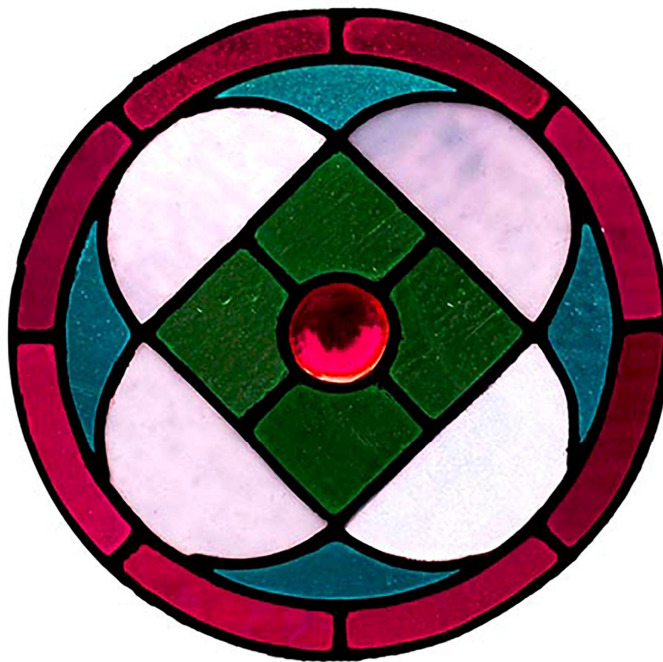


ST. ELMO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Presbyterian Church in America

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



May 5, 2024

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**This Week at
St. Elmo Presbyterian Church and Community
May 5, 2024
and Live streaming on YouTube**

Today

9:15am Sunday School for All!
10:30am Worship Service
12:10pm First Sunday Potluck Lunch. Everyone is invited to stay!

Monday May 6

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
7:00pm CAHSE meets at 4501 St. Elmo Ave — Contact Cal Boroughs

Tuesday May 7

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

Wednesday May 8

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

Thursday May 9

7:30pm Session meets — Contact any Elder

Sunday School Nursery

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

May 5 Beth Ann Green and Isaac Sunder

May 12 Fran Snow and Amy Daugaard

Worship Service Nursery

May 5 Diane Reichmann and Ashlee Wells

May 12 Carol Wildeman and Betsy Sunder

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

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

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

Saturday, June 8 Men's Breakfast

June 10-14 2024 General Assembly in Richmond, Virginia: pray for the Elders attending

Sunday, July 14 Vacation Bible School begins!

“The great paradox of the Christian life is that we are called to be losers. Oddly, our winning comes through losing; our strength, through weakness; our life, through death. Consider how the Christian calling is to give things up, to pour out, and to empty oneself. The call is to loser status as far as the things of this world are concerned. And losing is so much more important than winning.” – Matt Vos

Prelude

Announcements

Musical Preparation

JESUS WELCOMES US

Greeting

Call to Worship

All my longings lie open before you, Lord; my sighing is not hidden from you.

Lord, I wait for you; you will answer, Lord my God.

Lord, do not forsake me; do not be far from me, my God.

Come quickly to help me, my Lord and my Savior. (Psalm 38)

Invocation

Hymns of Praise: “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” (#53)

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” (#38)

JESUS COMMISSIONS HIS SERVANTS

Scripture Reading

Charge to Brad Roberts

Prayer of Blessing

Hymn of Response: “Great is Thy Faithfulness” (#32)

JESUS RECEIVES OUR GENEROSITY

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!

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: Luke 19:1-10

Preaching of the Word: "Friend of Sinners: Encounters with Jesus in the Gospels // Encounter 14: Jesus & Zacchaeus" (Rev. Daniel Wells)

JESUS HEARS OUR PLEDGE OF FAITH

Confession of Faith

"This banquet is a spiritual table at which Christ communicates himself to us with all his benefits. At that table he makes us enjoy himself as much as the merits of his suffering and death, as he nourishes, strengthens, and comforts our poor, desolate souls by the eating of his flesh, and relieves and renews them by the drinking of his blood... With humility and reverence we receive the holy sacrament in the gathering of God's people, as we engage together, with thanksgiving, in a holy remembrance of the death of Christ our Savior, and as we thus confess our faith and Christian religion... By the use of this holy sacrament we are moved to a fervent love of God and our neighbors." (Belgic Confession of Faith XXXV, 1561)

