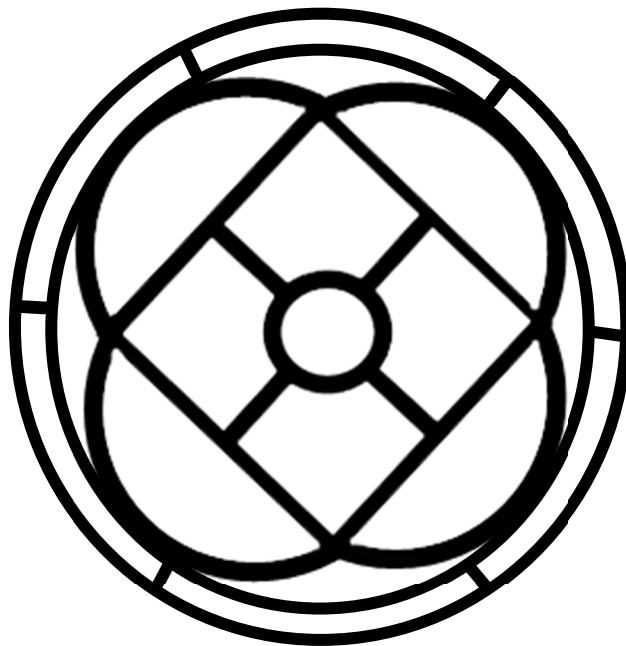


ST. ELMO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Presbyterian Church in America

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



April 28, 2024

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**This Week at
St. Elmo Presbyterian Church and Community
April 28, 2024
and Live streaming on YouTube**

Today

9:15am Sunday School for All!
10:30am Worship Service
12:30pm Sunday small group lunch meets at Stewarts' — Contact Darrell or Margaret
6:00pm Youth Group meets — Contact Brad Roberts

Monday April 29

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 30

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

Wednesday May 1

6:00pm Greens' small group meets — Contact Jay or Beth Ann
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 May 2

12:00pm Men's Bible Study — Contact Jeff Hall

Sunday School Nursery

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

April 28 Jennifer Webster and Carla Rae Scholten
May 5 Beth Ann Green and Drew Campbell

Worship Service Nursery

April 28 Seth & Lydia Mayberry and TBD
May 5 Diane Reichmann and Ashlee Wells

**Nursery volunteer sign up for worship
Nursery Director: Lydia Mayberry**

Scheduled Deacon Assistant for May: Jessica Novikoff

Upcoming

Sunday, May 19 Wedding Shower for John Sunder and Sophie DeRusha
Saturday, May 25 Annual Boy Scout Yard Sale
Monday, July 15 Vacation Bible School begins!

Words of Meditation

“Jesus Christ is the open heart of God, the very love and life of God poured out to redeem humankind, the mighty hand and power of God stretched out to heal and save sinners. All things are in God’s hands, but the hands of God and the hands of Jesus, in life and in death, are the same. That is to say, the ultimate destiny of humanity is bound up with Jesus Christ, for it is he who has come to invade and destroy the barrier of death and all that separates men and women from God. And it will be his voice, the voice of one through whom all divine judgment is channeled, the voice of Jesus, that will reach into the grave, and summon the dead into resurrection and life.” - Thomas F. Torrance

Prelude

Announcements

Musical Preparation

JESUS WELCOMES US

Greeting

Call to Worship

Trust in the LORD, and do good; dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness.

Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Commit your way to the LORD: trust in him, and he will act.

He will bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday. (Psalm 37)

Invocation

Hymn of Praise: “All People That On Earth Do Dwell” (#1)

JESUS BLESSES OUR VOCATIONS

Recognition of Graduates

High School: Helen Grace Macallister, Lauren Sims, Zach Wescher

College: Ethan Brown, Jack Ellison, Csenge Futo, Matilda Green, John Sunder, Samuel Sunder

Postgraduate: Josiah Burns, Brad Roberts, Kim Roberts, Kara Start

Prayer of Blessing

Song of Assurance: “O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer” (Rejoice! #81)

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 14:3-9

Preaching of the Word: "Friend of Sinners: Encounters with Jesus in the Gospels // Encounter 13: Jesus & The Woman at Bethany" (Rev. Daniel Wells)

