

# WORSHIP

December 5, 2021, **Second Sunday of Advent**

*Church in the Courtyard*

*The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. John 1:5*

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## 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**

Psalm 27

Leader: The LORD is my light and my salvation - whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life - of whom shall I be afraid?

**People: When evil men advance against me to devour my flesh, they will stumble and fall.**

Leader: One thing I ask of the LORD, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD.

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

Leader: Teach me your way, O LORD, lead me in a straight path because of my oppressors.

**All: I am still confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.**

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Sara and Mary Moses

**\*Hymn of Praise**

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

1. Angels we have heard on high,  
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply  
Echo back their joyous strains.

**Refrain:**

Gloria in excelsis Deo,  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

2. Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
Say what may the tidings be,  
Which inspire your heav'nly song?

**Refrain**

3. Come to Bethlehem, and see  
Him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee  
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

**Refrain**

4. See within a manger laid  
Jesus, Lord of heav'n and earth!  
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,  
With us sing our Savior's birth.

**Refrain**

## 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

Nathan Gates

**\*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.

**Affirmation of Faith Unison**

The Apostle's 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.

Children Kindergarten — 5th grade dismissed for Sunday School

**PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD**

**\*Hymn of Preparation**

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

1. Come, Thou long-expected Jesus,  
Born to set Thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us;  
Let us find our rest in Thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation,  
Hope of all the earth thou art;  
Dear Desire of ev'ry nation,  
Joy of ev'ry longing heart.

2. Born Thy people to deliver,  
Born a Child, and yet a King,  
Born to reign in us forever,  
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By Thine own eternal Spirit  
Rule in all our hearts alone;  
By Thine all-sufficient merit,  
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

Scripture

Isaiah 9:1-7

Sermon

"Light of Redemption"

Tom Haugen

**\*Hymn of Response**

*He Who is Mighty*

1. Oh, the mer - cy our God has shown to those who sit in death's sha - dow. The sun on high pierced the\_ night;  
 2. Oh, the free-dom our Sav - ior won: the yoke of sin has been bro - ken. Once a slave, now by\_ grace  
 born was the Cor - ner - stone. Un - to us a Son is\_ giv - en, un - to us a Child is\_ born.  
 no more. con - dem - na - tion.

*Refrain*  
 He who is might-y has done a great thing; tak-en on flesh, con-quer'd death's sting, shat-tered the dark-ness and lift-ed our shame:  
 Ho - ly is His name. Ho - ly is His name. Now my soul mag - ni - fies the Lord; I re -  
*Back to refrain*  
 joice in the\_ God who saves; I will trust His un - fail - ing\_ love, I will sing His\_ prais - es\_ all my\_ days. My

**CELEBRATING COMMUNION**

**Confession of Sin Unison**

Father God, you promised to lift our heads in hope by redeeming our dark world and making all things new. But we often live with too little hope, for we forget that your power works through humble means. You are the humble King who serves us. But we want to be served rather than to serve, for we do not see hope in being humble before you. You came to us humbly in the form of a child. But we seek hope in our strength and achievements, for we do not trust your power to work through weakness. You came to us in a humble place. But we avoid places where we feel weak and unprepared, for we do not see your glory and hope in humble places. Messiah, have mercy on us.

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

## Assurance of Forgiveness

Colossians 1:13-14

For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and cleansed! Thanks be to God!**

## 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 celebrate 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.**

### \*Benediction

### Postlude

## Connecting & Serving

### Christmas Eve in the Courtyard, Friday December 24th, 4:00 & 6:00 PM

Join us for a time of Candlelight Lessons & Carols.

### Community Caroling Outing: TODAY 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.

### 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 for you and your children at [www.elmopres.org](http://www.elmopres.org). More volunteers are needed to help us host, please contact Lauri Haugen to find out how you can help.

### 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 Darlene and the family and friends of Gordon Reisig, Judith, family and friends of Byron Ishkanian, Patricia, family and friends of Carl Perry.

Gordon Smith, praise for a successful valve replacement heart surgery, prayer for his recovery.

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.

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 Ketzler, 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*