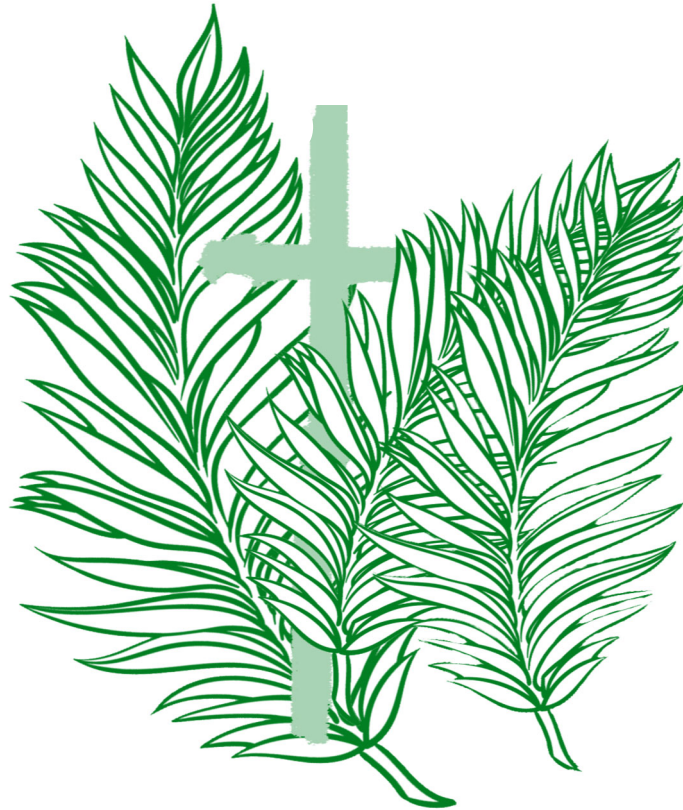


# ST. ELMO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Presbyterian Church in America

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



March 24, 2024

Rev. Daniel Wells, Pastor

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**This Week at  
St. Elmo Presbyterian Church and Community  
March 24, 2024  
and Live streaming on YouTube**

**Today**

9:15am Sunday School for all  
10:30am Worship Service  
6:00pm Youth Group meets — Contact Brad Roberts

**Monday March 25**

7:00pm Women's Monday Evening Bible Study at Lydia Mayberry's — Contact Lydia Mayberry  
7:00pm Boy Scouts meet — Contact Ed Sunder or Mark Slavovsky

**Tuesday March 26**

10:00am Women's Bible study meets — Contact Lynn Hall or Shelley Madueme

**Wednesday March 27**

7:00pm Flintstone Wednesday Night small group meets at Tuckers' — Contact John or Kathy Tucker  
7:00pm Wednesday Night Prayer Group meets — Contact Carol or Jim Wildeman

**Thursday March 28**

7:00pm Maundy Thursday service at Greens' — Contact Jay or Beth Ann Green

**Friday March 29**

7:00pm Good Friday service

**Saturday March 30**

9:00am Choir practice for Easter — Contact Jeff Hall

**Sunday School Nursery**

To sign up to help go to <https://tinyurl.com/4j9krvcn>

**March 24** Jennifer Webster and Carla Rae Scholten

**March 31** No Sunday School, but Easter Breakfast

**Worship Service Nursery**

**March 24** Rob Allen, Glen and Becky Wieldraayer

**March 31** Ellie Potter and Rebecca Dodson

**Nursery volunteer sign up for worship: <https://tinyurl.com/yp8trcc>**

**Nursery Director:** Lydia Mayberry, [lydiakarstin@gmail.com](mailto:lydiakarstin@gmail.com), (423) 400-0506

**Upcoming**

**Sunday, March 31** Easter Breakfast at 9:00am and Worship Service at 10:30am

**Saturday, April 6** Spring Church Workday—Rain date 4/13 9:00am-12pm

**Sunday, April 7** **No First Sunday Potluck Lunch, No Youth Group**

**Sunday, April 14** Budgets due to Mark Slavovsky and Ed Sunder (Finance Ministry Group)

**Sunday, April 14** Wedding Shower for Kara and Jackson after the morning service

## **Words for Meditation**

*"I heard in Addison's Walk a bird sing clear: this year the summer will come true. This year. This year.  
Winds will not strip the blossom from the apple trees this year, nor want of rain destroy the peas.  
This year time's nature will no more defeat you, nor all the promised moments in their passing cheat you.  
This time they will not lead you round and back to Autumn, one year older, by the well-worn track.  
This year, this year, as all these flowers foretell, we shall escape the circle and undo the spell.  
Often deceived, yet open once again your heart, quick, quick, quick, quick!—the gates are drawn apart."  
-C.S. Lewis*