JESUS SEALS HIS LOVE TO US

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Consecration

Song of Preparation: "Behold the Lamb" (Rejoice! #14, 1st Stanza)

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* ("Behold the Lamb" 2nd Stanza)

The Cup ("Behold the Lamb" 3rd Stanza)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

JESUS SENDS US WITH HIS BLESSING

Hymn of Departure: "Behold the Lamb" (4th Stanza)

Benediction

*GF bread is offered

Please pray for these individuals and groups this week:

- Don and Carrie Houston
- Ashley, Myra, and Paige Lesondak
- Jerry and Ann Loud
- David, Gwen, Helen Grace, Tirzah, Caleb, and Colin Macallister
- Our Mercy Ministry Group
- David and Lisa Fish: USA
- House of Refuge
- PCA: Discipleship Ministries, MTW, Committee on Administration
- The U.S. Supreme Court
- The Persecuted Church in ERITREA (4)
- Pray for our faithful witness to our neighbors
- Ukraine
- Israel

First Sunday Potluck Lunch Today!

This will be a special lunch because we are celebrating Brad Roberts and also our graduates.

The fellowship ministry group will be providing a special dessert!

Please stand and fellowship with us! We will be glad to be together!

TODAY!

Thanks,
The Fellowship Ministry Group



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JULY 14-18, 2024

**FINDING THE TREASURE OF
GOD'S AMAZING GRACE**

David and Lisa Fish
USA transition

Prayer

1. The Fishes are transitioning from Uganda to being based in the US while continuing their ministry in Uganda.
2. Pray for grace for the whole family as they adjust to being based in the US.
3. Pray for David as he pursues ordination.
4. Pray for wisdom for Lisa as she continues working with the women of Buwundo village and a few other smaller ministries from the US.
5. Pray for spiritual growth among the women of the Buwundo village as they study the Bible and participate in savings groups together.
6. Pray for financial provision for their June trip to Uganda.
7. Pray for additional work for their son Elijah.

Pray for the Persecuted Church in ERITREA (4)

DECADES OF EAST AFRICA UNREST CREATE A BIBLE TRANSLATOR DIASPORA

Source: Mission Network News, April 26, 2024

Eritrea and Ethiopia have a complex relationship. They ended a twenty-year conflict with each other in 2018. Just two years later, Eritrean soldiers joined Ethiopia in a fight against a paramilitary group in Ethiopia's Tigray region. That conflict ended in 2022, but unrest has spiked in Tigray again this month, concerning many about the region's long-term stability.

This international narrative has created a fascinating *global Bible translation team* for the Kunama of Eritrea. Meg Hunt with Wycliffe USA says about the Kunama, "They have for decades experienced hardship through civil war in their country. Many of them have migrated to neighboring countries — and then actually several of them have come to North America." Two Kunama teams in North America and Ethiopia connect across time zones and schedules to translate God's Word. The team in Ethiopia faces especial challenges. "They are being targeted by the local government, so it's been hard for them to continue to feel safe in that environment." Find your place in the full story at mnonline.org.

Prayer for

1. the safety of Kunama team in Ethiopia. Pray for energy and stamina to continue this work.
2. synergy as the team considers different language changes in North America and Africa.
3. pray for this gospel project spanning the globe: 🌐🙏



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 the Stewarts know if you plan to attend:

mlstewart51@gmail.com

Friend of Sinners: Encounters With Jesus in the Gospels

“Jesus & Zacchaeus” (John 19:1-10)

Luke 19:1-10 NIV 1984

¹Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through.

²A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy.

³He wanted to see who Jesus was, but being a short man he could not, because of the crowd.

⁴So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.

⁵When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today.”

⁶So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.

⁷All the people saw this and began to mutter, “He has gone to be the guest of a ‘sinner.’”

⁸But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.”

⁹Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham.

¹⁰For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.”

