

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.



October 13, 2024
135th Anniversary Service

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**This Week at
St. Elmo Presbyterian Church and Community
October 13, 2024
and Live streaming on YouTube
October is CLERGY APPRECIATION MONTH!**

Today

10:30am 135th Annual Worship Service, Photo (at 12:00), and Lunch

Monday October 14

7:00pm Boy Scouts meet — Contact Ed Sunder or Mark Slavovsky

Tuesday October 15

10:00am Women's Bible Study and Prayer — Contact Amy Daugaard or Shelley Madueme

Wednesday October 16

6:00pm Greens' Small Group meets — Contact Jay or Beth Ann Green

7:00pm Wednesday Night Prayer Group meets — Contact Carol or Jim Wildeman

7:00pm Flintstone Small Group meets — Contact John or Kathy Tucker

Thursday October 17

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

Saturday October 19

9:00am Women's Ensemble practice

11:00am St. Elmo Charity Bake Sale until 2:00pm

Sunday School Nursery

October 13 No Sunday School

October 20 Ashley Lesondak and Amy Daugaard

Worship Service Nursery

October 13 Madison and Ethan Greene, and Julie Wescher

October 20 Diane Reichmann and Gwen and Tirzah Macallister

Little Lambs

October 13 No Little Lambs

October 20 Glen and Becky Wieldraayer

Visitors!

Please fill out the welcome card in the pew so Pastor Daniel Wells can get in touch with you.

If the cards are missing in your pew,
please email him at danielfwells@gmail.com or the church office at marylutn@gmail.com

Upcoming

Saturday, October 26 Church Workday from 9:00am to 1:00pm

Friday, November 1-3 HS Fall Retreat

December 1 PCA Pastor and Widows' Relief Fund taken up

December 8 Annual Christmas Party @5:00pm

December 21 St. Elmo Stroll and Luminaria from 5:00pm to 9:00pm

“The Christian life is not just our own private affair. If we have been born again into God’s family, not only has he become our Father but every other Christian believer in the world, whatever his nation or denomination, has become our brother or sister in Christ. But it is no good supposing that membership of the universal Church of Christ is enough; we must belong to some local branch of it. Every Christian’s place is in a local church, sharing in its worship, its fellowship, and its witness.” - John Stott

Prelude

Announcements

Musical Preparation

JESUS WELCOMES HIS CHURCH

Greeting

Call to Worship

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,

Built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone,

In whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord.

In him we also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

(Ephesians 2:19-22)

Invocation

Hymn of Praise: “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing” (#457)

JESUS BRINGS RECONCILIATION TO HIS CHURCH

“Almighty and most merciful father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.” (Book of Common Prayer)

Silent Confession of Sin

Hymn of Confession: “I Asked the Lord That I Might Grow” (see p.5)

Assurance of Pardon

“The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.” - 1 Timothy 1:15-17

Song of Assurance: “Approach, My Soul, the Mercy Seat” (Rejoice! #80)

JESUS IS GENEROUS WITH HIS CHURCH

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

JESUS INTERCEDES FOR HIS CHURCH

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 HIS CHURCH

Prayer of Illumination

Reading of the Word: Daniel 6:1-28

Preaching of the Word: "Exiles in Babylon // Part 7 - The Mane Event" (Rev. Daniel Wells)

JESUS' CHURCH PLEDGES ITS FAITH

Confession of Faith

"We believe and confess one single catholic or universal church — a holy congregation and gathering of true Christian believers, awaiting their entire salvation in Jesus Christ, being washed by his blood, and sanctified and sealed by the Holy Spirit. This church has existed from the beginning of the world and will last until the end, as appears from the fact that Christ is the eternal King who cannot be without subjects. And this holy church is preserved by God against the rage of the whole world, even though for a time it may appear very small in the eyes of men. And so this holy church is not confined, bound, or limited to a certain place or certain persons. But it is spread and dispersed throughout the entire world, though still joined and united in heart and will, in one and the same Spirit, by the power of faith." (Belgic Confession of Faith XXVII, 1561)