JESUS HEARS OUR PLEDGE OF FAITH

Confession of Faith

"We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen." (Nicene Creed, 325 AD)

JESUS SENDS US WITH HIS BLESSING

Hymn of Departure: "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" (#679)

Benediction



Please pray for these individuals and groups this week:

- Jeff and Lynn Hall
- Joni Harbert
- Andrew, Kali, and Charles Wayne Haun
- Rachel Himebook
- Our Finance Ministry Group
- Todd and Liz Crusey: London/Perth
- Family Promise
- RUF-UTC: Davis Mooney
- Our U.S. Governors
- The Persecuted Church in IRAN(9)
- Pray for our faithful witness to our neighbors
- Ukraine
- Israel

Family Promise Contact: Carol Wildeman

Prayer

1. Please pray for Family Promise as they help families who are experiencing homelessness.
2. Pray especially for problems they are currently experiencing with their plumbing system. Several families have been housed in area motels because of these problems. Please pray for a quick resolution to this problem and that additional donations will provide the funds necessary to have a permanent solution to the plumbing issue.

Todd and Liz Crusey

London/Perth

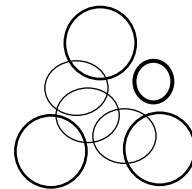
Prayer

1. Stepping into the interim leadership at Immanuel Church has left me (Todd) no shortage of work to do. I have sermons to write, events to organize, worship services to plan, people to engage, administrative work to do, newsletters to write, and so on and so on. In my desire to do well, it's easy to ignore these words from Jesus, but I need to hear them.
2. Pastoral Search:
After some initial church meetings and conversations with other pastors here in the UK, the elders at Immanuel have compiled a preliminary list of pastoral candidates. We have a long way to go, but please pray for us as we begin this process. MTW's commitment in the UK is to support the planting and growth of British churches with British pastors. It's an honor for me to serve as an interim pastor, but the goal of my service is care for the church until they're able to find their next pastor. We don't know exactly how long this process will take. Please pray that I lead with humility, confidence, and courage for the good of God's people and for the glory of God's name.

SEPC Small Groups 2024

- **St. Elmo and Chattanooga** — Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at various homes for carry-in meal, study, and prayer. — Dr. Jay and Beth Ann Green
- **Meal/Prayer and Fellowship** — 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month for meal usually right after morning worship at various homes. — Darrell and Margaret Stewart
- **Wednesday Night Small Group** — Fellowship and prayer every week at 7:00pm at various homes. — Drs. Carol and Jim Wildeman
- **Flintstone Wednesday Night Prayer and Fellowship** — John and Kathy Tucker
- **Men's Thursday Bible Study** — Meets the first and third Thursday of each month.— Dr. Jeff Hall
- **Youth Groups** — Meet 2nd through fifth Sunday nights from 6:00-8:00pm. — Mr. Brad Roberts
- **Women's Fellowship** — Book/Bible Study and prayer Tuesday mornings at 10am-11:30am. Child care available at the morning session. Monday evenings at Lydia Mayberry's house. — Amy Daugaard, Shelley Madueme
- **Young Adult Group** — Jay and Beth Ann Green

Want to start one? Talk to one of our Elders!



Pray for the Persecuted Church in IRAN(9)

SATELLITE TV MAKING AIRWAVES IN IRAN WITH THE GOSPEL

Source: MNN, April 24, 2024

It's not too surprising to hear that the government of Iran holds a high degree of control on the internet within the country. But do you know how this positively impacts the spread of the gospel?

In Iran, the government can not only limit or shut down the internet, but also track peoples' use of it. Because of this, more and more Iranians are turning to satellite TV, which cannot be stopped or monitored.

It's a trend that ministries such as Transform Iran are making the most of for Christ. "They're not necessarily looking for Jesus at this point," says Lana Silk with Transform Iran. "They take to the satellite airwaves to find material from the West that they can listen to that is different to the rhetoric that they hear at home — and that is where we want them to find Jesus."

