

# WORSHIP



December 19, 2021, **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

*Church in the Courtyard*

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

## 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 98

Leader: Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvellous things; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

**People: The LORD has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations. He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**

Leader: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music; make music to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing, with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn - shout for joy before the LORD, the King.

**All: Let the sea resound and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it. Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy; let them sing before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity.**

**Lighting of the Advent Candle**

Ryan, Brittany, MacKenzie, Vera, and Ellie Warner

**\*Hymn of Praise**

*Here I am to Worship/O Come Let Us Adore Him*



1. Light of the world, You stepped down in - to dark - ness, o - pened my eyes, let me see.  
2. King of all days, oh so high - ly ex - alt - ed, glo - rious in heav - en a - bove.

Beau - ty that made this heart a - dore You, hope of a life spent with You.  
Hum - bly You came to the earth You cre - a - ted, all for love's sake be - came poor.

Here I am to wor - ship, here I am to bow down, here I am to say that You're my God.

You're al - to - geth - er love - ly, al - to - geth - er wor - thy, al - to - geth - er won - der - ful to me...

Oh come, let us a - dore Him, Oh come, let us a -  
dore Him, Oh come, let us a - dore Him, Christ the Lord!

### Confession of Sin Unison

**God of grace, you love us, but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped up in our own concerns. By our actions and our attitudes we praise what you condemn. Help us to admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.**

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

### Assurance of Forgiveness

2 Corinthians 9:15

Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

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

Jim Watson

### 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 Little Town of Bethlehem*

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| 1. O little town of Bethlehem,<br>How still we see thee lie!<br>Above thy deep and dreamless sleep<br>The silent stars go by.<br>Yet in thy dark streets shineth<br>The everlasting Light;<br>The hopes and fears of all the years<br>Are met in thee tonight.  | 3. How silently, how silently<br>The wondrous gift is giv'n!<br>So God imparts to human hearts<br>The blessings of His heav'n.<br>No ear may hear His coming,<br>But in this world of sin,<br>Where meek souls will receive Him still<br>The dear Christ enters in. |
| 2. For Christ is born of Mary,<br>And gathered all above,<br>While mortals sleep, the angels keep<br>Their watch of wond'ring love.<br>O morning stars, together<br>Proclaim the holy birth!<br>And praises sing to God the King,<br>And peace to men on earth. | 4. O holy Child of Bethlehem!<br>Descend to us, we pray;<br>Cast out our sin, and enter in;<br>Be born in us today.<br>We hear the Christmas angels<br>The great glad tidings tell;<br>O come to us, abide with us,<br>Our Lord Emmanuel.                           |

Scripture

John 1:1-18

Sermon

"Light of Hope"

Tom Haugen

## GOING IN GOD'S NAME

### \*Hymn of Response

*Joy to the World*

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| 1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come;<br>Let earth receive her King;<br>Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room,<br>And heav'n and nature sing,<br>And heav'n and nature sing,<br>And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.     | 3. No more let sins and sorrows grow,<br>Nor thorns infest the ground;<br>He comes to make His blessings flow<br>Far as the curse is found,<br>Far as the curse is found,<br>Far as, far as the curse is found.  |
| 2. Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns;<br>Let men their songs employ;<br>While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains<br>Repeat the sounding joy,<br>Repeat the sounding joy,<br>Repeat, repeat the sounding joy. | 4. He rules the world with truth and grace,<br>And makes the nations prove<br>The glories of His righteousness,<br>And wonders of His love,<br>And wonders of His love,<br>And wonders, and wonders of His love. |

### \*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, Warners with Santa Barbara Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Alex Smith and Mexico Mission Partners.

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

Pamela Arneson, for peace and healing from multiple stays in the hospital.

Ann Marie King, for her unstable heart condition, recent visit to the ER and wisdom for the doctors help.

Gordon Smith, for healing from heart valve replacement surgery.

Linda Allan, for recovery from complications of surgery.

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 with Miji and 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. Bring a blanket and invite your friends!

### **El Montecito Presbyterian Church Covenant Partner/New Member Class, January 12-30, 2022**

Want to get connected? Join our church family? Learn about ECO? Where do you begin? El Montecito Presbyterian Covenant Partner/Member Class is a four-week class beginning in January 2022! **Class times: Wednesday, January 12, 19, 26 from 7-8 PM via Zoom and Sunday January 30 after worship for lunch with our Pastors and Elders.** Please email Maryann Spradley at admin@elmopres.org to sign up.

### **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. *No study on Monday, December 27th.*

### **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; Ryan and Brittany Warner: rwarner@fca.org, bwarner@fca.org and Alex Smith: alex.smith@e3partners.org 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*

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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*

*Cathy Clemens, Holiday Gifts*

*Chase Enright, Greeters*

*Melissa Hillegas, Hospital Visitation*

*Pam Jepson, Care Notes*

*Paul Jepson*

*Nancy Johnke, Coffee Fellowship*

*Brian Johnson*

*Martha Kay, Chancel Flowers & Distribution*

*Barbara Kennedy, Secretary & Treasurer*