## **Prelude**

## **Announcements**

## **Musical Preparation**

## **KING JESUS WELCOMES US**

### **Greeting**

### **Call to Worship**

Save us! We pray, O LORD! O LORD, we pray, give us success!  
*Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD! We bless you from the house of the LORD.*  
The LORD is God and He has made His light shine upon us.  
*You are my God and I will give you thanks; you are my God and I will extol you. (Psalm 118)*

### **Invocation**

**Hymns of Praise:** "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" (Rejoice #41)  
"O Worship the King" (#2)

## **KING JESUS EQUIPS HIS CHURCH**

**Recognition of New Stephen Ministers:** Cindy Sindler and Betsy Sunder

### **Prayer of Blessing**

**Song of Redemption:** "O Great God of Highest Heaven" (Rejoice #80)

## **KING JESUS RECEIVES OUR TRIBUTE**

### **Offering of Gifts and Thanksgivings**

### **Doxology**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Praise Him, all creatures, here below!  
Praise Him, above, Ye heavenly Host! Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen!*

### **Covenant Children's Lesson**

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

## **KING 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.*

## **KING JESUS SPEAKS HIS LOVE TO US**

### **Prayer of Illumination**

**Reading of the Word:** Mark 11:1-11

**Preaching of the Word:** “The King We Need” (Rev. Daniel Wells)

## **JESUS HEARS OUR PLEDGE OF FAITH**

### **Confession of Faith**

**Q.** How does Christ execute the office of a King?

**A.** *Christ executes the office a King, in subduing us to himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies. (Westminster Larger Catechism #26)*

## **KING JESUS SENDS US WITH HIS BLESSING**

**Hymn of Departure:** “Jesus Shall Reign” (#441)

### **Benediction**

#### **Please pray for these individuals and groups this week:**

- ☐ Daniel, Ashlee, Ralph, Simon, Mary, and Rosie Wells
- ☐ Lance, Julie, Zach, Drew, Aaron, and Luke Wescher
- ☐ Glen and Becky Wieldraayer
- ☐ Jim and Carol Wildeman
- ☐ Our Arts and Aesthetics Ministry Group
- ☐ Dan and Mako Gilchrist: ELI
- ☐ Widows' Harvest Ministries
- ☐ RUF: UTC—David Mooney
- ☐ Our U.S. Governors
- ☐ **The Persecuted Church in YEMEN (5)**
- ☐ Pray for our faithful witness to our neighbors
- ☐ Ukraine
- ☐ Israel

#### **Widows Harvest Ministries**

**Contact: Lisa Eames**

#### **Praise**

We are so grateful for the prayer, volunteer and financial support SEPC has given to Widows Harvest over the years. We give thanks for our partnership together in serving local widows. The prayer ministry of widows continues to thrive and be a source of great encouragement to all who attend. Spring volunteers are serving many widows in the home repair portion of the ministry and plenty is being accomplished. In the last month, Tim English, our project coordinator, has had several retired men offer to assist him in both small projects that they work on together as well as leading groups of volunteers. We praise God for His provision!

#### **Please join us in praying for**

1. the spiritual growth and ministry of the widows who attend the Tuesday prayer meeting
2. our staff and the volunteers who serve widows in the community at large
3. relief and encouragement for the widows on our waiting list of projects — for God to connect the right groups at His right time for their projects to be completed.



Come celebrate the approaching wedding

of

*Jackson Murray and Kara Start*

at a shower on April 14 right after church.

This will be a luncheon, so bring a main lunch dish to share.

Drinks and dessert will be provided.

We will meet at Darrell and Margaret Stewart's home,  
Flintstone, GA 30725

Registry at:

<https://withjoy.com/kara-and-jackson/registry>

#### **Pray for the Persecuted Church in YEMEN (5)**

**ESCALATING CONFLICT COMPLICATES LIFE IN YEMEN MARCH 24**

Source: MNN, January 24, 2024

Houthi militants in Yemen promise revenge following targeted overnight airstrikes by Western forces. Since November, the Houthis have launched dozens of attacks on tankers traveling through the Red Sea. Trey Hulsey, a consultant to Middle East ministries, says the conflict makes life increasingly difficult in Yemen. *Corruption is widespread, yet hope remains. The Body of Christ is not only growing – it's thriving.*

"Ten or 15 years ago, we had scattered numbers of believers, but now we've got this distinct, emergent body that is clearly Yemenis who identify as Christians and practice the sacraments of the Lord's Supper and baptism," Hulsey says. "It's still dangerous to publicly identify yourself as anything other than Muslim, but we can confidently say about 7,000 believers are living in Yemen, and they're doing wonderful things."

