

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.



November 10, 2024

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**This Week at
St. Elmo Presbyterian Church and Community
November 10, 2024
and Live streaming on YouTube**

Today

9:15am Sunday School for All
10:30am Worship Service
12:30pm Wedding Shower for Brooklyn Donatone and Samuel Sunder at the Greens' house
6:00pm Youth Group meets — Contact Brad Roberts

Monday November 11

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

Tuesday November 12

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

Wednesday November 13

7:00pm Wednesday Night Prayer Group meets — Contact Carol or Jim Wildeman
7:00pm Flintstone Small Group meets — Contact John or Kathy Tucker

Thursday November 14

7:30pm Session meets — Contact any Elder

Saturday November 16

9:00am Choir practice for advent — Contact Jeff Hall or Darrell Stewart

Sunday School Nursery

November 10 Kathy Tucker and Kim Roberts
November 17 Lynn Hall and Ashley Lesondak

Worship Service Nursery

November 10 Kim Roberts and Lydia Mayberry
November 17 TBD

Little Lambs

November 10 Jack and Barbara Beckman
November 17 Glen and Becky Wieldraayer



Upcoming

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

“Abundance isn’t God’s provision for me to live in luxury. It’s his provision for me to help others live. God entrusts me with his money not to build my kingdom on earth, but to build his kingdom in heaven.” – Randy Alcorn

Prelude

Announcements

Musical Preparation

JESUS WELCOMES US

Greeting

Call to Worship

For God alone my soul waits in silence; from him comes my salvation.

He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken.

Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him;

God is a refuge for us. (Psalm 62)

Invocation

Hymn of Praise: “Holy, Holy, Holy” (#100)

JESUS RECONCILES US TO HIMSELF

*“O MY GOD, Thou fairest, greatest, first of all objects, my heart admires, adores, loves thee, for my little vessel is as full as it can be, and I would pour out all that fullness before thee in ceaseless flow. When I think upon and converse with thee ten thousand delightful thoughts spring up, ten thousand sources of pleasure are unsealed, ten thousand refreshing joys spread over my heart, crowding into every moment of happiness. I bless thee for the soul thou hast created, for adorning it, sanctifying it, though it is fixed in barren soil; for the body thou hast given me, for preserving its strength and vigour, for providing senses to enjoy delights, for the ease and freedom of my limbs, for hands, eyes, ears that do thy bidding; for thy royal bounty providing my daily support, for a full table and overflowing cup, for appetite, taste, sweetness, for social joys of relatives and friends, for ability to serve others, for a heart that feels sorrows and necessities, for a mind to care for my fellow-men, for opportunities of spreading happiness around, for loved ones in the joys of heaven, for my own expectation of seeing thee clearly. I love thee above the powers of language to express, for what thou art to thy creatures. Increase my love, O my God, through time and eternity. Amen.” (“Praise and Thanksgiving” in *The Valley of Vision*)*

Silent Prayer of Confession

Song of Confession: “Come Ye Sinner, Poor and Needy” (Rejoice! #22)

Assurance of Pardon

“He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.” - Psalm 103:10-12

Hymn of Assurance: “How Deep the Father’s Love For Us” (Rejoice! #44)

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! 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: Luke 21:1-4 & 2 Corinthians 8:1-15

Preaching of the Word: "Though He Was Rich: The Gospel Generosity of Jesus // Part 1 - Grace" (Rev. Daniel Wells)

JESUS HEARS OUR PLEDGE OF FAITH

Confession of Faith

Q. 46. What was the estate of Christ's humiliation?

A. The estate of Christ's humiliation was that low condition, wherein he for our sakes, emptying himself of his glory, took upon him the form of a servant, in his conception and birth, life, death, and after his death, until his resurrection. (Westminster Larger Catechism, 1648)

JESUS SENDS US WITH HIS BLESSING

Hymn of Departure: "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" (#599)

Benediction



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

- John and Kathy Tucker
- Matt, Joan, and Alec Vos
- Rose Vos
- Kedric, Jennifer, and Cleo Webster
- The Missions Ministry Group
- Teresa Harwood: Guatemala
- Channels of Love
- Chattanooga Christian School
- Our Mayors and City/County Officials

THE PERSECUTED CHURCH IN SUDAN (8)

- Pray for our faithful witness to our neighbors
- Ukraine

Israel

Source: MNN, November 1, 2024

Following Israel's strike on Iran's air defense and missile systems over the weekend, US Middle East adviser Amos Hochstein says, "Iran is essentially naked." Sasson Pochtar, a reservist in the Israel Defense Forces and Youth Pastor at Beit Hallel Congregation, says the specific nature of Israel's strike sends a message to Iran not to escalate. The war with Iran and its terror proxies is Israel's longest war since 1949. Pochtar says Israelis are seeking spiritual hope.

Prayer

1. Pray for Israelis to know the sustaining hope of Jesus.
2. Pray for IDF military members asking spiritual questions to encounter the Gospel through Christians.