JESUS SENDS HIS CHURCH

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

Benediction



**IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE BENEDICTION,
Please walk out front by the ramp and stairs and the handicap parking circle
for the 135th Anniversary photo and drone shot.**

Please take this with you to pray for these individuals and groups this week:

- Mark, Claire, Peter and Laurel Slavovsky
- Nate, Fran, Elliot, Cora, Ruth, Wesley, and Peter Snow
- Jacob Steele
- Mike and Tammy Steele
- The Discipleship Ministry Group
- Todd and Liz Crusey
- Shepherd's Arms Rescue Mission
- Covenant Theological Seminary
- President Biden and Vice President Harris
- The Persecuted Church in IRAQ (16)
- Pray for our faithful witness to our neighbors
- Ukraine- <https://voice-of-ukraine.com>
- Israel

I ASKED THE LORD

John Newton, 1779

Traditional

1. I asked the Lord that I might grow in faith and
 2. 'Twas He who taught me thus to pray, and He I
 3. *I hoped that* in some fa - vored hour at once He'd
 4. In - stead of this He made me feel the hid - den
 5. *Yea more with His* own hand He seemed in - tent to
 6. "Lord, why is this," I, trem - bling, cried; "Wilt Thou pur -
 7. "These in - ward tri - als I em - ploy from self and

love and ev - 'ry grace, might more of
 trust has an - swered prayer, but it has
 an - - - swer my re - quest and by His
 e - - - vils of my heart and let the
 ag - - - gra - vate my woe, crossed all the
 sue Thy worm to death?" "'Tis in this
 pride to set thee free, and break Thy

His sal - va - tion know and seek more
 been in such a way as al - most
 love's con - strain - ing pow'r sub - due my
 an - - - gry pow'rs of Hell as - sault my
 fair de - signs I schemed, hum - bled my
 way," the Lord re - plied, "I an - swer
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ear - - - nest - ly His face.
 drove me to de - spair.
 sins and give me rest.
 soul in ev - 'ry part.
 heart, and laid me low.
 prayer for grace and faith."
 find thy all in Me."

Prayer

1. Healing and wholeness for Mary Ann and Mary Anna Sanders.
2. Increase in donations after summer giving slump.
3. Wisdom for leadership in implementing new program for unwed mothers.
4. New converts to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ.
5. Favor concerning a major grant request.
6. Deliverance from life-controlling problems for many of our chapel attendees in the community.
7. The hurricane victims to receive the help and relief they need.

Pray for the Persecuted Church in IRAQ (16)

DAY OF THE CHRISTIAN MARTYR: IRAQI CHRISTIANS UNDER SIEGE

Source: CBN News, June 29, 2024 (From a transcript: interviewing Todd Nettleton)

Worldwide, one in seven Christians, 365 million, face persecution for their faith in Christ.

This year the voice of the martyrs is placing the focus on a particular group of persecuted Christians rather than one individual martyr. Todd Nettleton (Voice of the Martyrs) is here to explain. This year we're focusing on the Christians in the Nineveh Plains especially the city of Mosul because it was 10 years ago, in fact it was 10 years ago this month that Isis swept into that City. They gave the Christians a choice: hey you can become Muslims you can run for your lives or you can be killed and thousands tens of thousands fled but there were those that stayed and paid with their lives. I remember it well as there in Elos, as Christians from Kakos fled, Isis sought refuge in that small Northern Iraqi City and they sought safety there and shelter because it's a Christian village but many came without possessions. They told of Christians being killed or kidnapped. Their homes and churches being looted and destroyed they needed food diapers mattresses pillows everything imaginable.

