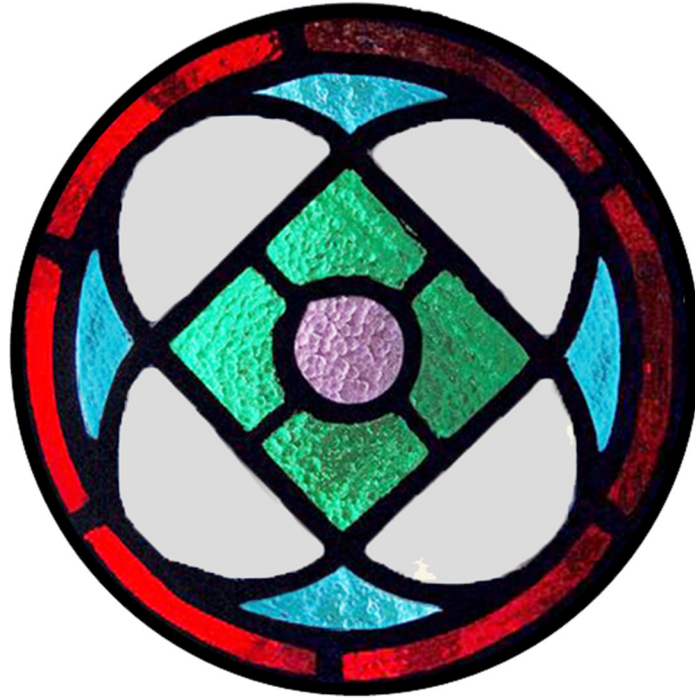


ST. ELMO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Presbyterian Church in America

Our purpose is to know, live out of, and proclaim
the wonder of God's grace in Jesus.



November 19, 2023

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**This Week at
St. Elmo Presbyterian Church and Community
November 19, 2023
and Live streaming on YouTube**

Today

9:15am Sunday School for All
10:30am Worship Service
6:00pm Youth Group meets — Contact Lance or Julie Wescher

Saturday November 25

9:00am Advent Choir practice —Contact Jeff Hall
10:00am Women's Ensemble practice — Contact Lynn Hall or Margaret Stewart

Sunday School Nursery

To sign up to help go to <https://tinyurl.com/4j9krvcn>
You will see several choices for help with the nursery.

November 19 Jennifer Webster and Carla Rae Scholten
December 3 Beth Ann Green and Drew McCampbell

Worship Service Nursery

November 19 Joseph and Amy Nichols, Matilda Green
November 26 Ellie Potter, Rebecca Dodson

**Nursery volunteer sign up for worship: <https://tinyurl.com/yp8trcc>
Nursery Director: Lydia Mayberry, lydiakarstin@gmail.com, (423) 400-0506**

Deacon for November: Macallister



Upcoming

November 26 No Sunday School
December 9 Ladies' Christmas celebration at Carol Wildeman's at 3:00pm
December 10 Church Christmas Party at 5:00pm
December TBD Youth Christmas party
January 28 Couples' Baby Shower for Kali and Andrew Haun at 3:00pm in the Fellowship Hall

Words for Meditation

“Because the Christian God is not a lonely God, but rather a communion of three persons, faith leads human beings into the divine communion. One cannot, however, have a self-enclosed communion with the Triune God- a “foursome,” as it were-- for the Christian God is not a private deity. Communion with this God is at once also communion with those others who have entrusted themselves in faith to the same God. Hence one and the same act of faith places a person into a new relationship both with God and with all others who stand in communion with God.” - Miroslav Volf

Prelude

Announcements

Musical Preparation

JESUS WELCOMES US

Greeting

Call to Worship

O Lord, in your strength the king rejoices, and in your salvation how greatly he exults!

You have given him his heart's desire and have not withheld the request of his lips.

For you meet him with rich blessings; you set a crown of fine gold upon his head.

He asked life of you; you gave it to him, length of days forever and ever. (Psalm 21)

Invocation

Hymn of Praise: “Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery” (Rejoice #19)

JESUS RECONCILES US TO HIMSELF

Silent Confession of Sin

Hymn of Confession: “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” (#629)

Assurance of Comfort

“I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.” - Ezekiel 36:25-27

Hymn of Assurance: “O Love That Will Not Let Me Go” (Rejoice #82)

JESUS RECEIVES OUR GENEROSITY

Offering of Gifts and Thanksgivings

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost!

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be;

World without end! Amen! Amen!

Covenant Children's Lesson

3 and 4 year-olds may go downstairs to Little Lambs

JESUS INTERCEDES FOR US

Intercessory Prayer & Lord's Prayer

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.

