

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.*



January 19, 2025

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**This Week at
St. Elmo Presbyterian Church and Community
January 19, 2025
and Live streaming on YouTube**

Today

9:15am Sunday School for all
10:30am Worship Service
3:00pm Lubbens meet and greet and prayer. FOOD on site! — Contact Margaret Stewart
----- No Youth Group — Contact Brad Roberts

Monday January 20

7:00pm CAHSE
7:00pm Boy Scouts meet- contact Ed Sunder or Mark Slavovsky

Tuesday January 21

10:00am Women's Bible Study meets—Contact Amy Daugaard or Shelly Madueme

Wednesday January 22

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

Thursday January 23

7:30pm Session meets — Contact any Elder

Sunday School Nursery

January 19 Kathy Tucker and Kim Roberts
January 26 Lynn Hall and Ashley Lesondak

Worship Service Nursery

January 19 Ethan and Madison Greene and Ashlee Wells
January 26 Amy Daugaard and Kathy Tucker

Little Lambs

January 19 Glen and Becky Wieldraayer
January 26 Beth Ann Green and Carol Wildeman

2024-2025 General Fund through December 2024

Year to date General Fund revenue	\$157,179
Year to date budget	<u>157,443</u>
Contributions deficit year to date	(<u>\$264</u>)

Deacons' Fund through December 2024

Deacons' Fund 7/1/2024	\$38,781
Year to date Deacons' Fund contributions	2,541
Year to date Deacons' Fund expenditures	(<u>4,901</u>)
Deacons' Fund 12/31/2024	<u>\$ 36,421</u>

Building Fund/Capital Campaign Balance \$ 33,678

The God of Christians is not a God who is simply the author of mathematical truths, or of the order of the elements; that is the view of heathens and Epicureans...But the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob, the God of Christians, is a God of love and of comfort, a God who fills the soul and heart of those whom he possesses. - Blaise Pascal

Prelude

Announcements

Musical Preparation

JESUS WELCOMES US

Greeting

Call to Worship

Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts

His name is the LORD; exult before him!

Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation.

God settles the solitary in a home; he leads out the prisoners to prosperity. (Psalm 68)

Invocation

Hymn of Praise: "All Creatures of Our God and King" (#115)

JESUS RECONCILES US TO HIMSELF

Confession of Sin

None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God. All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one. Their throat is an open grave; they use their tongues to deceive. The venom of asps is under their lips. Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness. Their feet are swift to shed blood; in their paths are ruin and misery, and the way of peace they have not known. There is no fear of God before their eyes. - Romans 3:10-18

Hymn of Confession: "Jesus, I Come" (Rejoice! #50)

Assurance of Pardon

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. - Romans 3:23-25

Hymn of Assurance: "Isaiah 43" (see p. 5)

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: Daniel 10:1-21

Preaching of the Word: "Exiles in Babylon // Part 12 - In the Arms of an Angel" (Rev. Daniel Wells)

JESUS HEARS OUR PLEDGE OF FAITH

Confession of Faith

Q. 44. How doth Christ execute the office of a priest?

A. Christ executeth the office of a priest, in his once offering himself a sacrifice without spot to God, to be a reconciliation for the sins of the people; and in making continual intercession for them. (Westminster Larger Catechism #44)

JESUS SEALS HIS LOVE TO US

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Consecration

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 ("Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!" #498, 1st & 2nd Stanzas)

The Cup ("Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!" 3rd & 4th Stanzas)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

JESUS SENDS US WITH HIS BLESSING

Hymn of Departure: ("Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!" 5th Stanza)

Benediction



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



- Cary and Pat Morris
- Don and Beverly Morris
- Jessica Novikoff
- Noah and Sarah Pendergrass
- Our Discipleship Ministry Group
- Elijah and Ashlee Lubben: Japan
- Chattanooga Christian School
- Channels of Love
- Our Mayors and City/County Officials
- THE PERSECUTED CHURCH IN NORTH KOREA (1)**
- Pray for our faithful witness to our neighbors
- Ukraine
- Israel-Gaza**

Isaiah 43

Dm
Dm/C
Bb
Eb Bb
Dm

When you pass through the wa-ters, I will be with you, and the waves will
 When you walk through the fire, you'll not be burned, and the flames will

7 Dm/C Bb C Bb F C

not o - ver - come you. Do not fear, for I have re -
 not con - sume you.