#### **Prayer**

Ask the Lord to give Christian leaders wisdom to navigate Yemen's complex environment. 🙏🙏

# Palm Sunday

"The King We Need" (Mark 11:1-11)

## Mark 11:1-11 NIV 1984

<sup>1</sup>As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, <sup>2</sup>saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>3</sup>If anyone asks you, 'Why are you doing this?' tell him, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.'"<sup>4</sup>They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, <sup>5</sup>some people standing there asked, "What are you doing, untying that colt?" <sup>6</sup>They answered as Jesus

had told them to, and the people let them go.

<sup>7</sup>When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it.

<sup>8</sup>Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. <sup>9</sup>Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, "Hosanna! " "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

<sup>10</sup>"Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!" "Hosanna in the highest!" <sup>11</sup>Jesus entered Jerusalem and went to the temple. He looked around at everything, but since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve.

## I. Spontaneous, Incomplete Worship

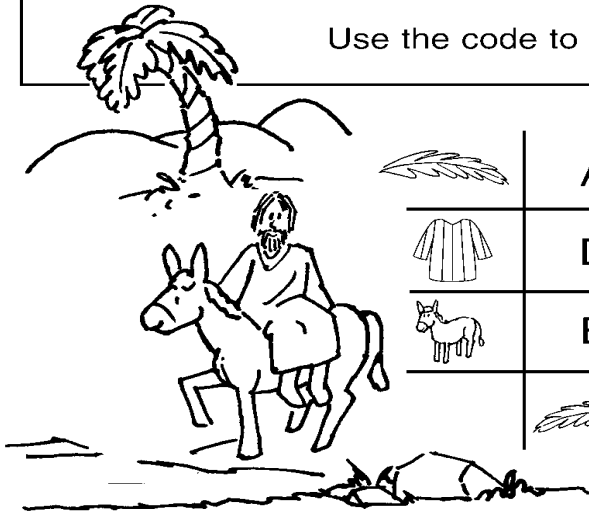
## II. Jesus' Weekly Triumphal Entry To Us








1. How are we in a better position than the crowd on Palm Sunday even though we don't see Jesus?
2. How does the notion of Jesus giving us his triumphal entry every week enlarge our view of corporate worship?

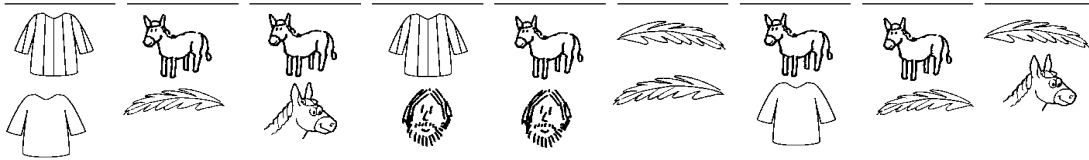
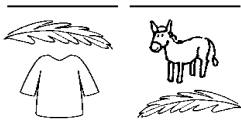


Where did Jesus go on the colt?

Use the code to find the answer



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Sermon Notes for Kids Today is \_\_\_\_\_

Who is the preacher today? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the scripture for today?

\_\_\_\_\_




**Blessed is He  
who comes in  
the name of the  
Lord!**

Large empty box for drawing or writing.

My favorite songs today:


What did you learn from today's sermon?



Welcome to St. Elmo Presbyterian Church pca  
*St. Elmo Presbyterian Church is a Stephen Ministry Congregation*

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. Jessica Novikoff

**Nursery Available**

Nursery is available during Sunday School and worship for babies and for toddlers until they are old enough for Little Lambs. If you can help us in our nursery, please contact: Lydia Mayberry. Also if you have any questions, please contact Lydia Mayberry.

Sign up to volunteer in the nurse at: [stelmopres.org](http://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](http://www.stelmopres.org/events)



**Find us on Facebook:**

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<https://www.facebook.com/StElmoPresPCA>

**High School and Middle School Youth Group**

Coordinators/Contact: Brad Roberts

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
- Youth and Children's Director: Brad Roberts



**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](mailto: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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