WORSHIP

EL MONTECITO
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, November 15th, 2026

"Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!" **Romans 7:25**

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 145:1-13

Leader: I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever. Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever.

People: Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom. One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts. They speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty—and I will meditate on your wonderful works.

Leader: They tell of the power of your awesome works—and I will proclaim your great deeds. They celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness.

People The LORD is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love. The LORD is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made. All your works praise you, LORD; your faithful people extol you.

Leader: They tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might, so that all people may know of your mighty acts and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

All: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations.

Welcome New Covenant Partners — Brad & Cynthia Frohling, Matt Morehart, Ryan & Angela Siemens

Ordination of New Elder and Deacon — Ben Patterson, Elder; Mary Slater, Deacon

**Please stand if you are able*

***Hymn of Praise** *Sing Wherever I Go*

Chorus

All my life
All I know
God's been good
Good to my soul
Mountain high
Valley low
I'm gonna sing wherever I go

1. God is for me
   He's not against me
   I will hold to the plans He has for me
   When I'm broken
   He will fix me
   I will call on the name of the Lord

2. He's my heartsong
   In my sorrow
   He's my hope and my strength for tomorrow
   When the storms rise
   All around me
   I will call on the name of the Lord

Bridge

I got joy joy joy
Deep in my soul
I will sing sing sing
Wherever I go

Baptism of Ford Arthur Reimer son of Graham & Haley Reimer

Call to Confession

Jesus said, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." Matthew 11:28

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 and our hearts can no longer bear. Forgive the ways our sin has brought judgment, brokenness, and bondage into our lives. Set us free from a past we cannot change; open us to a future in which we can be changed. Break the power of sin that holds us captive, and grant us the grace to grow more and more into the likeness of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

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

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Assurance of Forgiveness Romans 8:1-3a

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering.

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 Barney Melekian

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.

Prayers for the Church and the World

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

***Hymn of Preparation** *How Deep the Father's Love For Us*

1. How deep the Father's love for us
   How vast beyond all measure
   That He should give His only Son
   To make a wretch His treasure
   How great the pain of searing loss
   The Father turns His face away
   As wounds which mar the Chosen One
   Bring many sons to glory

2. Behold the Man upon a cross
   My sin upon His shoulders
   Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
   Call out among the scoffers
   It was my sin that held Him there
   Until it was accomplished
   His dying breath has brought me life
   I know that it is finished

3. I will not boast in anything
   No gifts no pow'r no wisdom
   But I will boast in Jesus Christ
   His death and resurrection
   Why should I gain from His reward
   I cannot give an answer
   But this I know with all my heart
   His wounds have paid my ransom

Scripture Romans 7

Sermon *"The Battle Within"* Tom Haugen



Sermon Notes:

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

***Hymn of Response** *He Will Hold Me Fast*

1. When I fear my faith will fail
   Christ will hold me fast
   When the tempter would prevail
   He will hold me fast
   I could never keep my hold
   Through life's fearful path
   For my love is often cold
   He must hold me fast

Chorus

He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so
He will hold me fast

2. Those He saves are His delight
   Christ will hold me fast
   Precious in His holy sight
   He will hold me fast
   He'll not let my soul be lost
   His Promises shall last
   Bought by Him at such a cost
   He will hold me fast

3. For my life He bled and died
   Christ will hold me fast
   Justice has been satisfied
   He will hold me fast
   Raised with Him to endless life
   He will hold me fast
   Till our faith is turned to sight
   When He comes at last

***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:
ELMO Pres Kids, Mary Hurt and Dan, Cornelius, Marshall & Imre Patterson

Join us for Praise & Pie following worship today. There is no charge, but we invite you to consider making a donation to support New Beginnings in Santa Barbara, which serves individuals and families living in their vehicles. Your generosity will help support our neighbors facing housing insecurity and offer a tangible expression of Christ's love.

Pick up your tacos at one of the two stations in the courtyard, then walk over to the Fellowship Hall to get your toppings and other items. Find a table and introduce yourself to someone new. Let us encourage one another in thanksgiving and praise!

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 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 serves across 9 ministry teams with over 60 volunteer leaders. Adam Spradley, a staff associate, primarily serves the Goleta sector - Dos Pueblos High School, Goleta Valley Junior High, and developing new leaders from UCSB. Young Life Santa Barbara just celebrated their 75th anniversary last week, recognizing all the Lord has been able to do in our local area.

- Pray for students to be curious about Jesus and lean into ways to get to witness Him in their lives.
- Pray for leaders and staff to be present and focused on friendships with the students and introducing them to Jesus.
- Pray for weekend camp, Nov.20-22, specifically that the Lord would soften the hearts of those signed up now so they can encounter Him.

Connecting & Serving

Sunday Morning Home Group, in the Library at 9:00 a.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. Join any time.

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

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 Mark.

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.

Day of Prayer & Fasting, November 18: pick-up a prayer guide in the narthex or office.

Greening of the Church, Saturday, November 28, 9 a.m. Help us deck the halls for Advent!

Joy Reflected Luncheon, Thursday, December 10, 11:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. All widows are welcome. RSVP to Barb Kennedy: bkennedy@westmont.edu by December 1.