

# WORSHIP



November 28, 2021, **First Sunday of Advent**

*Church in the Courtyard*

*When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but have the light of life." John 8:12*

## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Matthew Roy

Welcome to Our Life Together

Tom Haugen

Prayer of Invocation

Music of Preparation

## GIVING PRAISE TO GOD

**\*Call to Worship**

Isaiah 40:26-31

Leader: Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these? He who brings out the starry host one by one and calls forth each of them by name.

**People: Because of his greatest power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing.**

Leader: Why do you complain, Jacob? Why do you say Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD; my cause is disregarded by my God?"

**People: Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting god, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom.**

Leader: He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

**All: Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.**

Lighting of the Advent Candle

The Fogg Family

**\*Hymn of Praise**

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

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| 1. Hark! the herald angels sing,<br>"Glory to the newborn King:<br>Peace on earth, and mercy mild,<br>God and sinners reconciled!"<br>Joyful, all ye nations, rise,<br>Join the triumph of the skies;<br>With th'angelic hosts proclaim,<br>"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"<br>Hark! the herald angels sing,<br>"Glory to the newborn King." | 2. Christ, by highest heaven adored,<br>Christ, the everlasting Lord,<br>Late in time behold him come,<br>Offspring of the Virgin's womb:<br>Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;<br>Hail th'incarnate Deity,<br>Pleased as man with man to<br>dwell,<br>Jesus, our Immanuel.<br>Hark! the herald angels sing,<br>"Glory to the newborn King." | 3. Hail the heaven-born Prince of<br>Peace!<br>Hail the Sun of Righteousness!<br>Light and life to all He brings,<br>Risen with healing in His wings.<br>Mild He lays his glory by,<br>Born that man no more may die,<br>Born to raise the sons of earth,<br>Born to give us second birth.<br>Hark! the herald angels sing,<br>"Glory to the newborn King." |
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## 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 to God, knowing that he hears you.*

## Assurance of Forgiveness

John 1:5

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Pastor: Hear and believe the good news of the gospel.

**All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

## GIVING OURSELVES & OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

To give, there are baskets near the entrance to the Courtyard, you can also mail or drop your tithes and offerings in the box outside the office doors or follow [this link to give online](#). Remember our tithes and offerings are a continued act of worship and a physical act of trusting all of our lives to Jesus as we join God in his work in our community and around the world.

## Prayer of Dedication for Our Tithes & Offerings

Wes Haystead

## 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 Kindergarten — 5th grade dismissed for Sunday School*

## Prayers for the Church & the World

## PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

### \*Hymn of Preparation

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear.

#### Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

2. O come, Thou Dayspring,  
come and cheer,  
Our spirits by Thine advent here;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
And death's dark shadows put to flight.

#### Refrain

3. O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,  
And order all things, far and nigh;  
To us the path of knowledge show  
And cause us in her ways to go.

#### Refrain

4. O come, Desire of nations, bind  
All peoples in one heart and mind;  
Bid envy, strife, and sorrows cease,  
Fill the whole world with heaven's  
peace.

#### Refrain

Scripture

Isaiah 60:1-3

Sermon

"Rise and Shine"

Tom Haugen

# GOING IN GOD'S NAME

\*Hymn of Response

*Light of the World*



1.Light of the world, treas - ure of heav - en, Bril - liant like the stars in the win - ter - y sky.  
2.Light of the world, from the be - gin - ning, The trag - e - dies of time were no match for Your love. From  
3.Light of the world, crown in a man - ger, Born for the cross to suf - fer, to save.  
4.Light of the world, soon will be com - ing. With fi - re in His eyes, He will ran - som His own. Through



Joy of the Fa - ther, reach through the dark - ness, Shine a - cross the earth, send the shad - ows to flight.  
great heights of glo - ry, You saw my sto - ry. God, You en - tered in and be - came one of us.  
High King of Heav - ven, death is the poor - er. We are the rich - er by the price that He paid.  
clouds He will lead us stright in - to glo - ry. There He shall reign for - ev - er - more.



Sing Hal - le - lu - jah! Sing Hal - le - lu - jah! Sing Hal - le - lu - jah for the things He has done!



Come and a - dore Him, bow down be - fore Him. Sing Hal - le - lu - jah to the Light of the world.

\*Benediction

Postlude

## Connecting & Serving

### Community Caroling Outing: Sunday, December 5th after Worship

Come "join the chorus" as we celebrate Christmas by caroling for people in the ELMO Family. All are welcome! We'll meet after the worship gathering to receive a packet of Christmas carols, warm up our voices with Matthew Roy, and join a group to carol for some of the homebound in our congregation. For questions, reach out to Matthew at [music@elmopres.org](mailto:music@elmopres.org).

### Christmas in Narnia, Saturday, December 11th, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM in the Courtyard

Imagine our courtyard transformed into a winter wonderland where the courtyard arch becomes a wardrobe and an interactive program connects C.S. Lewis' magical story, The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe, to the wonder of the gospel. Crafts with the Pevensie children, games with Mr. Tumnus, story time with the Professor, sleigh rides with Father Christmas, and high tea with Mr. and Mrs. Beaver. Perhaps, you will even catch a glimpse of Aslan! RSVP at [www.elmopres.org](http://www.elmopres.org)

### Clothing Drive for Santa Barbara Rescue Mission, now through December 17th

We are collecting new Men's and Women's clothing for the Christmas Giveaway at the Rescue Mission. For more information pick up a flyer or contact Pamela Gilbert.