JESUS SPEAKS HIS LOVE TO US

Prayer of Illumination

Reading of the Word: 1 Timothy 3:1-3; Titus 1:7-8; Romans 12:9-12

Preaching of the Word: "Hospitality: The Mark of Disciple-making" (Rev. Daniel Wells)

JESUS HEARS OUR PLEDGE OF FAITH

Confession of Faith

Q. How does the Lord's Supper signify and seal to you that you share in Christ's one sacrifice on the cross and in all His gifts?

A. *In this way: Christ has commanded me and all believers to eat of this broken bread and drink of this cup in remembrance of Him. With this command He gave these promises: First, as surely as I see with my eyes the bread of the Lord broken for me and the cup given to me, so surely was His body offered for me and His blood poured out for me on the cross. Second, as surely as I receive from the hand of the minister and taste with my mouth the bread and the cup of the Lord as sure signs of Christ's body and blood, so surely does He Himself nourish and refresh my soul to everlasting life with His crucified body and shed blood. (Heidelberg Catechism #75)*

JESUS SEALS HIS LOVE TO US

Invitation to the Table*

Prayer of Consecration

Sursum Corda

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord.

It is fitting and right to do so.

People of God, as you come to the table, what do you proclaim?

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come back again.

The Bread ("On Jordan's Stormy Banks" Rejoice #84, 1st & 2nd Stanzas)

The Cup ("On Jordan's Stormy Banks" 3rd Stanza)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

JESUS SENDS US WITH HIS BLESSING

Song of Departure: "On Jordan's Stormy Banks" (4th Stanza)

Benediction



*GF bread available

Please pray for these individuals and groups this week:

- Matt, Joan, and Alec Vos
- Rose Vos
- Kedric, Jennifer, and Cleo Webster
- Daniel, Ashlee, Ralph, Simon, Mary, and Rose Wells
- The Women's Fellowship
- Aaron and Katrina Fortune: Swiss L'Abri
- The Bethlehem Center
- Covenant College
- President Biden and Vice President Harris
- Pray for our faithful witness to our neighbors
- Ukraine
- Israel
- Youth Committee and the Session as we continue our search for a Youth & Children's Director.

Women's Tuesday Bible Study Dates November through January 9

Tuesday, November 21 - we will not meet

Tuesday, November 28 - we will meet at our regular time of 10 AM but will be helping to decorate the sanctuary for Advent and Christmas

December - We will not be meeting in December

Tuesday, January 9 - will be our first meeting to greet the new year with a brunch at 10 AM

**Aaron and Katrina Fortune
Swiss L'Abri**

1. **For our two L'Abri babies Zoe and Joy:** continued health and lots of night time sleep ;)
2. **For our students:** for God's nearness and guidance as they wrestle with big questions and life changes
3. **For the students who have already left:** for smooth transition back home, and to be able to bring what they have learned with them into their lives there
4. **For our future students:** for God to bring the right people here at the right time
5. **For L'Abri's finances:** as we head into the winter months, things are always tighter as our student numbers drop and energy costs increase.
6. **For Beau Site:** wisdom to know how we should move forward, and for the bank to give us a favorable answer if we are to purchase it.

Pray for the Persecuted Church in IRAN (8)

IRANIANS ARE COLLATERAL DAMAGE OF IRAN-HAMAS PARTNERSHIP

Source: MNN, October 20, 2023

If Israel continues its offensive on Hamas in Gaza, Iran's foreign minister threatens an "expansion of war fronts." The US State Department has confirmed that Hamas terrorists receive significant funding from Iran. Meanwhile, Iran's own economy falters and Iranian citizens suffer the collateral damage. Mike Ansari with Heart4Iran says Iranians often call the ministry with struggles of hopelessness. Heart4Iran offers trauma counseling and biblical support. Pray for Iranians to know Christ's hope.

Prayer

1. Pray for Iranians to know Christ's hope.
2. Ask God to equip and strengthen Heart4Iran in difficult ministry context.
3. Pray for wise and godly leaders in Iran: 🙏🇮🇷

