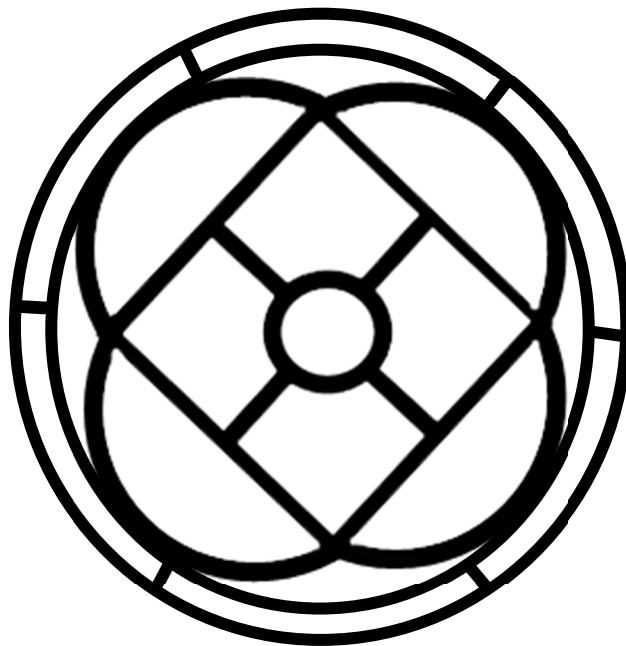


# ST. ELMO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Presbyterian Church in America

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



April 14, 2024

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**This Week at  
St. Elmo Presbyterian Church and Community  
April 14, 2024  
and Live streaming on YouTube**

- Today** Budgets due to Mark Slavovsky and Ed Sunder (Finance Ministry Group)  
 9:15am Sunday School for All!  
 10:30am Worship Service  
 12:30pm Wedding Shower for Kara and Jackson at Stewarts': 473 Allgood Road, Flintstone, GA
- Monday April 15**  
 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 16**  
 10:00am Women's Bible study meets — Contact Amy Daugaard or Shelley Madueme
- Wednesday April 17**  
 6:00pm Greens' small group meets — Contact Jay or Beth Ann Green  
 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 18**  
 12:00pm Men's Bible Study — Contact Jeff Hall

**Sunday School Nursery**

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

- April 14** Fran Snow and Amy Daugaard  
**April 21** Cindy Sindler and Tammy Steele

**Worship Service Nursery**

- April 14** Carol Wildeman and Lydia Mayberry  
**April 21** Marylu Carl and Noah & Sarah Pendergrass

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

**Scheduled Deacon for April: Paul Sims**

**Upcoming**

- Sunday, April 21** Philosophy of Worship Music meeting at 12:10pm at church  
**TBD** MTW Compassion Offering  
**Sunday, May 19** Wedding Shower for John Sunder and Sophie DeRusha  
**Saturday, May 25** Annual Boy Scout Yard Sale

## Words of Meditation

*“As we win daily, so he justifies daily, and we must daily go to him for it...Justification is an ever-running fountain, and therefore we cannot look to have all the water at once.” - William Fenner*

## Prelude

## Announcements

## Musical Preparation

## JESUS WELCOMES US

### Greeting

### Call to Worship

How long, Lord, will you look on? Rescue me from their ravages, my precious life from these lions.

*I will give you thanks in the great assembly; among the throngs I will praise you.*

May those who delight in my vindication shout for joy and gladness; may they always say, “The Lord be exalted, who delights in the well-being of his servant.”

*My tongue will proclaim your righteousness, your praises all day long.* (Psalm 35)

### Invocation

**Hymn of Praise:** “From All That Dwells Below the Skies” (#7)

## JESUS RECONCILES US TO HIMSELF

### Confession of Sin

*“Lord, high and holy, meek and lowly, Thou hast brought me to the valley of vision, where I live in the depths but see thee in the heights; hemmed in by mountains of sin I behold Thy glory. Let me learn by paradox that the way down is the way up, that to be low is to be high, that the broken heart is the healed heart, that the contrite spirit is the rejoicing spirit, that the repenting soul is the victorious soul, that to have nothing is to possess all, that to bear the cross is to wear the crown, that to give is to receive, that the valley is the place of vision. Let me find Thy light in my darkness, Thy life in my death, Thy joy in my sorrow, Thy grace in my sin, Thy riches in my poverty, Thy glory in my valley. In Jesus' Name, Amen.” (The Valley of Vision)*

### Silent Confession of Sin

### Assurance of Pardon

*“Remember these things, Jacob, for you, Israel, are my servant. I have made you, you are my servant; Israel, I will not forget you. I have swept away your offenses like a cloud, your sins like the morning mist. Return to me, for I have redeemed you.” - Isaiah 44:21-22*

**Song of Assurance:** “Nothing But the Blood of Jesus” (#307)

## 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.*

### **Song of Preparation**

"Speak, O Lord" (Rejoice! #88)

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

### **Prayer of Illumination**

**Reading of the Word:** Mark 7:24-30

**Preaching of the Word:** "Friend of Sinners: Encounters with Jesus in the Gospels // Encounter 11: Jesus & The Syrophenician Woman" (Rev. Daniel Wells)

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

### **Confession of Faith**

Q. What is thy only comfort in life and in death?

A. *That I with body and soul, both in life and in death, am not my own, but belong unto my faithful Savior Jesus Christ; who with his precious blood, has fully satisfied all my sins, and delivered me from all the power of the devil; and so preserves me that without the will of my Heavenly Father, not a hair can fall from my head; yea, that all things must be subservient to my salvation, and therefore, by His Holy Spirit, He also assures me of eternal life, and makes me sincerely willing and ready, henceforth, to live unto Him. (Heidelberg Catechism Q1, 1563)*