Todd, I remember the bishop of Mosul telling me that Isis did not only kills humans but Christian history and dignity so this had a lasting impact. It absolutely has had a lasting impact and churches were destroyed. Churches were conscripted as Isis property. I remember seeing one that had become like the Isis courthouse. 🙏🙏

High School Fall Retreat: Nov 1 - 3, 2024

High school Fall Retreat sign ups are now open!

Sign up to participate in a fun filled weekend with other PCA area churches at Camp Vesper Point. The cost is \$135. Use the QR code to register via Google forms. The payment link will be included in the form.

Contact Brad Roberts with any questions.



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Exiles in Babylon

Wisdom From Daniel and His Friends

"The Mane Event" (Daniel 6:1-28)

Daniel 6:1-28 NIV 1984

¹It pleased Darius to appoint 120 satraps to rule throughout the kingdom, ²with three administrators over them, one of whom was Daniel. The satraps were made accountable to them so that the king might not suffer loss. ³Now Daniel so distinguished himself among the administrators and the satraps by his exceptional qualities that the king planned to set him over the whole kingdom. ⁴At this, the administrators and the satraps tried to find grounds for charges against Daniel in his conduct of government affairs, but they were unable to do so. They could find no corruption in him, because he was trustworthy and neither corrupt nor negligent. ⁵Finally these men said, "We will never find any basis for charges against this man Daniel unless it has something to do with the law of his God." ⁶So the administrators and the satraps went as a group to the king and said: "O King Darius, live forever! ⁷The royal administrators, prefects, satraps, advisers and governors have all agreed that the king should issue an edict and enforce the decree that anyone who prays to any god or man during the next thirty days, except to you, O king, shall be thrown into the lions' den. ⁸Now, O king, issue the decree and put it in writing so that it cannot be altered—in accordance with the laws of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be repealed." ⁹So King Darius put the decree in writing. ¹⁰Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before. ¹¹Then these men went as a group and found Daniel praying and asking God for help. ¹²So they went to the king and spoke to him about his royal decree: "Did you not publish a decree that during the next thirty days anyone who prays to any god or man except to you, O king, would be thrown into the lions' den?" The king answered, "The decree stands in accordance with the laws of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be repealed." ¹³Then they said to the king, "Daniel, who is one of the exiles from Judah, pays no attention to you, O king, or to the decree you put in writing. He still prays three times a day." ¹⁴When the king heard this, he was greatly distressed; he was determined to rescue Daniel and made every effort until sundown

to save him. ¹⁵Then the men went as a group to the king and said to him, "Remember, O king, that according to the law of the Medes and Persians no decree or edict that the king issues can be changed." ¹⁶So the king gave the order, and they brought Daniel and threw him into the lions' den. The king said to Daniel, "May your God, whom you serve continually, rescue you!" ¹⁷A stone was brought and placed over the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet ring and with the rings of his nobles, so that Daniel's situation might not be changed. ¹⁸Then the king returned to his palace and spent the night without eating and without any entertainment being brought to him. And he could not sleep. ¹⁹At the first light of dawn, the king got up and hurried to the lions' den. ²⁰When he came near the den, he called to Daniel in an anguished voice, "Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to rescue you from the lions?" ²¹Daniel answered, "O king, live forever! ²²My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in his sight. Nor have I ever done any wrong before you, O king." ²³The king was overjoyed and gave orders to lift Daniel out of the den. And when Daniel was lifted from the den, no wound was found on him, because he had trusted in his God. ²⁴At the king's command, the men who had falsely accused Daniel were brought in and thrown into the lions' den, along with their wives and children. And before they reached the floor of the den, the lions overpowered them and crushed all their bones. ²⁵Then King Darius wrote to all the peoples, nations and men of every language throughout the land: "May you prosper greatly! ²⁶I issue a decree that in every part of my kingdom people must fear and reverence the God of Daniel. "For he is the living God and he endures forever; his kingdom will not be destroyed, his dominion will never end. ²⁷He rescues and he saves; he performs signs and wonders in the heavens and on the earth. He has rescued Daniel from the power of the lions." ²⁸So Daniel prospered during the reign of Darius and the reign of Cyrus the Persian.