12 Bb Eb Bb Dm Dm/C Bb

deemed you. I have called you by name, you are mine.

17 C F Ebadd9

For I am the Lord your God. I am the Lord your
 I am the Lord your God.

21 Gm C Gm C Bb Ebadd9 C

God. I am the Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el, your Sav - ior. For
 I am the

26 F Ebadd9

I am the Lord your God. I am the Lord your God. I am the
 I am the Lord your God. I am the

30 Gm C Gm C Bb Ebadd9 C F F/E F/D F/C

Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el, your Sav - ior. I am the Lord. I am the
 Do not fear.

36 Bb F/A Gm C F F/E F/D F/C Bb F/A Gm C

Lord. I am the Lord. I am the Lord.
 Do not fear. Do not fear. Do not fear.

The Bethlehem Center

Contact: Joni Harbert

Prayer

1. Pray for wisdom, compassion, and sound judgment in all that we do..
2. Pray that God will guide us, as we seek to help our children and their families with spiritual, physical, and emotional needs.
3. We praise and thank God for providing ALL our needs, as he knows exactly what we stand in need of.
4. Pray that we glorify God through our work at The Bethlehem Center.
5. Pray for our leadership team, board, staff, volunteers and the community outreach we do.
6. Pray that the Bethlehem Center fulfills God's will through the services and care we provide.
7. Pray for the safety, health and well being of the people in our communities. across the nation and world.

Pray for the Persecuted Church in NORTH KOREA (1)

Source: International Christian Concern (Persecution.org), January 14, 2025

Listen to a man who was born in South Korea, moved to U.S. A. and lived in CA. He was able to visit North Korea in 2010-2012 and share Christ. He was arrested because he brought a laptop in with information about North Korea. He was the 1st person sent to prison camp since end of the Korean War. Sentenced to 15 years hard labor.

Faith Under Fire video/audio

Go here: <https://tinyurl.com/2hv2tcv3>

Channels of Love

Contact: Virginia Strom

Prayer

1. Loneliness and Companionship:

- Pray that God will send volunteers to visit our clients who live alone, offering companionship and helping with light housekeeping as needed.
- Pray that our clients experience the comfort and presence of the Holy Spirit in their moments of loneliness.

2. Transportation Services:

- Pray for the resources—whether through additional volunteers or funding for a part-time employee—to meet the growing transportation needs of our clients.
- Pray for a 12-15 passenger van to allow us to transport more clients to Bible study, grocery stores, doctor appointments, and other essential services without multiple trips.

3. Unity and Connection:

- Pray for greater unity among our staff and clients, and for wisdom as we work to foster meaningful relationships.
- Pray for deepened connections among our clients, creating a supportive and uplifting community.

4. Resources for Outings:

- Pray for the financial resources to organize regular outings for our clients, such as dining out or visiting the zoo or aquarium, to promote socialization.

We are deeply grateful for your partnership in prayer. Your support means so much to us and the clients we serve.

Exiles in Babylon

Wisdom From Daniel and His Friends

In the Arms of an Angel (**Daniel 10:1-21**)

Daniel 10:1-21 ESV

¹In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a word was revealed to Daniel, who was named Beltshazzar. And the word was true, and it was a great conflict. And he understood the word and had understanding of the vision. ²In those days I, Daniel, was mourning for three weeks. ³I ate no delicacies, no meat or wine entered my mouth, nor did I anoint myself at all, for the full three weeks. ⁴On the twenty-fourth day of the first month, as I was standing on the bank of the great river (that is, the Tigris) ⁵I lifted up my eyes and looked, and behold, a man clothed in linen, with a belt of fine gold from Uphaz around his waist. ⁶His body was like beryl, his face like the appearance of lightning, his eyes like flaming torches, his arms and legs like the gleam of burnished bronze, and the sound of his words like the sound of a multitude. ⁷And I, Daniel, alone saw the vision, for the men who were with me did not see the vision, but a great trembling fell upon them, and they fled to hide themselves. ⁸So I was left alone and saw this great vision, and no strength was left in me. My radiant appearance was fearfully changed, and I retained no strength. ⁹Then I heard the sound of his words, and as I heard the sound of his words, I fell on my face in deep sleep with my face to the ground. ¹⁰And behold, a hand touched me and set me trembling on my hands and knees. ¹¹And he said to me, "O Daniel, man greatly loved, understand the words that I speak to you, and stand upright, for now I have been sent to you." And when he had spoken