There's an interesting contrast here. In 2016, Iranian officials confiscated 100,000 satellite dishes, declaring that the corrupting influence of satellite TV led to marriage troubles, addiction and poor education for children. Today, however, Transform Iran hears testimonies from people who were caught in those same struggles. But in these accounts, people on the brink of suicide, or trapped in addiction, depression or broken relationships discovered the help they needed.

"They find the message of Jesus through the TV, and it gives them hope, it gives them a better way, and then through that they can contact us — and we give them safe ways to do that. Then we can minister to them in-person and disciple them," Silk says.

In addition to recently finishing a series on history, politics and heritage of Iran, they have also focused on children's programming. Silk says that in Iran there are eight to 10 million children between the ages of five and 12. They are the future of Iran.

To learn more about Transform Iran's ministry in radio, television and social media go to transformiran.com 🎧📺

Wedding Shower for John Sunder and Sophie DeRusha

Sunday, May 19 after the morning service at the Stewarts' house, 473 Allgood Rd, Flintstone, GA

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



**John and Sophie are registered at:
<https://sophiejohn.minted.us/registry>**

It would be helpful, though not necessary, to let Stewarts know if you plan to attend: mlstewart51@gmail.com

Friend of Sinners:
Encounters With Jesus in the Gospels
"Jesus & the Woman at Bethany" (Mark 14:3-9)

Mark 14:3-9 NIV 1984

³While he was in Bethany, reclining at the table in the home of a man known as Simon the Leper, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, made of pure nard. She broke the jar and poured the perfume on his head.

⁴Some of those present were saying indignantly to one another, "Why this waste of perfume?"

⁵It could have been sold for more than a year's wages and the money given to the poor." And they rebuked her harshly.

⁶"Leave her alone," said Jesus. "Why are you bothering her? She has done a beautiful thing to me.

⁷The poor you will always have with you, and you can help them any time you want. But you will not always have me.

⁸She did what she could. She poured perfume on my body beforehand to prepare for my burial.

⁹I tell you the truth, wherever the gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her."

"Take all the happiest experiences of your personal relationships: when your girlfriend said yes to your proposal of marriage; your wedding day; the birth of your first child...Take all of it together, I say, multiply the joy and thrill of it a million times over, and it will scarcely compare with one brief moment in the beatific life of the Holy Trinity before the world began." - Douglas F. Kelly

I. Beauty in the Ordinary

II. Beauty in Us

II. Beauty in Jesus

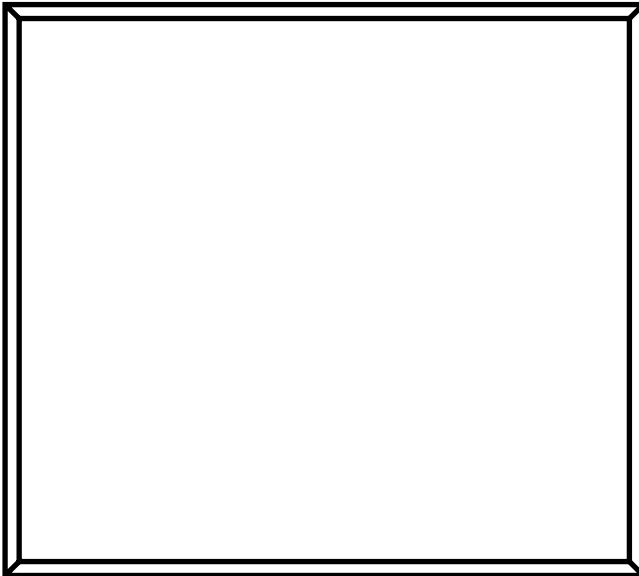
1. How does this story show that 'Beauty' is a core value of Jesus' kingdom?

2. Why is beautifying Jesus always worth it? And why is Jesus' priceless blood not wasted on us?

Sermon Notes for Kids Today is _____

Who is the preacher today? _____

What is the scripture for today?



**"Leave her
alone," Jesus
said.**

What did you learn from today's sermon?

