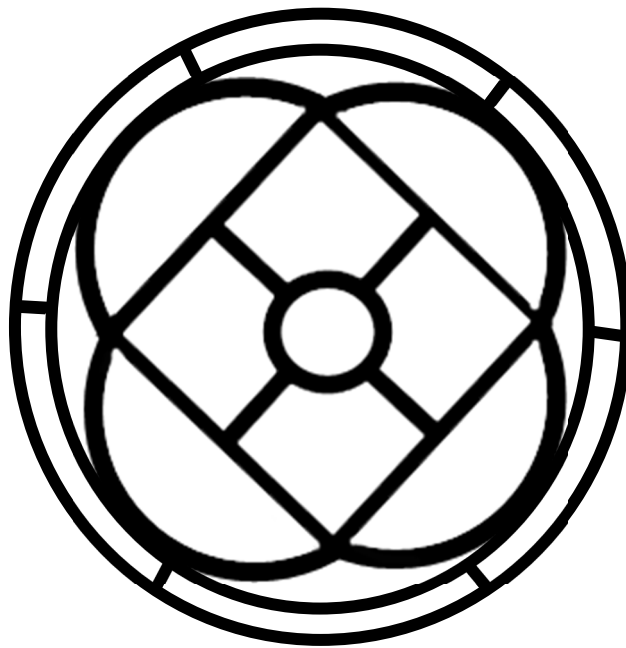


ST. ELMO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Presbyterian Church in America

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



April 21, 2024

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**This Week at
St. Elmo Presbyterian Church and Community
April 21, 2024
and Live streaming on YouTube**

Today

9:15am Sunday School for All!
10:30am Worship Service
12:10pm Philosophy of Worship Music meeting at 12:10pm at church
6:00pm Youth Group meets — Contact Brad Roberts

Monday April 22

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 April 23

10:00am Women's Bible study meets — Contact Amy Daugaard or Shelley Madueme

Wednesday April 24

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 April 25

7:30pm Session meets — Contact any Elder

Sunday School Nursery

To sign up to help go to <https://tinyurl.com/4j9krvcm>

April 21 Cindy Sindler and Tammy Steele
April 28 Jennifer Webster and Carla Rae Scholten

Worship Service Nursery

April 21 Marylu Carl and Noah & Sarah Pendergrass
April 28 Seth & Lydia Mayberry and Ellie Potter

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

Scheduled Deacon for April: Paul Sims

Upcoming

TBD MTW Compassion Offering
Sunday, May 19 Wedding Shower for John Sunder and Sophie DeRusha at Stewarts'
Saturday, May 25 Annual Boy Scout Yard Sale

“If we know God and are known by him, we have access to gaining control of our bodies in holiness and honor. But it will never occur apart from him...apart from Jesus, we can do nothing. We are not able to stand against our flesh. But he is.” - Rachel Gilson

Prelude

Announcements

Musical Preparation

JESUS WELCOMES US

Greeting

Call to Worship

*Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.
Your righteousness is like the mountains of God; your judgments are like the great deep;
How precious is your steadfast love, O God! The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.
They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights. (Psalm 36)*

Invocation

Hymn of Praise: “O God Beyond All Praising” (#660)

JESUS HEARS OUR PLEDGE OF FAITH

Confession of Faith

“I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.” (The Apostles' Creed: 2nd-9th centuries)

Song of Redemption: “O the Deep, Deep Love”

*Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus, vast, unmeasured, boundless, free.
Rolling as a mighty ocean, in its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me, is the current of Your love.
Leading onward, leading homeward, to Your glorious rest above.
Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus, spread His praise from shore to shore.
How He came to pay our ransom, through the saving cross He bore.
How He watches o'er His loved ones, those He died to make His own.
How for them He's interceding, pleading now before the throne.*

Oh, the deep, deep love! All I need and trust is the deep, deep love of Jesus.

*Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus, far surpassing all the rest.
It's an ocean full of blessing, in the midst of every test.
Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus, mighty Savior, precious Friend.
You will bring us home to glory, where Your love will never end.*

O, the deep, deep love! All I need and trust is the deep, deep love of Jesus.

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: Mark 10:17-31

Preaching of the Word: "Friend of Sinners: Encounters with Jesus in the Gospels // Encounter 12: Jesus & The Rich Young Ruler" (Rev. Daniel Wells)

JESUS RECONCILES US TO HIMSELF

Reading of the Law: Exodus 20:1-17

Silent Confession of Sin

Hymn of Confession: "Come, You Sinners, Poor and Needy" (Rejoice! #22)

Assurance of Pardon

"Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price." - Isaiah 55:1

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* ("Jesus Paid it All" #308 1st Stanza)

The Cup ("Jesus Paid it All" 2nd & 3rd Stanzas)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

JESUS SENDS US WITH HIS BLESSING

Hymn of Departure: "Jesus Paid it All" (4th Stanza)

Benediction



*GF bread is offered

Please pray for these individuals and groups this week:

- Carlos Ferrer
- Charlie Green
- Jay and Beth Ann Green
- Matilda Green
- Our Fellowship Ministry Group
- West African Reformed Mission
- CHOICES Pregnancy Center
- Covenant Theological Seminary
- Our U.S. Senators
- The Persecuted Church in IRAN(9) & SYRIA(12)**
- Pray for our faithful witness to our neighbors
- Ukraine**
- Israel**

CHOICES Pregnancy Center

Contact: John Tucker

Dad's Connect

At Choices we have found that dads are just not connected: To God, to each other and the Church.

