

# WORSHIP



December 12, 2021, **Third Sunday of Advent**

*Church in the Courtyard*

*The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. **John 1:14***

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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 85:7-13

Leader: Show us your unfailing love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation.

**People: I will listen to what God the LORD will say; he promises peace to his people, his saints - but let them not return to folly.**

Leader: Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

**People: Love and faithfulness meet together; righteousness and peace kiss each other.**

Leader: Faithfulness springs forth from the earth, and righteousness looks down from heaven.

**All: The LORD will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest. Righteousness goes before him and prepares the way for his steps.**

**Lighting of the Advent Candle** Andy, Mary, Oliver, & Albert Patterson

**\*Hymn of Praise** *O, Come All Ye Faithful*

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| 1. O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,<br>O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!<br>Come and behold Him, born the King of angels. | 2. Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation,<br>O sing, all ye bright hosts of heav'n above!<br>Glory to God, all glory in the highest! |
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**Refrain**

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O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord!

3. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning,  
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n;  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!

**Refrain**

### Confession of Sin Unison

**We confess gracious God, that we have not always turned to you for guidance. At times we have allowed the world's time to dominate your time. Forgive us for our sins of hurriedness and impatience. Forgive us for when we have slumbered instead of remaining alert, waiting and watching for you. Forgive us for allowing the world's fears to become our fears. Shine brightly on us this Advent season so we may be restored and renewed. Guide us into your time and way, so that we may be at one with you when all your glory is revealed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

John 3:16-17

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

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**

*Angels Hovered 'Round*

Choir

The snow lay on the ground, the star shone bright, when Christ our Lord was born on Christmas night.

'Twas Mary, virgin pure, through the Lord's plan that brought into this world God made man.

She laid Him in a manger at Bethlehem, the cattle, lowing, shared the roof with them.

And Joseph too was near to tend the Child, to guard Him and protect His mother mild.

Venite adoremus Dominum! Venite adoremus Dominum!

**\*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**

*What Child is This?*

1. What child is this, who, laid to rest,  
On Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,  
While shepherds watch are keeping?

2. Why lies He in such mean estate  
Where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here  
The silent Word is pleading.

**Refrain**

**Refrain:**

This, this is Christ the King,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,  
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

3. So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh,  
Come, peasant, king, to own Him;  
The King of kings salvation brings,  
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.