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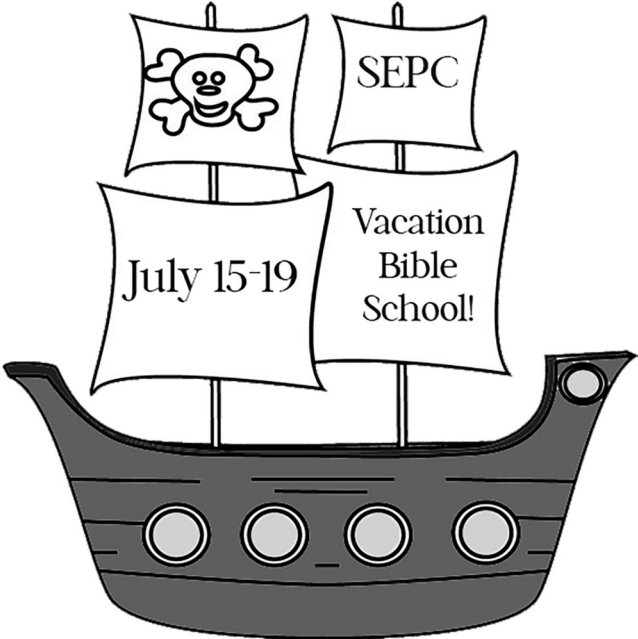
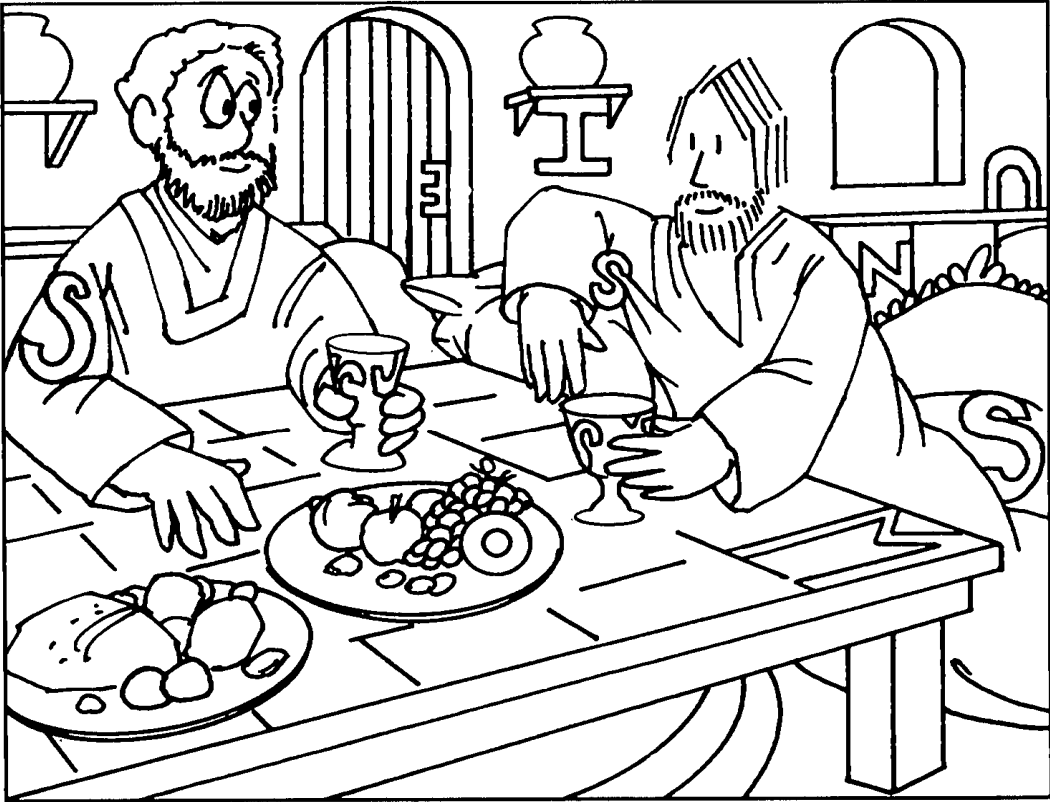


My favorite songs today:

Jesus Anointed at Bethany

It was two days before the Passover.
Jesus was at the table of Simon the Leper.

Circle J-E-S-U-S and S-I-M-O-N.



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>



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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