I. An Unfair, Unjust Situation

II. Death & Resurrection

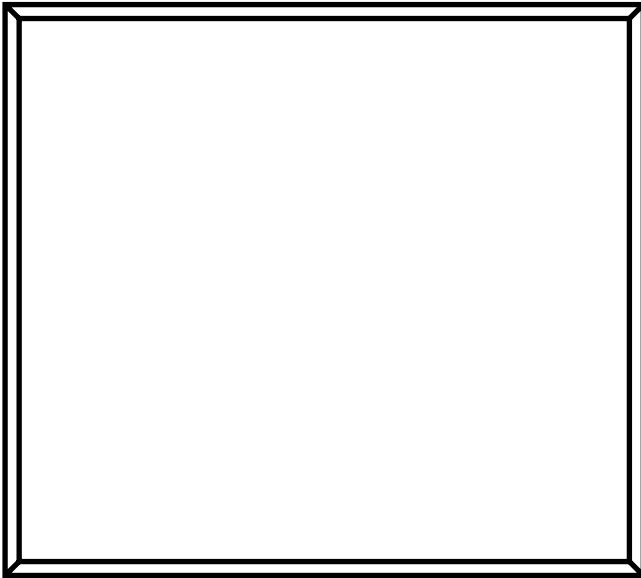
III. The Lion Shall Lie With....Man?

1. How is Daniel both an example of persevering faith and a type/shadow of Jesus?
2. How does this story show God's ultimate commitment to his church through the ages?

Sermon Notes for Kids Today is _____

Who is the preacher today? _____

What is the scripture for today?

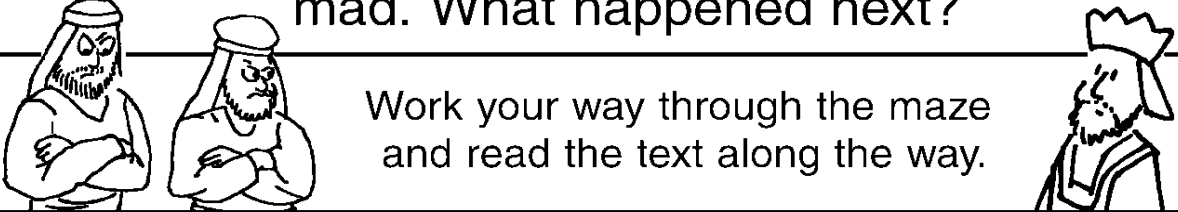


Then these men
went as a group
and found Daniel
praying and asking
God for help.

My favorite songs today:

Daniel in the Lions' Den

The king liked Daniel and wanted to promote him. This made the other workers mad. What happened next?



Work your way through the maze and read the text along the way.

Begin

They went to the river going

angry to king weary

dust safe anyone afraid

dece

unhappy sand who

that complained who

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him to a

issue God

and stones tired.

thrown into lake lions'

issue and days. king

to walking hot

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END

Welcome to St. Elmo Presbyterian Church pca

Sunday School for Children and Adults

Sunday School begins at 9:15am. Adults meet in the Adult Sunday School room downstairs and kindergarten through youth group begin in the Fellowship Hall for snacks before proceeding to their rooms in the Sunday School wing. Sunday School breaks for the summer months.

Little Lambs

Children from 3 through 4 years old can attend their own worship service downstairs after the offering is taken.

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>

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.

Christian Education Staff/Volunteers Contact Information

- Nursery Director: Lydia Mayberry
lydiakarstin@gmail.com
- Director of Youth and Children's Ministry:
Brad Roberts: brad.k.roberts@gmail.com



Online donations/offerings:

You can use this QR code or you may go to -
<https://tinyurl.com/mr7h9e89>

Past Sermons

Sermons online: <https://soundcloud.com/SEPC4400/sets>

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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

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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