**Refrain**

**Scripture**

Isaiah 40:1-5, John 1:1-14

**Sermon**

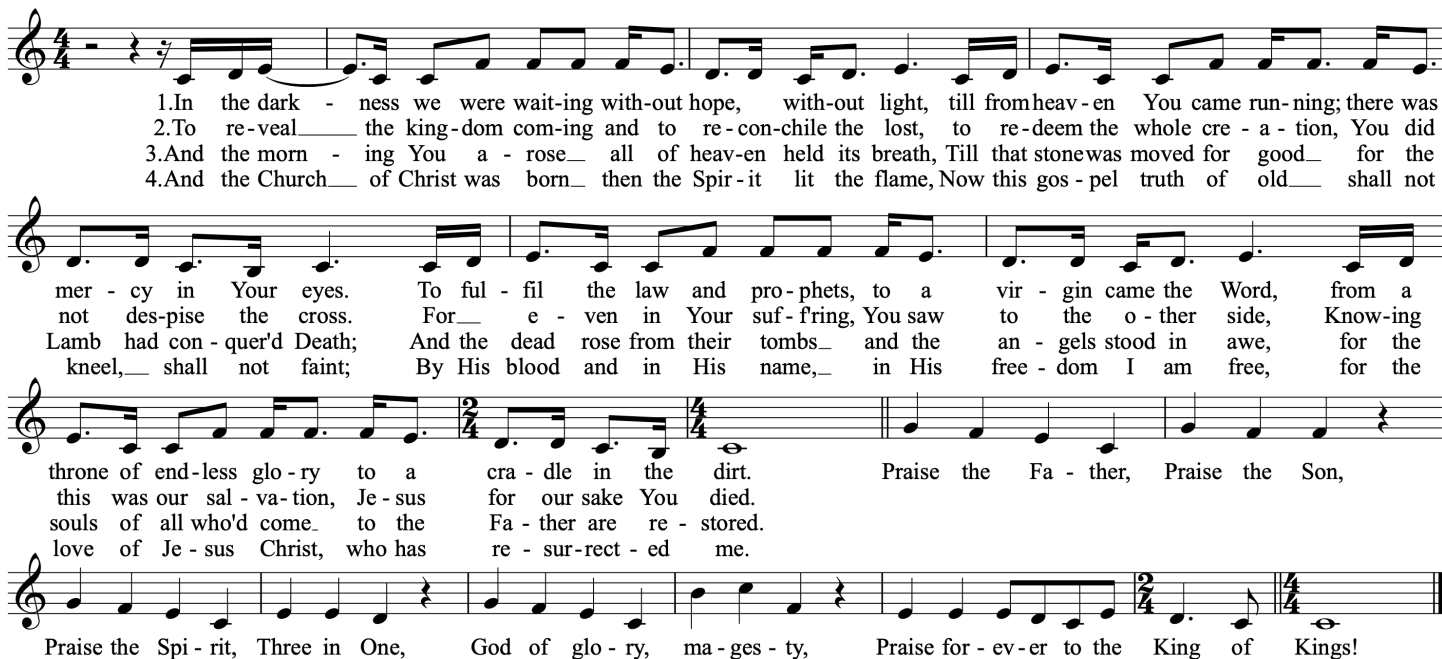
"Glory!"

Ben Patterson

# GOING IN GOD'S NAME

\*Hymn of Response

*King of Kings*



1. In the dark - ness we were wait - ing with - out hope, with - out light, till from heav - en You came run - ning; there was  
2. To re - veal the king - dom com - ing and to re - con - cile the lost, to re - deem the whole cre - a - tion, You did  
3. And the morn - ing You a - rose all of heav - en held its breath, Till that stone was moved for good for the  
4. And the Church of Christ was born then the Spir - it lit the flame, Now this gos - pel truth of old shall not

mer - cy in Your eyes. To ful - fil the law and pro - phets, to a vir - gin came the Word, from a  
not des - pise the cross. For e - ven in Your suf - fring, You saw to the o - ther side, Know - ing  
Lamb had con - quer'd Death; And the dead rose from their tombs and the an - gels stood in awe, for the  
kneel, shall not faint; By His blood and in His name, in His free - dom I am free, for the

throne of end - less glo - ry to a cra - dle in the dirt. Praise the Fa - ther, Praise the Son,  
this was our sal - va - tion, Je - sus for our sake You died.  
souls of all who'd come to the Fa - ther are re - stored.  
love of Je - sus Christ, who has re - sur - rect - ed me.

Praise the Spi - rit, Three in One, God of glo - ry, ma - ges - ty, Praise for - ev - er to the King of Kings!

\*Benediction

Postlude

## 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. *No Sunday school* on December 26th and January 2nd. Nursery care available on January 2nd.

**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 Sandy Aguirre and family after the loss of her mother Evelyn Nalley; Darlene, family and friends of Gordon Reisig; Judith, family and friends of Byron Ishkanian; Patricia, family and friends of Carl Perry.

Gordon Smith, for healing from heart valve replacement surgery.

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.

Carol Gillis, for continued recovery from a fall.

Curtis Whiteman for continued recovery.

Ken Working, for his recent diagnosis of ALS and continued health issues for the family.

## Connecting & Serving

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

Join us in the courtyard for a time of Candlelight Lessons & Carols.

### **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. 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 in a study of the Book of Hebrews. 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 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; James and Renata Bultema: jamesbultema@spccturkey.com, renatabultema@spccturkey.com, Dana and Karen Ostby: danaostby@gmail.com, karina@lite.email and Alex Smith: alex.smith@e3partners.org

### **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*