We are working to connect Dads. That's the name of our new men's ministry that meets the fourth Tuesday night of the month from 5:30pm-7:00pm. Our results have been great.

We started out with 4 clients attending and last month with 5 and I had the privilege of inviting them to St Elmo Presbyterian Church.

Prayer

1. Pray that Dad's Connect would do just that and connect these men to God one another and the Church.
2. Pray also for our financial support that God would provide for this great ministry of life.
3. Pray for our staff as they are on the front line bringing the truth about the ugliness of abortion and the beauty of choosing life.

2023-2024 General Fund through March 2024

Year to date General Fund contributions	\$223,915
Year to date budget	<u>220,125</u>
Contributions surplus year to date	<u>\$ 3,790</u>

Deacons' Fund through March 2024

Deacons' Fund 7/1/2023	\$42,474
Year to date Deacons' Fund contributions	2,287
Year to date Deacons' Fund expenditures	<u>(5,052)</u>
Deacons' Fund 3/31/2024	<u>\$39,709</u>

Building Fund/Capital Campaign Balance

Committed funding - stained glass phase 4	<u>28,688</u>
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Pray for the Persecuted Church in IRAN(9) & SYRIA (12)

Source for both articles: MNN, April 12, 2024

U.S. EXPECTS IMMINENT IRAN RETALIATION AND "SIGNIFICANT ATTACK ON ISRAEL"

U.S. intelligence warns lawmakers of Iran's retaliation against Israel, which could take shape in the coming days. Iran's supreme leader vowed to punish Israel for last week's attack in Syria, which killed two top Revolutionary Guard commanders. Transform Iran's Lana Silk says Iran's people pay a high price when the regime prioritizes war over government management. "It was a target opportunity that, from what I understand from reading various reports, the U.S. was unaware of. *The U.S. military is on full alert in the region, expecting some retaliation from Iran.*" As usual, Syria and its people are stuck in the middle of a proxy war between Iran and Israel.

"It's just more of the chaos they've been living through the past 12 years," Samuel says. "The chaos has looked different at different seasons; there was open war, COVID, economic sanctions, an earthquake, plus constant incursions by the IDF [and] by Iran."

Believers are committed to staying in Syria, and the Lord is at work. "Our brothers and sisters there, keep pressing on. They keep walking [by] faith," Samuel says. We can't fix Iran, but we know the God who holds this country in His hands.

Prayer

1. Pray the tensions between Israel and Iran will de-escalate and not turn into regional war.
2. Ask the Lord to intervene in the affairs of men and show mercy upon the Iranian people.

IRAN AND ISRAEL TRADE THREATS AMID ESCALATING TENSIONS

Israel and Iran trade threats amid escalating tensions between the sworn enemies. Samuel with Redemptive Stories says the latest tiff began after an Israeli attack on Friday. Believers are committed to staying in Syria, and the Lord is at work. You can help Gospel workers survive another week.

Prayer

1. Pray that the many Christian converts from Islam will grow in knowledge and faith.
2. Pray for pastors and church staff who are exhausted by war and unrest.
3. Pray hearts and lives will change as people in Syria turn to the Lord for salvation. 🙏🙏

Wedding Shower for John Sunder and Sophie DeRusha

Sunday, May 19 after the morning service at the Stewarts' house

This will be a luncheon, so bring a main lunch dish to share. Drinks and dessert will be provided.



It would be helpful, though not necessary, to let Stewarts know if you plan to attend.

West African Reformed Mission

Theological Education working with Muslims/Christians

Equipping Farmers International is a new separate nonprofit that MTW and ELI setup.

It helps WARM and other groups in Africa, Asia, and South America.

Prayer

1. Pray for increasing unrest in the region with Islamic insurgents and political instability and military coups etc. This is increasing and made worse by Russian efforts to destabilize countries and gain influence in the region.
2. Pray for the work to develop a permanent facility for the girls at risk program in Senegal. There is a significant funding need for this.
3. Pray for new people looking to join ministry in the region for God to make level the way for them.
4. Pray for work in the Timothy House programs to prepare men for ordination.
5. Pray for planning for agriculture projects to try to generate more local financial resources for ministry.