Prayer

1. November marks a season of gratitude and generosity, and it's an exciting time at The Bethlehem Center. On November 18, we are thrilled to present our signature event, the Dinner of Champions, where we will pay tribute to exceptional community heroes.
2. Additionally, we have an engaging social media campaign lined up for Giving Tuesday, aimed at inspiring our community to give back in any way they can. The proceeds from these events play a crucial role in supporting The Bethlehem Center's mission and programs, and building lasting relationships with the youth and families of Chattanooga.
3. As part of our Giving Tuesday initiative, we extend a warm invitation to join in the fun on social media every Tuesday throughout November, beginning on November 7th. We're going to give away weekly prizes to express our gratitude to our supporters. To participate, simply like, share, or comment on our posts to earn entries for a chance to win exciting prizes, such as exclusive "The Beth" merchandise and a Yeti cup as well as gift cards. Every Friday in November, we will announce the lucky winners on our social media platforms. The grand prize is a gift basket, which will be awarded at our Give Back Night, taking place at 1885 Grill in St. Elmo.
4. Additionally, we encourage you to connect with us on social media and join us at 1885 Grill, where a portion of the proceeds from that evening will be donated to support The Bethlehem Center, its programs and services.
5. Don't miss out on these thrilling giveaways – click below to stay informed and be a part of our heartfelt celebrations!

thebeth.org

[Facebook.com/TheBethCenter](https://www.facebook.com/TheBethCenter)

Hotel New Jerusalem:

Gospel Hospitality from Genesis to Revelation

(1 Timothy 3:1-3; Titus 1:7-8; Romans 12:9-12)

“Hospitality: The Mark of Disciple-making”

1 Timothy 3:1-3 NIV 1984

¹Here is a trustworthy saying: If anyone sets his heart on being an overseer, he desires a noble task. ²Now the overseer must be above reproach, the husband of but one wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, ³not given to drunkenness, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money.

Titus 1:7-8 NIV 1984

⁷Since an overseer is entrusted with God's work, he must be blameless—not overbearing, not quick-tempered, not given to drunkenness, not violent, not

pursuing dishonest gain. ⁸Rather he must be hospitable, one who loves what is good, who is self-controlled, upright, holy and disciplined.

Romans 12:9-12 NIV 1984

⁹Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. ¹⁰Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. ¹¹Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. ¹²Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

1. How have you engaged in evangelism and gospel conversations with non-believers?

2. What would it look like to see hospitality be your means of evangelism and disciple-making?

3. How should hospitality be a core value of the local church?

Paul continued: "Since an elder manages God's household, he must not be bossy, not quick-tempered, not violent, not dishonest. ...

Write the letter "E" or "O" on each line to complete the words.

... Rath__r, h__ must b__ w_e_l_c__ming,
__n_e wh__ l__v__s what is
g____d, wh__ is s__lf-c_o_ntr__ll__d,
upright, h__ly and disciplin__d."



Welcome to St. Elmo Presbyterian Church pca

Sunday School for Children and Adults

Begins at 9:15am. Fellowship time in the Fellowship Hall. Children downstairs in the SS hallway at 9:30am. Adults meet in the Adult SS room downstairs. Sunday School for kindergarten children through youth group age meet downstairs in the SS wing. Sunday School breaks for the summer months.

Little Lambs

Children from 3 through 4 years old attend their own worship service downstairs after the offering is taken.

Nursery Available

Nursery is provided for babies through the age of two during Sunday School and worship. If you can help us in our nursery, please contact: Lydia Mayberry.

Sign up to volunteer in the nursery at: stelmopres.org. Click on "Connect-Grow-Serve" then "Nursery..." then scroll down to Sign up for Sunday Nursery..."

You can also go to: <https://tinyurl.com/yp8trcc>

Past Sermons and Church Calendar

Sermons online: <https://soundcloud.com/SEPC4400/sets>

Calendar online: www.stelmopres.org/events



Find us on Facebook:

St. Elmo Presbyterian Church - pca

<https://www.facebook.com/StElmoPresPCA>
High School and Middle School Youth Group
Coordinators/Contacts: Lance and Julie Wescher

Youth Group meets Sunday nights from 6:00pm-8:00pm except for the first Sunday of each month.

Youth Group breaks for the summer months.

Christian Education Staff Contact Information

- Nursery Director: Lydia Mayberry



Online donations/offerings:

You can use this QR code or you may go to - <https://tinyurl.com/mr7h9e89>



To join the St. Elmo Presbyterian Church Email List:

1. Go to: <http://lists.st-elmo.org/mailman/listinfo/sepc>
2. Enter your email address in the gray box
3. Enter your name in the gray box
4. Password is optional
5. Click "Subscribe" and you will be added to the list. You will receive an email with directions for sending an email to the list and also unsubscribing. If you have difficulty signing on, please email Jay Green at jay.green@covenant.edu.

Parking

*Please do not park in front of driveways, or IN driveways, or in front of garages.
Please try to park on the side streets and not on St. Elmo Avenue (painted bike lanes).*

Also, park to the right of the road (in the direction you are going) so that you are not ticketed by the police.

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