

# WORSHIP



December 18, 2022, **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

*The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. Luke 1:35*

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## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude David Talbott

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 marvelous 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 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 *Peace* The Patterson Family  
Andy, Mary, Albert & Oliver

\* Please stand if you are able

1. Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the new-born King;  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,  
Join the triumph of the skies;  
With th'angelic host proclaim,  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the new-born King."
2. Christ, by highest heaven adored;  
Christ, the everlasting Lord!  
Late in time behold Him come,  
Offspring of the Virgin's womb:  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;  
Hail th'incarnate Deity,  
Pleased as man with men to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel.  
Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the new-born King."
3. Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings,  
Ris'n with healing in His wings.  
Mild He lays His glory by,  
Born that man no more may die,  
Born to raise the sons of earth,  
Born to give them second birth.  
Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the new-born King."

**Confession of Sin** *Unison*

**Loving and faithful God, in this season of Advent, we celebrate that Jesus has come, and that he promises to come again. Jesus came to bring light and hope, but our hearts are often shrouded by darkness and despair. Jesus came to bring joy and peace, but our hearts are often encased by sorrow and turmoil. Jesus came to bring life and love, but our hearts are often hardened by resistance and contempt. Forgive us, Lord, for these patterns of passionless discipleship. We open our hearts in confession to be cleansed from our sinfulness and to be restored. Give us hearts of great expectation as we wait for the glorious return of our Savior. May we be ever faithful servants as we anticipate the day of his arrival. All of this we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

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

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

Susan Hughes

## Music of Reflection

Deborah Bertling

## \*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

*Once in Royal David's City*

No. 155

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| 1. Once in royal David's city<br>Stood a lowly cattle shed,<br>Where a mother laid her Baby<br>In a manger for His bed:<br>Mary was that mother mild,<br>Jesus Christ her little Child. | 2. He came down to earth from heaven,<br>Who is God and Lord of all,<br>And His shelter was a stable,<br>And His cradle was a stall:<br>With the poor, and mean, and lowly<br>Lived on earth, our Savior holy. |
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*See page 4.*

3. Jesus is our childhood's pattern,  
Day by day like us He grew;  
He was little, weak, and helpless,  
Tears and smiles like us He knew:  
And He feeleth for our sadness,  
And He shareth in our gladness.

4. And our eyes at last shall see Him  
Thro' His own redeeming love;  
For that Child so dear and gentle  
Is the Lord in heav'n above,  
And He leads His children on  
To the place where He is gone.

**Scripture**

Luke 1:26-38

**Sermon**

*Advent-ually—Expectation*

Tom Haugen

## GOING IN GOD'S NAME

**\*Hymn of Response**

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

No. 132

1. Angels we have heard on high,  
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply  
Echoing their joyous strains.

3. Come to Bethlehem, and see  
Him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee  
Christ the Lord, the new-born King.  
**[Refrain]**

**Refrain:**

Gloria in excelsis Deo,  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

2. Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
Say what may the tidings be,  
Which inspire your heav'nly song?  
**[Refrain]**

4. See within a manger laid  
Jesus, Lord of heav'n and earth!  
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,  
With us sing our Savior's birth.  
**[Refrain]**

**\*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](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) 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. Live stream will be available on the TV in the preschool room. 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! 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).

**Narnia slide show TODAY in the Library after worship!** Thank you to all the volunteers who hosted our guests with joy. It is a delight serving the LORD with you!

## 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 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.

### **Christmas at ELMO! Saturday, December 24th & Sunday December 25th**

Candlelight Lessons & Carols at 4 (live streamed) or 6 p.m.

Christmas Day, 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. Will be taking a break from Dec. 26—Jan. 2, returning to study Jan. 8, 2023.

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

Please join us at IHOP, 1701 State St. Current study is the book of Daniel with Tremper Longman III.

### **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: The Callisons in Iraq**

- Chris' sister-in-law passed away, two weeks after her husband, Chris' brother, died of a heart attack as he was sitting next to his wife in the hospital. She had been diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor. Chris returned to the U.S. to help her family. Both are back in Iraq now, but request continued prayers for her brother's family, especially regarding custody questions for Jake, their grandson whom they were raising.
- An Arabic language Presbyterian Church has begun to meet in Duhok! Our Hope House ministry center hosted the beginnings of this new church. The leaders of the new church are looking to rent and then buy a larger place. Pray they will obtain the funds they need. (Our own ministry remains focused on the Kurds.)
- We met with the Duhok governor to ask that the Roger and Harriett Cumberland house become a peace and reconciliation center according to the wishes of Janet Cumberland Shafran. Please pray that Janet's wish for a peace and reconciliation center would be accepted. The governor seemed open!

**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*

*Maryann Spradley, Office Administrator*

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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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