### Women in the Word Bible Study, Mondays 9:30 to 11:15 AM in the Parish Hall

For more information contact Patty Wilson: [pattyjoy@gmail.com](mailto:pattyjoy@gmail.com). Masks are required while indoors.

### Women's Bible Study: Thursdays 7:45 - 9:00 AM at IHOP

Please join us at IHOP, 1701 State Street.

### Men's Bible Study: Thursday 9:00 AM in the Courtyard

You're invited to join us for a study of the Gospel according to Matthew. Please bring your Bible, coffee is provided.

### Santa Barbara Mission Conference, January 28-29, 2022

Registration is open for the 20th annual Santa Barbara Mission Conference, "Called to Reconcile". Register by going online at [sbmissionconference.org](http://sbmissionconference.org) or by downloading the form from the website.

### Connect with our Ministry Partners

Please continue sending notes of encouragement to our Ministry Partners:

Greg and Chris Callison: [gregandchris@callison.net](mailto:gregandchris@callison.net); James and Renata Bultema: [jamesbultema@spccturkey.com](mailto:jamesbultema@spccturkey.com), [renatabultema@spccturkey.com](mailto:renatabultema@spccturkey.com) and Alex Smith: [alex.smith@e3partners.org](mailto:alex.smith@e3partners.org)

## Welcome to El Montecito Presbyterian Church

**Welcome Visitors!** We are so glad you chose to worship with us today in the courtyard or online. Please fill out a Visitor Card or email us at [admin@elmopres.org](mailto:admin@elmopres.org) so we can get to know you better and send you our weekly email. You can also connect with us on our website at: [elmopres.org](http://elmopres.org) or on Instagram @elmopres or subscribe to our YouTube channel: El Montecito Presbyterian Church.

### ELMO Pres Kids & Youth!

**Sunday School** for nursery age - grade 5 during the worship gathering. Please check-in at the courtyard entrance.

**Middle School** after worship from 11:00 to 11:30 AM, lower patio. MS Youth Group is on the 1st and 3rd Friday Night of the month from 6:30-8:30 PM on the lower patio. Games, snacks, Bible study and fun! Bring a friend!

**High School** lunch & Bible Study after worship from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Meet at the courtyard entrance. SBHS Young Life meets on the lower patio on Mondays from 7:30-9:00 PM.

### Caring

Please take some time to pray specifically for the needs of the Church, local community, state, country and world. Direct Prayer Requests to [prayers@elmopres.org](mailto:prayers@elmopres.org).

Our Ministry Partners the Bultemas, Callisons, Ostbys, Alex Smith and Mexico Mission Partners.  
Bereavement for Judith, family and friends of Byron Ishkanian Patricia, family and friends of Carl Perry.  
Gordon Smith, for valve replacement heart surgery on November 29th.  
Linda Allan, for recovery from complications of surgery.  
Ann Marie King, for possible new treatment of her Afib and better guidance from doctors.  
Judy Cooper Ashford, for recovery from knee replacement surgery.  
Mary Stillman for treatment of a rare form of cancer and wisdom for her doctors in Houston, TX.  
Jenna Thompson for complications with her pregnancy and Melissa Toth, for recovery from surgery.  
Carol Gillis, for a speedy recovery from a fall.  
Curtis Whiteman for continued recovery.  
Gordon Reisig, for peace for him, Darlene and their family while he is on hospice care at home.  
Ken Working, for health challenges for him and for the family.

### God is with you! And, we're here for you in person, by phone or online.

#### Office hours, Monday—Thursday, 9 AM to 2 PM

*Rev. Tom Haugen, Pastor*  
*Rev. Lauri Haugen, Asst. Pastor to Families*  
*Brad Catron, Facilities Manager*  
*Meika McCrindle, Early School Interim Director*  
*Dr. Matthew Roy, Music Director*  
*Maryann Spradley, Office Administrator*  
*Michele Sullivan, Accountant*  
*The Entire Congregation, Ministers of the Gospel*

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#### Elders

*Tom Haugen, Moderator*  
*Janet Gates, Clerk of Session*  
*Shelley Fogg, Children's Ministries*  
*Terry Foil, Early School*  
*Nathan Gates, Outreach*  
*Kirk Gilbert, Worship & Prayer*  
*Susan Hughes, Congregational Life*  
*Ginger Ketznel, Nominating*  
*Finance & Property*  
*Mary Slater, Human Resources*  
*Jeffrey Smith, Youth Ministries*

#### Deacons

*Betty Delk, Co-Moderator*  
*Jeff Delk, Co-Moderator*  
*Sandy Aguirre, Friendship Visitation*  
*Anita Allmon*  
*Cathy Clemens, Holiday Gifts*  
*Chase Enright, Greeters*  
*Melissa Hillegas, Hospital Visitation*  
*Pam Jepson, Care Notes*  
*Paul Jepson*  
*Nancy Johnke, Coffee Fellowship*  
*Martha Kay, Chancel Flowers & Distribution*  
*Barbara Kennedy, Secretary & Treasurer*