

# WORSHIP



November 27, 2022, **First Sunday of Advent**

*Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Ephesians 6:10*

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## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Taylor Bleecker

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 of these? He who brings out the starry host one by one and called forth each of them by name.

**People: Because of his great 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 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**

*Hope*

Larry and Darlene James

*\* Please stand if you are able*

**\*Hymn of Praise**

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

No. 124

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.

**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 our sins of hurriedness and impatience. Forgive us 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.**

*Take a moment to silently 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.

Leader: 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, you can also mail or drop your tithes and offerings in the box outside the office doors, scan the QR code or follow [the online link](#). 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

Kirk Gilbert

## Music of Reflection

*Please use this time to pray and reflect.*

## \*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.**

## Prayers for the Church and the World

# PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

## \*Hymn of Preparation

*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

Scripture

Ephesians 6:10-24

Sermon

"Power"

Tom Haugen

## GOING IN GOD'S NAME

\*Hymn of Response

*Angels from the Realms of Glory*

No. 131

1. Angels, from the realms of glory,  
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
Ye who sang creation's story,  
Now proclaim Messiah's birth:  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
Worship Christ, the new-born King.
2. Shepherds, in the fields abiding,  
Watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God with man is now residing,  
Yonder shines the infant Light:  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
Worship Christ, the new-born King.
3. Sages, leave your contemplations,  
Brighter visions beam afar;  
Seek the great Desire of nations,  
Ye have seen His natal star:  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
Worship Christ, the new-born King.
4. Saints before the altar bending,  
Watching long in hope and fear,  
Suddenly the Lord, descending,  
In His temple shall appear:  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
Worship Christ, the new-born King.

\*Benediction

Postlude

*The flowers today are given in loving memory of Gordon Reisig*

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Sermon Notes:

## Welcome to El Montecito Presbyterian Church

**Welcome Visitors!** We are glad you are worshiping with us today. **Please fill out a Visitor Card** found at the entrance or email us at [admin@elmopres.org](mailto:admin@elmopres.org) so we can get to know you better and send you our weekly newsletter. 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

**ELMO Pres Kids & Youth at 9:00 a.m.** for nursery-8th grade. On break Dec. 25 and Jan. 1.

**Children's Church** for nursery-kindergarten age children (age 0-6) from 10:00-11:00 a.m. Please check-in at the Early School. Elementary age children remain in worship. **Pick up a worship activity guide** on your way into worship!

**Middle School (5th—8th) Friday Nights at ELMO Pres** 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month from 6:30—8:30 p.m. Pizza! Games! Bible! Friends! Fun!

**High School Bible Study:** Friday mornings from 7:15—8:15 a.m. at Dune Coffee on Anacapa. Contact Lauri for more information.

**Sign up for the ELMO Pres Family Newsletter** for more information on discipleship and service opportunities for youth, children and families. Email: [LauriHaugen@elmopres.org](mailto:LauriHaugen@elmopres.org).

## Caring

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

Our Ministry Partners the Bultemas, Callisons, Ostbys, Warners, Vivancos. Mayu Luz Gullien Villanueva, Everetts at Rancho Sordo Mundo and Pastor Noe Perez Gomez at Iglesia Cristo es el Camino, SB Rescue Mission, Transition House and Network Medical Women's Center of SB.

Jon Wentzel and James Wentzel, both serving in the Air Force as Lt. Cols. and F-16 pilots, sons of Bob and Nancy Phinney. Jack Burrows, the grandson of Sydney and Peter Tredick, currently serving in the Army's 101st Airborne "Screaming Eagles" Division.

Bill Allmon, for chemotherapy treatment.

Joyce Hutchinson, for healing from a fall and adjusting to her new room in Smith Center.

Ann Marie King, for her unstable heart condition and wisdom from her doctors.

Curtis Whiteman for continued recovery.

The people of Ukraine.

## Connecting & Serving

### **Adult Discipleship, Advent Sundays at 9:00 a.m.**

Join one of the Advent Discussion Groups in the Library or Fireside room or the Coffee and Chat in the courtyard.

### **Christmas in Narnia, Saturday, December 3 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

RSVP at [elmopres.org](http://elmopres.org) for a Tea Time and join us for crafts, games, sleigh rides, story time and more! An event for the child in all of us.

### **Joy Reflected, a Luncheon for Widows, Thursday December 8 at 11:45 a.m.**

Join us for conversation, lunch and special Christmas music. Please RSVP to Shirley Fender.

### **Christmas at ELMO!**

Christmas Eve, Saturday December 24 Candlelight Lessons & Carols at 4 or 6 p.m.

Christmas Day, Sunday December 25, continental breakfast at 9:30 a.m. worship at 10 a.m.

### **Women in the Word, Mondays at 9:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall**

“Pursuing Joy” includes the books of Philippians, Galatians and Ephesians.

### **Women’s Bible Study, Thursdays 7:45 - 9:00 a.m. at IHOP**

Please join us at IHOP, 1701 State St. Current study is “Reading Romans with John Stott”.

### **Men’s Bible Study, Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. in the Library**

You’re invited to join us in a study of the Book of John. Bring your Bible, coffee is provided.

### **Connect with our Ministry Partners**

Please continue sending notes of encouragement to our Ministry Partners:

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### **Acts 1:8 Connection: United World Mission, Mexico –Vivancos**

- For safety as we drive the 2000 miles over the course of 5 days (plus a layover in El Paso)--and then back again in January.
- For refreshing times of rest and renewal.
- For wonderful family times reunited with our 3 older kids and extended family members.
- For blessed times of worship and fellowship in each church body we spend time with.
- That we will represent well the work God is doing in southern Mexico.
- For God's provision for all of our needs as we travel.

**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. Dr. Tom Haugen, Pastor*

*Rev. Lauri Haugen, Asst. Pastor to Families*

*Brad Catron, Facilities Manager*

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*The Entire Congregation, Ministers of the Gospel*

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*Nathan Gates, Outreach*

*Rob Hale, Adult Discipleship*

*Susan Hughes, Congregational Life*

*Ginger Ketznel, Nominating*

*Barbara Mendelson, Finance*

*Mary Slater, Human Resources*

*Jeffrey Smith, Youth Ministries*

**Deacons**

*Betty Delk, Co-Moderator*

*Jeff Delk, Co-Moderator*

*Kersten Barr*

*Cathy Clemens, Holiday Gifts*

*Judy Cooper-Ashford*

*Chase Enright, Greeters*

*Melissa Hillegas, Hospital Visitation*

*Pam Jepson, Care Notes*

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