

WORSHIP



December 10, 2023, **Second Sunday of Advent**

"In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." John 1:4-5

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude	David Talbott
Welcome to Our Life Together	Tom Haugen
Prayer of Invocation	
Music of Preparation	ELMO Early School & ELMO Pres Kids

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	<i>Peace</i>	Paul, Ashley, Rand, Anders and Briggs Olsen
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** Please stand if you are able.*

*Hymn of Praise

Here I am to Worship

1. Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes, let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

Refrain

Here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
You're altogether lovely,
Altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me

2. King of all days
O so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly you came to the earth you
created
All for love's sake became poor
[Refrain]

Bridge

I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
[Refrain]

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

Confession of Sin Unison

Loving and faithful God, in this season of Advent, we celebrate that Jesus has come, and he will come again. Jesus came to bring light and hope, but our hearts are often shrouded in 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 this we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Take a moment to confess your sins to God, knowing that he hears and forgives.

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

In addition to giving through the passed offering plates, you are also welcome to give online at our website or scan the QR code on the back cover. 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 Ketzel

Offertory

Greensleeves

Alita Rhodes & Melinda Holm

*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 in grades K-6 are dismissed for ELMO Pres kids downstairs in the Creative Studios.

Prayers for the Church and the World

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

*Hymn of Preparation

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

1. Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn 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 hosts proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
3. Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
Born that we no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth,
Born to give us second birth. [Refrain]

Refrain: Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn 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 with us in flesh to dwell,
Jesus, our Immanuel. [Refrain]

Scripture

John 1:1-18

Sermon

The Overcoming Light

Tom Haugen

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn of Response

King of Kings

1. In the darkness we were waiting
Without hope without light
Till from heaven You came running
There was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfill the law and prophets
To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt

3. And the morning that You rose
All of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored

Chorus

Praise the Father
Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of glory, Majesty
Praise forever to the King of Kings

4. And the Church of Christ was born
Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel shall not faint
By His blood and in His Name
In His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me

2. To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake You died

*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** 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

Sunday Mornings with ELMO Pres Kids:

Nursery (age 0-2.5) & Preschool (age 2.5-5) from 9:50 a.m. until end of Worship in the Early School classrooms. Curriculum: *The Beginner's Gospel Story Bible* by Jared Kennedy.

K-6th Children begin in Worship and will be dismissed at 10:15 a.m. for ELMO Pres Kids. Pick up at 11:15 in the Creative Studios. Curriculum: *The Biggest Story Curriculum* by Crossway.

Youth: 6th–12th grade students meet together on the 1st and 3rd Friday night of the month from 6-8 p.m. Next up: December 15, remember to bring one “white elephant” gift!

Sign up for the ELMO Pres Family Newsletter! 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.

Morgan Hale US Navy, Miles Hale US Army, sons of Rob and Christine Hale, James Wentzel, US Air Force, son of Bob and Nancy Phinney. Jack Burrows US Army, grandson of Sydney and Peter Tredick.

Bereavement for the friends and family of Carol Luce.

Imre Patterson, for recovery from surgery.

Halleine Morrison, for recovery from Covid.

Donna Medwid, for recovery from a fall which resulted in hip surgery.

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

Curtis Whiteman for continued healing.

Bring peace to Israel and Gaza

Connecting & Serving

Christmas Eve at ELMO! Sunday, December 24, 10:00 a.m., 5:00 and 7:00 p.m.

Celebrate our Savior's birth! Join us for a worship gathering in the morning and Candlelight Christmas Eve at 5 or 7 p.m. Childcare for ages 0-5 at 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Santa Barbara Rescue Mission Christmas Clothing Drive, through Tuesday, December 19

We are collecting new clothing items for men and women, along with other provisions, that may be dropped off at the Rescue Mission at 535 East Yanonali St. by Tuesday, Dec.

19. Flyers with details are available in the narthex and the church office.

Women in the Word, Mondays at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Join us for "Celebrating Life in the Kingdom" an in-depth study of the book of Matthew.

Women's Bible Study, Thursdays 7:45 - 9:00 a.m. at IHOP on State St.

Starting a new study on Worship - What do we mean and what does it include?

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 Acts. 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: Greg and Chris Callison

- Gaza-Israel tensions: Pray for an end to the Gaza-Israel war; for those who are grieving, wounded, or homeless; for peacemakers to end this tragedy and for safety in our region.
- Pray for open hearts as we share Christmas with Kurdish friends: Each year we invite Kurds into our home to share the real meaning of Christmas.
- Pray that our Christmas gift to neighbors of homemade cookies, will deepen friendships and generate good discussions.

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