this word to me, I stood up trembling. ¹²Then he said to me, "Fear not, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand and humbled yourself before your God, your words have been heard, and I have come because of your words. ¹³The prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days, but Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I was left there with the kings of Persia, ¹⁴and came to make you understand what is to happen to your people in the latter days. For the vision is for days yet to come." ¹⁵When he had spoken to me according to these words, I turned my face toward the ground and was mute. ¹⁶And behold, one in the likeness of the children of man touched my lips. Then I opened my mouth and spoke. I said to him who stood before me, "O my lord, by reason of the vision pains have come upon me, and I retain no strength. ¹⁷How can my lord's servant talk with my lord? For now no strength remains in me, and no breath is left in me." ¹⁸Again one having the appearance of a man touched me and strengthened me. ¹⁹And he said, "O man greatly loved, fear not, peace be with you; be strong and of good courage." And as he spoke to me, I was strengthened and said, "Let my lord speak, for you have strengthened me." ²⁰Then he said, "Do you know why I have come to you? But now I will return to fight against the prince of Persia; and when I go out, behold, the prince of Greece will come. ²¹But I will tell you what is inscribed in the book of truth: there is none who contends by my side against these except Michael, your prince.

I. On Earth...As it is in Heaven

II. How Many Angels?

III. God's Goodness to Daniel

- 1. What comes to mind when you hear the phrase "spiritual warfare"? Do you ever give attention to the roles that spiritual beings like demons and angels play in your life or even in geo-political affairs?**
- 2. Can you think of a time when you felt most alone and most anxious and yet you felt a close, intimate communion with Jesus?**

Elijah and Ashlee Lubben—Miyazaki, Japan

Prayer is **SO** essential to what we are about to do. Thank you so much for praying along with us! Please continue to pray! And...

Please respond to us and let us know how we can be praying for you! We are praying for all of our supporters already, and we want to continue to know how to lift you all up in prayer!

Praises

- The Lord has provided visas in plenty of time for us to go to Japan! We have received approval to go!
- We are excited to be on this journey and for the work the Lord can do in Japan.
- We have plane tickets and are flying to Miyazaki on February 8!
- *A landlord in Miyazaki is allowing us foreigners to rent his home! If all goes well, we will sign the contract February 11. (Amazing! Normally, it takes about a month for Pioneers missionaries to find a place that will rent to them.)
- We've been so blessed to meet with old friends and new friends in partnership development. We're so encouraged to see how God is working in the lives of so many of our friends. We are also blessed to have already received 91% of our monthly support!
- God is already at work in Japan, and we are so grateful to be joining a team serving the Lord in Miyazaki!
- Changes in Pioneers' health insurance policy have allowed us to lower our monthly budget needs!

