

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 20, 2025

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**This Week at
St. Elmo Presbyterian Church and Community
April 20, 2025, Easter Sunday
and Live streaming on YouTube**

Today

9:00am Easter Breakfast!
9:50am Easter Egg Hunt for children with Pastor Daniel and Brad Roberts
10:30am Worship Service

Monday April 21

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

Tuesday April 22

10:00am Women's Bible Study meets — Contact Amy Dugaard or Shelley Madueme

Wednesday April 23

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

Thursday April 24

7:30pm Session meeting — Contact any Elder

Sunday School Nursery

April 20 Sunday School

April 27 Suzanne Sims and TBD

Worship Service Nursery

April 20 Brooklyn Sunder and Brad Roberts

April 27 Amy Dugaard and Ashlee Wells

Little Lambs

April 20 No Little Lambs

April 27 Beth Ann Green and Betsy Sunder

**Please sign up to help with Little Lambs, Sunday School Nursery,
and Sunday Worship Nursery.**

Contact Brad Roberts — sepcnursery@gmail.com

Nursery is available during Sunday School and worship for babies and for toddlers until they are old enough for Little Lambs.

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>

Upcoming

Sunday, April 27

BUDGET REQUESTS DUE! Email Mark Slavovsky at sepctreas@gmail.com

Sunday, June 15-19

VBS!

Words for Meditation

It should therefore be affirmed with no ambivalence or ambiguity whatsoever: ours is an Easter faith.

- Fleming Rutledge

Prelude

Announcements

Musical Preparation

THE RISEN JESUS WELCOMES US

Greeting

Call to Worship

Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.

For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.

You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy;

At your right hand are pleasures forevermore. (Psalm 16)

Invocation

Hymn of Praise: "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" (#277)

THE RISEN JESUS GROWS HIS CHURCH

Membership Vows (*Book of Church Order 57-5*)

Reception of New Members

Jonathan Taylor

Kristin Taylor

Hymn: "Up From the Grave He Arose" (#276)

THE RISEN JESUS RECEIVES OUR TRIBUTE

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.

Choir.....Were You There, (final verse)
Arise, My Soul, Arise

Covenant Children's Lesson

3 and 4 year-olds may remain in the sanctuary

THE RISEN 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.

THE RISEN JESUS SPEAKS HIS LOVE TO US

Prayer of Illumination

Reading of the Word: Mark 16:1-8

Preaching of the Word: "Who Do You Say He Is?" (Rev. Daniel Wells)

JESUS HEARS OUR PLEDGE OF FAITH

Confession of Faith

Q. How does Christ's resurrection benefit us?

A. First, by his resurrection he has overcome death, so that he might make us share in the righteousness he obtained for us by his death.

Second, by his power we too are already raised to a new life.

Third, Christ's resurrection is a sure pledge to us of our blessed resurrection. (Heidelberg Catechism #17)

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 ("See, What a Morning" Rejoice! #86, 1st Stanza)

The Cup ("See, What a Morning" 2nd & 3rd Stanzas)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

THE RISEN JESUS SENDS US WITH HIS BLESSING

Hymn of Departure: "The Day of Resurrection" (#267)

Benediction



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



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| <input type="checkbox"/> Charlie Green | <input type="checkbox"/> Our U.S. Governors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jay and Beth Ann Green | <input type="checkbox"/> THE PERSECUTED CHURCH IN SUDAN (5) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Matilda Green | <input type="checkbox"/> Pray for our faithful witness to our neighbors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ethan and Madison Greene | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Our Discipleship Ministry Group | <input type="checkbox"/> Israel-Gaza |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Todd and Liz Crusey: London to Perth | <input type="checkbox"/> Ukraine |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PCA: Discipleship Ministries, MTW, Committee on Administration | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Project 52 | |



VBS is only 2 months away! Fill out the volunteer interest form by scanning the QR code with your phone, or go to this link: <https://tinyurl.com/rnuvekm4>

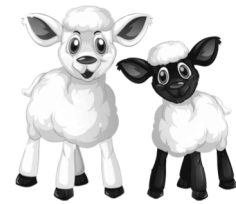




Sign Up to Help Out this Summer with Little Lambs!

<https://tinyurl.com/4ne2unhu>

Questions? Contact Brad Roberts



But when they looked up, they saw that
the stone, which was very large,
had been rolled away.

Write the letter "o" in the stones
below. Trace the other letters.



stone

rolled

away



Pray for the Persecuted Church in SUDAN (5)

ARMY ADVANCES IN KHARTOUM; RSF USES CHURCH AS BARRACKS

Source: MNN, March 25, 2025

Sudan's army captures more territory in the capital after seizing the presidential palace on Friday, March 21. It's the government's most significant advance in a two-year war against the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces. "The people seeing their army, the Sudanese armed forces, take back a very symbolic location is very encouraging," Greg Kelley of *Unknown Nations** says. "Hopefully, this is the beginning of a negotiation that brings long-standing peace because Sudan is long overdue for peace."

Unfortunately, these gains don't mean the war's end, as the RSF holds territory in the western Darfur region and elsewhere. Analysts say the war will likely turn into a conflict similar to that of the early 2000s, when rebel groups fought the Islamist Sudanese government led by Omar al-Bashir.

"When it's all said and done, the real victim is the people because these are just two groups fighting for power, and the people are suffering," Kelley says. Believers aren't immune to the ongoing violence. RSF mercenaries recently used the Khartoum Evangelical Church as barracks, looting all the church's contents.

