

WORSHIP



December 11, 2022, **Third Sunday of Advent**

And he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the parents to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous - to make ready a people prepared for the Lord. Luke 1:17

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude	Alita Rhodes & Annie Haugen
Welcome to Our Life Together	Tom Haugen
Prayer of Invocation	
Early School Christmas Songs!	
Music of Preparation	Taylor Bleecker

GIVING PRAISE TO GOD

***Call to Worship** Psalm 85:7-13

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

People: I will listen to what God the LORD says; he promises peace to his people, his faithful servants - but let them not turn to folly.

Leader: Surely his salvation is near 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	Joy	Throop Family
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** Please stand if you are able*

***Hymn of Praise**

O Come, All Ye Faithful

No. 145

1. O come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come and behold Him -
born the King of angels!

Refrain:

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

2. Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in exultation,
O sing, all ye bright hosts of heav'n
above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!
[Refrain]

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

Father God, you promised to lift our heads in hope by redeeming our dark world and making things all 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 our 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 silently confess your sins, knowing that God hears you.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Ephesians 2:4-5

But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in transgressions - it is by grace you have been saved.

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

Ginger Ketzell

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

What Child is This?

No. 137

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]**
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]

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.

Scripture

Luke 1:5-25

Sermon

“Hope”

Tom Haugen

GOING IN GOD’S NAME

***Hymn of Response**

O Little Town of Bethlehem

No. 141

1. O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.

2. For Christ is born of Mary,
And gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars together
Proclaim the holy birth!
And praises sing to God the King,
And peace to men on earth.

3. How silently, how silently
The wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of His heav'n.
No ear may hear His coming,
But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him still
The dear Christ enters in.

4. O holy Child of Bethlehem!
Descend on us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in;
Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Emmanuel.

***Benediction**

Postlude



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 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 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) from 10:00-11:00 a.m. The nursery/preschool rooms will be available on Dec 24, 25 and Jan 1 for parents and children to use, but it will not be staffed. 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. 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.

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.

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 family and friends of Bill Allmon.

Joyce Hutchinson, for continued healing 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, 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 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: Operation Christmas Child

- **57 boxes** from ELMO are on their way to children across the globe to share the good news of Jesus and life in his name. Thank you for supporting this special ministry!
- Pray for the children and their families whose lives will be impacted by the boxes and the contents that were packed with love.
- Please go to the Operation Christmas Child website at www.samaritanspurse.org to join the year round **prayer-network**.

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

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