

# WORSHIP



Sunday, January 1, 2023, Happy New Year!

*So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom. Psalm 90:12*

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## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

David Talbott

Welcome to Our Life Together

Kirk Gilbert

Prayer of Invocation

Music of Preparation

## GIVING PRAISE TO GOD

**\*Call to Worship**

Psalm 72

Leader: Endow the king with your justice, O God, the royal son with your righteousness.

**People: May he judge your people in righteousness, your afflicted ones with justice. May the mountains bring prosperity to the people, the hills the fruit of righteousness.**

Leader: May he defend the afflicted among the people and save the children of the needy; may he crush the oppressor.

**People: May he endure as long as the sun, as long as the moon, through all generations. In his days may the righteous flourish and prosperity abound till the moon is no more.**

Leader: May all kings bow down to him and all nations serve him.

**All: For he will deliver the needy who cry out, the afflicted who have no one to help. He will take pity on the weak and the needy and save the needy from death. He will rescue them from oppression and violence, for precious is their blood in his sight. Praise be to the LORD God, the God of Israel, who alone does marvelous deeds. Praise be to his glorious name forever, may the whole earth be filled with his glory. Amen and Amen.**

*\* Please stand if you are able*

1. O sing a song of Bethlehem,  
Of shepherds watching there,  
And of the news that came to them  
From angels in the air:  
The light that shone on Bethlehem  
Fills all the world today;  
Of Jesus' birth and peace on earth  
The angels sing always.

2. O sing a song of Nazareth,  
Of sunny days of joy,  
O sing of fragrant flowers' breath,  
And of the sinless Boy;  
For now the flowers on Nazareth  
In every heart may grow;  
Now spreads the fame of His dear name  
On all the winds that blow.

3. O sing a song of Galilee,  
Of lake and woods and hill,  
Of Him who walked upon the sea  
And bade its waves be still:  
For though like waves on Galilee,  
Dark seas of trouble roll,  
When faith has heard the Master's word,  
Falls peace upon the soul.

4. O sing a song of Calvary,  
Its glory and dismay;  
Of Him who hung upon the tree,  
And took our sins away:  
For He who died on Calvary  
Is risen from the grave,  
And Christ, our Lord, by heav'n adored,  
Is mighty now to save.

## **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](#). On the first Sunday of the month we highlight the opportunity to give to our Deacon's ministries of care. If you wish to do so, there are Deacon's envelopes near the entrance. 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.**

**PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD**

**\*Hymn of Preparation**

*Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

No. 143

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| <p>1. Infant holy, Infant lowly,<br/>for His bed a cattle stall;<br/>Oxen lowing, little knowing<br/>Christ the Babe is Lord of all.<br/>Swift are winging angels singing,<br/>noels ringing, tidings bringing:<br/>Christ the Babe is Lord of all,<br/>Christ the Babe is Lord of all.</p> | <p>2. Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping<br/>vigil till the morning new<br/>Saw the glory, heard the story,<br/>tidings of a gospel true.<br/>Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow,<br/>praises voicing, greet the morrow:<br/>Christ the Babe was born for you.<br/>Christ the Babe was born for you.</p> |
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**Scripture**

2 Samuel 17:27-29, 19:31-40

**Sermon**

*Three Men of Character*

Wes Haystead

**CELEBRATING COMMUNION**

**Confession of Sin** Unison

**Lord Jesus, if you had not limited all your majestic greatness into the cramped quarters of the human nature, we could not know now the limitless power and privilege of being your children! If you had not come to die, we could never have received eternal life. If you had not been torn, we could never have been mended. Now forgive us for not loving others as you loved us. Forgive us for not quieting the fears of our hearts with the knowledge of how you loved us. Now let us adore you for the gift of your Son, for he is our hope and our health and our life. Amen.**

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

## Assurance of Forgiveness

But when the time had fully come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons and daughters. And because you are sons and daughters, God has set the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba, Father!' So through God you are no longer a slave but a son and daughter, and if a son or daughter then an heir.

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

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, cleansed and adopted into God's family.  
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 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.**

### \*Hymn of Response

*Go, Tell it on the Mountain*

No. 138

#### **Refrain:**

Go, tell it on the mountain,  
Over the hills and ev'rywhere;  
Go, tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born.

1. While shepherds kept their  
watching  
O'er silent flocks by night,  
Behold, throughout the heavens  
There shone a holy light. **[Refrain]**

2. The shepherds feared and trembled  
When lo! above the earth  
Rang out the angel chorus  
That hailed our Savior's birth.  
**[Refrain]**

3. Down in a lowly manger  
The humble Christ was born,  
And God sent us salvation  
That blessed Christmas morn.  
**[Refrain]**

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**



Sermon Notes:

## Welcome to El Montecito Presbyterian Church

**Welcome Visitors!** We are glad you are worshipping 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. No ELMO Pres Kids program on Dec. 25 and Jan. 1.

**Children's Church** for nursery-kindergarten age children (age 0-6) the nursery/preschool rooms will be available today, Jan 1, for parents and children to use, but it will not be staffed. The livestream of the worship gathering is available at [elmopres.org](http://elmopres.org). Elementary age children remain in worship. **Pick up a worship activity guide** on your way into the sanctuary.

**Middle School (5th—8th) Friday Nights at ELMO Pres** 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month from 6:30—8:30 p.m. Special Christmas Youth Group Celebration on Friday, Dec 16. Pizza! Games! Bible! Fun!

**High School Bible Study:** Friday mornings from 7:15—8:10 a.m. at Dune Coffee on Anacapa. Contact Lauri for more information.

**Sign up for the ELMO Pres Family Newsletter** for more information on events, 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.

Bereavement for the friends and family of Bill Allmon.

Joyce Hutchinson, for continued strength and peace.

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, Sunday January 8, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the Library**

Join us to hear from our global outreach partners, Manuel and Laura Vivanco, about ministry in southern Mexico, primarily in Mexico City's greater metropolitan area.

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

"Pursuing Joy" includes the books of Philippians, Galatians and Ephesians. Will be taking a break from Dec. 26—Jan. 2, returning to study Jan. 9th, 2023.

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

Will resume study of the book of Daniel with Tremper Longman III on January 5th, 2023.

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

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*Nathan Gates, Outreach*

*Rob Hale, Adult Discipleship*

*Susan Hughes, Congregational Life*

*Ginger Ketzler, 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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