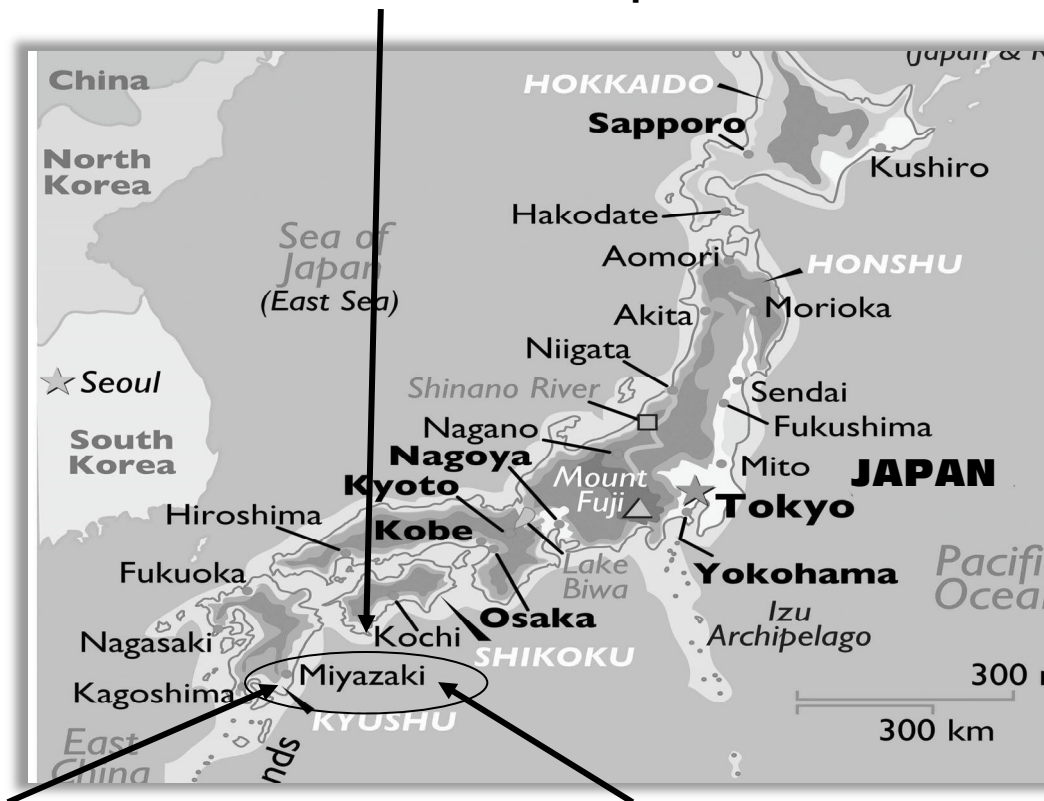
Prayer Requests

1. Please pray for the right placement within the city of Miyazaki. *We currently have a promising location, but finding a house to rent can be difficult for foreigners, so please pray for the Lord's grace in providing the right place for us. Additionally please pray that it is near a school that all our girls will be able to adapt well to (preferably a school with a Japanese as a Second Language program, but this may be tricky to find in our city).
2. Please pray that our car continues to run until we are ready to leave. Also, praise for my dad who has helped keep it running so long!
3. Please pray for our future ministry and for the people we will meet in Miyazaki. Pray that God will already be preparing people for us to share the gospel with and share life with. Pray for wisdom and ability in all these things and in Japanese!
4. There is a lot of work to do to prepare for moving, in addition to a good number of pre-departure requirements for our agency to complete! Please pray that we can manage the time well and also that we pack wisely!
5. Our children. Please pray that our children will see the beauty and glory of our Lord. Please pray that they will adjust well to life in Japan. Please pray for friends for them, especially friends who love the Lord. Please pray for the adjustment to Japanese language and Japanese school. In April **W.** will probably be entering Japanese fourth grade and **H.** will be entering Japanese first grade.
6. Please pray for Good goodbyes and joy for the journey ahead!
7. Pray that the Japanese school Winter and Hallow will go to in Japan will allow Winter to enter third instead of fourth grade. Winter is only a couple of weeks older than the grade cut-off, so she would be with mostly older students in fourth grade, doing harder material in a language she does not speak very well. Pray the school would be willing to let her into third grade despite being a couple of weeks too old for Japanese third grade.
8. Partnership Development. Pray for good partnerships and opportunities to share with people and churches what the Lord is doing in Japan! We are excited about the Lord's plans for Japan.
9. Spiritual Equipping. Please pray for further spiritual equipping from the Lord in our family, parenting, marriage, etc. as we plan to go live in a spiritually dark part of the world. We want to praise the Lord and live in his joy and peace!

JOIN US FOR A PRAYER SENDOFF

**For the Lubbens
as they leave for Miyazaki, Japan on February 8**

**Today, Sunday 1/19 at 3:00pm
in the Fellowship Hall**



To Support the Lubbens in prayer and to communicate with them:
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To Support the Lubbens financially:
PIONEERS Account #113542
<https://tinyurl.com/2z54vs5k>

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
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- Director of Youth and Children's Ministry: Brad Roberts: brad.k.roberts@gmail.com,
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Online donations/offerings:

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

<https://tinyurl.com/mr7h9e89>

Past Sermons and Church Calendar

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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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