Friend of Sinners: Encounters With Jesus in the Gospels

"Jesus & The Rich Young Ruler" (Mark 10:17-31)

Mark 10:17-31 NIV 1984

¹⁷As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. "Good teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁸"Why do you call me good?"

Jesus

answered. "No one is good—except God alone.

¹⁹You know the commandments: 'Do not murder, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not give false testimony, do not defraud, honor your father and mother.'" ²⁰"Teacher," he declared, "all these I have kept since I was a boy."

²¹Jesus looked at him and loved him. "One thing you lack," he said. "Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure

in heaven. Then come, follow me." ²²At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth. ²³Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!" ²⁴The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again,

"Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." ²⁶The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, "Who then can be saved?" ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God." ²⁸Peter said to him, "We have left everything to follow you!"

²⁹"I tell you the truth," Jesus replied, "no one

I. Too Greedy...or Too Good?

II. The Impossibility of Wealth...or Righteousness?

1. What do you think is the Rich Young Ruler's true problem, and why did Jesus ask him to give away his wealth?

2. What is the one thing that Jesus is asking you to part with? What would be a seemingly impossible possession to part with in order to follow Jesus?

Sermon Notes for Kids

Today is _____

Who is the preacher today? _____

What is the scripture for today?



"But many who are first will be last, and the last first."

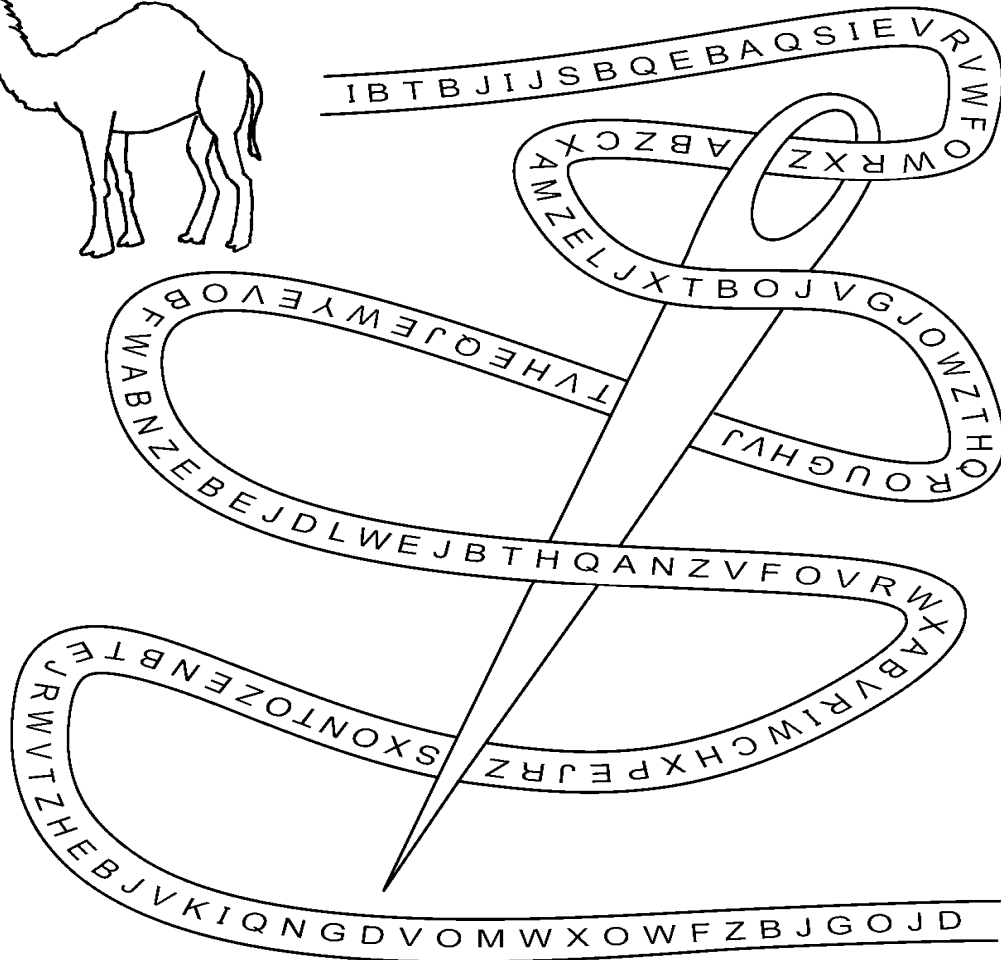
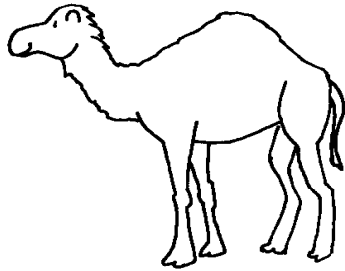
What did you learn from today's sermon?

My favorite songs today:



Jesus told the disciples ...

Cross out the following letters: B J Q V W X Z
Write the remaining letters in order on the lines below.



“ _____

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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 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/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>



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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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