Prayer

1. Please pray for the transition of directors here at Channels. Please pray for wisdom and guidance for Centel as she begins to lead this ministry.
2. Please pray for our clients who are dealing with aging with HIV. We are so thankful that our clients are actually aging, but there are numerous health issues that are unique due to being on medication for many years.
3. Safe, affordable housing continues to be the number one issue for our clients outside of their health. Many simply cannot find affordable housing. Many live in fear of being displaced by development or of their rent being increased beyond their ability to pay. Please pray that our community will recognize this vulnerable population and come together to find a solution.
4. We ask for prayer for a newer ministry van. We provide transportation for clients to COL, doctor appointments, grocery shopping and bill paying and need a more reliable van.
5. Please pray that we would be patient and gracious with clients and each other, and that we would bring honor to God in our interactions with clients and each other.

The Advent and Christmas choir will practice on Saturdays.

We hope to sing during the Sundays of Advent. Everyone is welcome.
Choir practice is at 9:00 for 1 hour.

Here's what we are practicing:

- ♪ Thou Who Wast Rich Beyond All Splendour Flute and cello (Dec 1)
- ♪ Cradle Song (Dec 8) John Rutter
- ♪ And the Glory of the Lord - Messiah (Dec 15) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ROBTXWJMOWc>
- ♪ Of the Father's Love Begotten (Dec 22) New this year

VBS!

Save the Date: June 15-19, 2025

Time: TBD

Mark your calendars and begin to pray for the fun-filled opportunity to serve and share about Jesus with our community. If you wish to help with the planning team, reach out to Brad Roberts or Amy Daugaard.

**Teresa Harwood
Guatemala**

Praise

- Life has been pretty busy lately. I am currently in the States to study for a month for my final exams in the Master's program that I'm finishing up.
- Praise God for safe flights and a good missions conference in NC!

Prayer

1. I'd appreciate your prayers for my upcoming exams and projects, and for the stress that comes with that.
2. Please pray for wisdom as I seek how to apply all that I've been studying to my work on the mission field.
3. Please continue to pray for the Christian schools Missionary Ventures International partners that are currently participating in the "summer" English (and other reinforcement) classes in Guatemala.

God is good and continually walks with us every day. I thank God for you and for your prayers. May he continue to pour out his light to us and fill us with his life and goodness. To God be the glory!

SEPC Small Groups 2024-25

- **St. Elmo and Chattanooga** — Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at various homes for carry-in meal, study, and prayer. — Jay and Beth Ann Green
jay.green@covenant.edu, ba.green70@gmail.com.
- **Meal/Prayer and Fellowship** — meal at various homes. — Darrell and Margaret Stewart at ddstewart77@gmail.com and mlstewart51@gmail.com.
- **Wednesday Night Small Group** — Fellowship and prayer every week at 7:00pm at various homes. — 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. — 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 shelleymadueme@gmail.com.
- **Young Adult/College Group** — Jay and Beth Ann Green

Though He Was Rich

The Gospel Generosity of Jesus

Part 1 - Grace (Luke 21:1-4; 2 Corinthians 8:1-15)

Luke 21:1-4 NIV 1984

¹As he looked up, Jesus saw the rich putting their gifts into the temple treasury.

²He also saw a poor widow put in two very small copper coins.

³"I tell you the truth," he said, "this poor widow has put in more than all the others.

⁴All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on."

2 Corinthians 8:1-15 NIV 1984

¹And now, brothers, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches.

²Out of the most severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity.

³For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own,

⁴they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the saints.

⁵And they did not do as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us in keeping with God's will.

⁶So we urged Titus, since he had earlier made a beginning, to bring also to completion this act of grace on your part.

⁷But just as you excel in everything – in

faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us – see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

⁸I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others.

⁹For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.

¹⁰And here is my advice about what is best for you in this matter: Last year you were the first not only to give but also to have the desire to do so.

¹¹Now finish the work, so that your eager willingness to do it may be matched by your completion of it, according to your means.

¹²For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what he does not have.

¹³Our desire is not that others might be relieved while you are hard pressed, but that there might be equality.

¹⁴At the present time your plenty will supply what they need, so that in turn their plenty will supply what you need. Then there will be equality,

¹⁵as it is written: "He who gathered much did not have too much, and he who gathered little did not have too little."

Sermon Notes for Kids

Today is _____

Who is the preacher today? _____

What is the scripture for today?



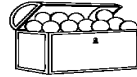
**...see that you
also excel in
this grace of
giving.**

My favorite songs today:

Paul wanted all God's children to be equal – not proud because of riches or suffering because of poverty.

Use the code to supply the missing words.

D = 0	E = 1	L = 2	N = 3	P = 4
R = 5	S = 6	T = 7	U = 8	Y = 9



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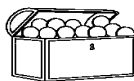
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Welcome to St. Elmo Presbyterian Church pca

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, (423) 400-0506
- Director of Youth and Children's Ministry: Brad Roberts: brad.k.roberts@gmail.com,
704-776-0106



Online donations/offerings:

You can use this QR code or you may go to -

<https://tinyurl.com/mr7h9e89>

Past Sermons and Church Calendar

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

Calendar online: www.stelmopres.org/events



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4. 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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