More than 90 percent of Sudan's population adheres to Islam. The Christian minority is quick to find in a context like this, and Islamist groups like the RSF "view Christians as easy targets," Kelley says. "They will kill Christians, take over their properties; they'll take their women, force their children into military service."

Pray for peace in Sudan. The civil war [was] three years old on April 15.

Pray that those who need humanitarian aid will secure it quickly.

"[Sudan] is a country of only 50 million people, and more than half of them are dependent upon [outside] aid, or else they are facing death. Famine is widespread right now; there are massive outbreaks of cholera, which is rapidly transmitted through water and food," Kelley says.

"The International Rescue Committee analyzes which countries are most likely to experience new or worsening humanitarian conditions, and Sudan, out of 195 countries, is number one."

**Unknown Nations*, formerly known as World Mission, works with indigenous missionaries to reach barrier-ridden people groups with the Bible. The international organization provides humanitarian relief, plants churches, and distributes audio Bibles in areas with a 0.00–0.02 gospel presence where Jesus is completely unknown. 🙏🙏

Todd and Liz Crusey London to Perth

Praise

- ☒ Todd made it safely home after a two week trip to the US.

Prayer

1. While in the US, Todd met with 4 churches who do not yet support us, but each church gave him an application for missions support. Pray that these might lead to some new church partnerships.
2. Finn has been having a good Easter Break and goes back to school next Tuesday.
3. Immanuel's new minister (Iain) and his family arrived in Brentford this week. His installation will be on May 4th.
4. Pray for a smooth transition and a good working relationship for Iain and Todd as we adjust to our new roles.

Project 52

Contact: Rob Allen

Praise

- ☒ Praise for the completion of 17 of our 52 annual projects.
- ☒ Praise for our Walker County code officials. They have been engaging with P52 and keeping us busy.

Prayer

1. Project 18 is on April 26. Volunteers are needed. The project is a dumpster fill in Rossville near Lake Winnie for a displaced family of sorts.
2. Project 19 is on April 29. *P52 is organizing a clothes drive for Covenant College students to donate their CLEAN & gently used clothes* at the end of the semester.
3. Prayer for our 10 board members.

Easter Sunday:

Who Do You Say He Is?

(Mark 16:1-8)

Mark 16:1-8 ESV

¹ When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ² And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³ And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?” ⁴ And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. ⁵ And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white

robe, and they were alarmed. ⁶ And he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷ But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.” ⁸ And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

I. The End?

II. Fearful and Falling Short

III. The Ultimate Question

1. How do then Disciples, the women, and many other characters in the gospels in how they respond to Jesus give you encouragement and even resolve?

2. What is the most important thing we can say about Jesus as it relates to our future?

Sermon Notes for Kids

Today is _____

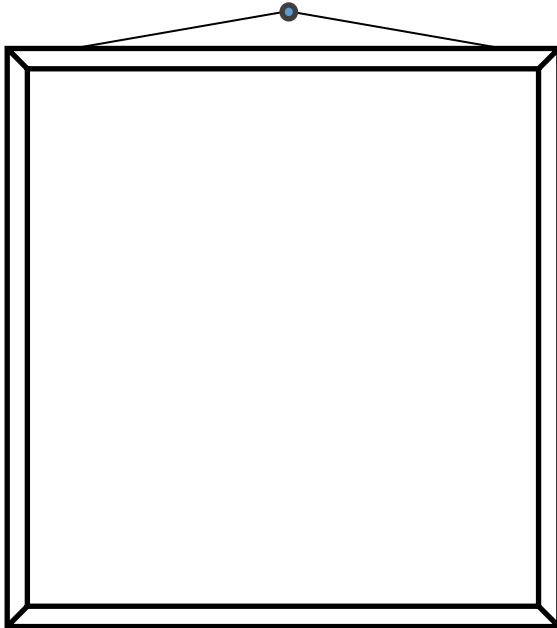
Who is the preacher today?

What is the scripture for today?

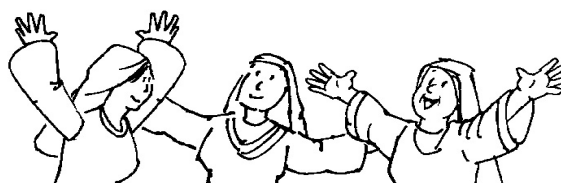


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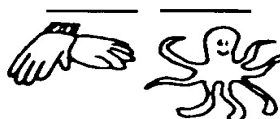
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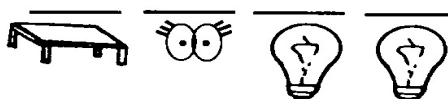
What were the
women to do
with their news?



Write the first letter of each picture on the line.



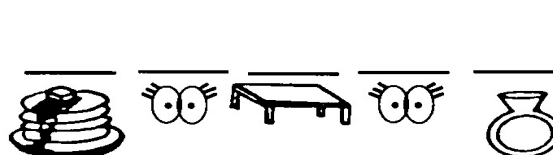
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Welcome to St. Elmo Presbyterian Church pca

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

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You can also go to: <https://tinyurl.com/yp8tree>

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: Brad Roberts;
sepcnursery@gmail dot com
- Director of Youth and Children's Ministry: Brad Roberts; sepcyouthgp@gmail dot com,
704-776-zero 1 zero6



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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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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