Gabriel.

Outreach & Missions Prayer Connection

Each month we spend time praying for a ministry partner we support including Young Life Santa Barbara. Young Life has been serving in Santa Barbara with the mission of introducing kids to Jesus and helping them grow in their faith. Today, the ministry includes 6 full-time staff, 2 part-time staff, 5 student staff, and over 60 volunteer leaders serving across 9 ministry teams. Each week, more than 200 students attend Young Life Club (outreach), and over 100 students meet in smaller group discipleship settings. YL's vision is to meet kids where they are and invite them into a relationship with Jesus Christ. www.SBYL75.com

- Pray for kids be curious about Jesus and lean into ways to act like Him on their campuses or in their circles.
- For student leaders, volunteers, and staff to be present and focussed on friendships with kids and introducing them to Jesus.
- Pray for the 75th anniversary event on November 7- recognizing all of the ways the Lord has worked in SB, and the work He is doing today. YL is working hard to underwrite the event so that each ticket goes directly towards kids going to camp!

Connecting & Serving

Sunday Morning Home Group, in the Library at 9:00a.m. Studying Romans.

Prayer Time, Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room.

In the Gap Prayer, Sundays, 11:30-12:30 pm. in the Library. Prayer is an active engagement in the struggle against the powers of darkness, a radical interference with the spiritual status quo. Standing "In the Gap" is God's metaphor for those who will pray this way.

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.

Moms in Prayer, Wednesdays from 11:45-12:45 p.m. in the Fireside Room.

Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study, 7:45 a.m. at Samarkand Oaks Dining Room. Studying Romans. New members welcome! Email bkennedy@westmont.edu

Men's Bible Study, Thursdays, 9:00 -10:00 a.m. in the Library, studying Esther.

GriefShare, Mondays, 10:00 a.m. at Montecito Covenant Church. Navigating loss is hard, but you do not have to walk through it alone. $20 registration fee. Join any time. Reach out to Pam Beebe at 805-679-1501 for a friendly chat & more info.

Parking on Sundays: If you are able, consider parking in the parking garage accessible from Hosmer Lane to help us alleviate congestion in our parking lot.

Praise and Pie, November 15 following worship! Join us for a catered lunch by Big Joe's Tacos and hear about New Beginnings Safe Parking Shelter and Rapid Rehousing Program.

Greening of the Church, Saturday, November 28, 9 a.m.