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

**Hymn of Departure:** "Knowing You, Jesus" (Rejoice! #60)

### **Benediction**



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

- Sophie DeRusha
- Chris and Rebecca Dodson
- Al and Joye Duke
- Lisa Eames
- Our Discipleship Ministry Group
- David and Eowyn Stoddard: Munich/Europe
- Channels of Love
- Chattanooga Christian School
- President Biden and Vice-President Harris
- The Persecuted Church in INDIA (11)**
- Pray for our faithful witness to our neighbors
- Ukraine
- Israel

**David and Eowyn Stoddard**  
**Munich/Europe**

**Praise**

- ☑ We are almost done with support-raising and are confident we can get back to Germany in June!
- ☑ Our last landlord who was threatening to not return our deposit just did! That's great news because we'll need it for our next place in Munich.
- ☑ Ethan has decided to go to Covenant! Pray for remaining details of financing.

**Prayer**

1. For a good last 2 months here.
2. For an affordable apartment in Munich to become available at the right time in the target area.
3. For a good adjustment to Munich, the people, the church plant, new neighbors, etc.
4. *For our wandering children to come back to the Lord! It's ok to gang up on them in prayer!*



Stoddards 2021

Front row: Eowyn, Emma, Ethan, Alethea,

Back row: Liam, Jesse, and David

**Channels of Love**

**Contact: Virginia Strom**

**Praise**

- Praise for the client for whom we had been praying regarding housing! She will be moving to Apison soon. Please continue to pray that this would be a good, safe place for her to live.

**Prayer**

1. Please pray for my (Susan Davis) brother-in-law and his family. He is in hospice care in Alabama.
2. Please pray for a client who is facing financial difficulties due to problems with his Social Security.
3. Please pray for several clients who are sick with a variety of illnesses right now. One of these clients has recently been let go from a job he has held for many years. Please pray that he would not become more discouraged and depressed.

**Wedding Shower for John Sundt and Sophie DeRusha**

**Sunday, May 19 after the morning service at Kathy Tucker's House 176 Idle Rock Dr., Flintstone, GA**

**John and Sophie are registered at:**

**<https://sophiejohn.minted.us/registry>**



**Pray for the Persecuted Church in INDIA (11)**

Source: MNNonline.org, March 29, 2024

Religious freedom advocates sound the alarm as India begins implementing the Citizenship Amendment Act or CAA. The CAA fast-tracks entry for asylum seekers from some faiths but excludes others, specifically Muslims. John Pudaite with Bibles For The World says rights advocates worry the exclusion could extend to any non-Hindu faith.

Earlier in March, India began deporting refugees who fled Myanmar after the 2021 coup. The CAA isn't the only threat to Christ-followers in India. Pudaite says human rights watchdogs documented over 600 acts of violence against believers and churches in 2023. "That's more than one and a half incidents a day. We have seen the persecution and oppression of Christians just continuously on the rise," Pudaite says. Hindu nationalist Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the BJP are forecast to win India's upcoming elections, slated to begin on April 19 and lasting six weeks. "It seems like everywhere we turn, there's another issue or another law being passed that could be used against the religious minorities. Christians, of course, are facing the brunt of this," Pudaite says.

**Prayer**

1. Ask the Lord to strengthen believers and help them persevere through whatever comes next.
2. Please continue praying for Bibles For The World and Christian communities in Manipur. 🙏🙏

## Friend of Sinners:

### Encounters With Jesus in the Gospels

#### "Jesus & the Syrophenician Woman" (Mark 7:24-30)

##### **Mark 7:24-30 NIV 1984**

<sup>24</sup>Jesus left that place and went to the vicinity of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know it; yet he could not keep his presence secret.

<sup>25</sup>In fact, as soon as she heard about him, a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an evil spirit came and fell at his feet.

<sup>26</sup>The woman was a Greek, born in Syrian Phoenicia. She begged Jesus to drive the demon out of her daughter.

<sup>27</sup>"First let the children eat all they want," he told her, "for it is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to their dogs."

<sup>28</sup>"Yes, Lord," she replied, "but even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs."

<sup>29</sup>Then he told her, "For such a reply, you may go; the demon has left your daughter."

<sup>30</sup>She went home and found her child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

#### I. This Woman's Outsideness to the Kingdom

#### II. Jesus Drawing the Woman Into the Kingdom

1. How far outside of the kingdom was this woman? How does Jesus draw in this woman to become near to him and the kingdom?

2. What qualities of great faith (Matt 15:28) does this woman show?





A woman who was a foreigner, and whose little daughter was possessed by an impure spirit, came and fell at Jesus' feet. She begged Jesus to drive the demon out of her daughter. What happened?

Use this chart to find the answer.

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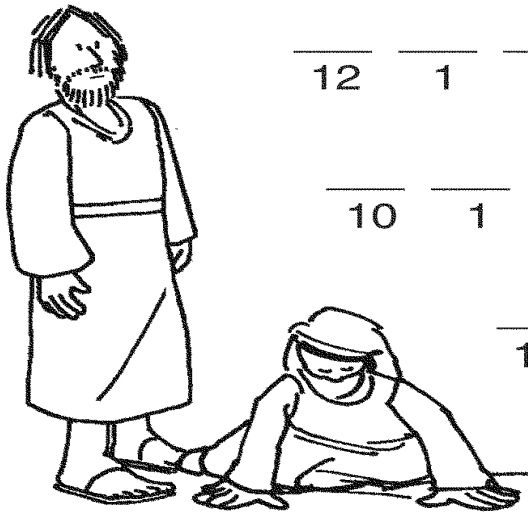
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Welcome to St. Elmo Presbyterian Church pca  
*St. Elmo Presbyterian Church is a Stephen Ministry Congregation*

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](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:**

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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**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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