I. Zacchaeus - Lost

II. Zacchaeus - And Found

“Zacchaeus’ boast matters little to Jesus, who welcomes him into himself— into the only identity that really matters.”
— Matt Vos

1. Compare Zacchaeus to the Rich Young Ruler we looked at a couple of weeks ago. (Mark 10:17-31; Luke 18:18-30) What is different about them, and why are the conclusions to their stories so surprising?

2. Who is seeking whom in this story? Is Zacchaeus seeking Jesus or is Jesus seeking Zacchaeus?

Sermon Notes for Kids

Today is _____


Who is the preacher today? _____

What is the scripture for today?



**I must stay
at your house
today!**

What did you learn from today's sermon?



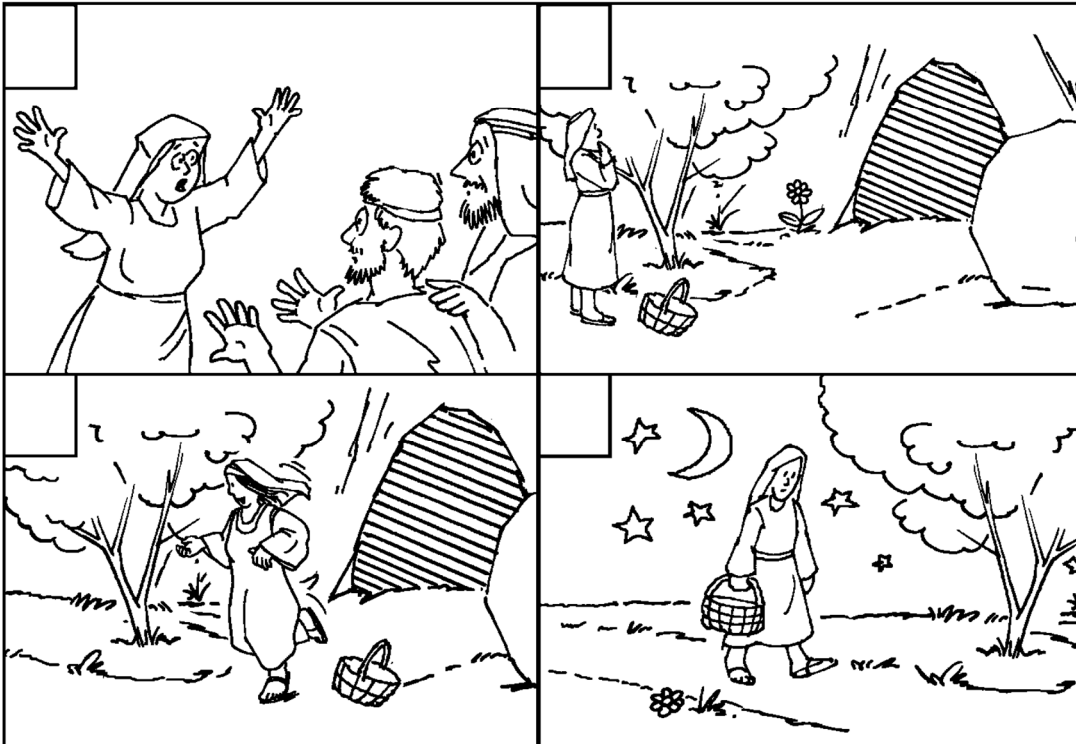
My favorite songs today:

The Empty Tomb

After Jesus died and was buried,
His disciples and friends were full of grief and despair.

Number the pictures in the order that the events happened.

1. Mary Magdalene came to the tomb while it was still dark.
2. She saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance.
3. She ran to tell Simon Peter and John.
4. She said, "They have taken our Lord out of the tomb."



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. Contact: 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

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

Summer Swap: Youth Group will "swap" over the summer, meeting from 6:00pm - 8:00pm, ONLY on the first Sunday of the month (June 2nd, July 7, August 4).

Christian Education Staff/Volunteers Contact Information

- Nursery Director: Lydia Mayberry (see p.6)
- Little Lambs: Jessica Novikoff
- Director of Youth and Children's Ministry: Brad Roberts: brad.k.roberts@gmail.com, 704-776-0106



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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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