

# 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 27, 2025

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**This Week at  
St. Elmo Presbyterian Church and Community  
April 27, 2025  
and Live streaming on YouTube**

**Today**

9:15am Sunday School for All  
10:30am Worship Service  
6:00pm Youth Group meets — Contact Brad Roberts  
**BUDGET REQUESTS DUE TODAY to Mark Slavovsky and Ed Sunder**

**Monday April 28**

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

**Tuesday April 29**

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

**Wednesday April 30**

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

**Thursday May 1**

12:30pm Men's Bible Study meets — Contact Chris Dodson

**Sunday School Nursery**

**April 27** Suzanne Sims and Lydia Mayberry  
**May 4** Beth Ann Green and Kim Roberts

**Worship Service Nursery**

**April 27** Amy Daugaard and Ashlee Wells  
**May 4** Lydia Mayberry and TBD

**Little Lambs**

**April 27** Beth Ann Green and Claire Slavovsky  
**May 4** Ashlee Wells and Kim Roberts

**Upcoming**

**Sunday, June 15-19 VBS!**

**5:30pm-8:00pm**

“Ev’ry eye shall now behold him,  
Robed in dreadful majesty;  
Those who set at naught and sold him,  
Pierced and nailed him to a tree,  
Deeply wailing,  
Deeply wailing,  
Deeply wailing,  
Shall the true Messiah see.”

-Charles Wesley

## **Prelude**

## **Announcements**

## **Musical Preparation**

## **JESUS WELCOMES US**

### **Greeting**

### **Call to Worship**

Hear us, Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock.

*You who sit enthroned between the cherubim, shine forth before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh.*

Awaken your might; come and save us.

*Restore us, O God; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved. (Psalm 80)*

### **Invocation**

**Hymn of Praise:** “All Hail the Power of Jesus Name” (#296)

## **JESUS RECONCILES US TO HIMSELF**

### **Confession of Sin**

*Lord, the God of heaven, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with those who love him and keep his commandments, let your ear be attentive and your eyes open to hear the prayer your servant is praying before you day and night for your servants, the people of Israel. I confess the sins we Israelites, including myself and my father’s family, have committed against you. We have acted very wickedly toward you. We have not obeyed the commands, decrees and laws you gave your servant Moses. - Nehemiah 1:5-7*

### **Silent Prayer of Confession**

**Hymn of Confession:** “My Worth is Not in What I Own” (Rejoice! #75)

### **Assurance of Pardon**

The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. - Psalm 103:8-12

**Hymn of Assurance:** “Approach, My Soul, the Mercy Seat” (Rejoice! #7)

## **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:** 2 Peter 3:8-13

**Preaching of the Word:** "Credo: A Study of the Nicene Creed // Part 9 - On the Third Day" (Rev. Daniel Wells)

**JESUS HEARS OUR PLEDGE OF FAITH**

**Confession of Faith**

*As Christ would have us to be certainly persuaded that there shall be a day of judgment, both to deter all men from sin; and for the greater consolation of the godly in their adversity: so will he have that day unknown to men, that they may shake off all carnal security, and be always watchful, because they know not at what hour the Lord will come; and may be ever prepared to say, Come Lord Jesus, come quickly, Amen. (Westminster Confession of Faith XXX.3, 1647)*

**JESUS SENDS US WITH HIS BLESSING**

**Hymn of Departure:** "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken" (#345)

**Benediction**



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

- Ethan and Madison Greene
- Jeff and Lynn Hall
- Joni Harbert
- Andrew, Kali, and Charles Haun
- Our Fellowship Ministry Group
- David and Lisa Fish: USA/Uganda
- Covenant College
- Safe Families
- The U.S. Supreme Court
- THE PERSECUTED CHURCH IN NIGERIA (7)**
- Pray for our faithful witness to our neighbors
- Israel-Gaza
- Ukraine

**Safe Families**

**Contact: Glen and Becky Wieldraayer**

Please pray for one of our young moms who has recently started a school program to pursue a career in the medical field. Pray that she stays encouraged, committed, and is able to complete the program and earn her certification.

VBS is only 8 weeks away!

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



Also, you can contact Amy Daugaard or Brad Roberts.

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**2024 - 2025 General Fund through March 2025**

	<u>Contributions</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Net</u>
Year-to-date - actual	\$ 231,767	214,264	17,503
Year-to-date - budgeted	<u>231,043</u>	<u>223,986</u>	<u>7,057</u>
Over (under) budget	<u>\$ 724</u>	<u>(9,722)</u>	<u>10,446</u> *

\*This indicates that revenues received are higher than budgeted at this point in the year, and the actual expenditures are lower than budgeted, resulting in a net year-to-date surplus of \$10,446 for the General Fund budget.

**Deacons' Fund through March 2025**

Deacons' Fund balance 7/1/2024	\$ 38,781
Year-to-date contributions	3,552
Year-to-date expenditures	<u>(6,374)</u>
Deacons' Fund balance 3/31/2025	<u>\$ 35,959</u>

**Pray for the Persecuted Church in NIGERIA (7)**  
**Church Minister Abducted and Murdered in Kaduna State**

**Source: Barnabasaid.org, March 31, 2025**

Please pray for the family and church community of Sylvester Okechukwu, church minister in Kaduna State, whose murder was reported on March 5.

Okechukwu, who ministered at a church in the Kaura Local Government Area, was kidnapped from his residence on the evening of March 4. His body was found the following morning. A spokesman from the Diocese of Kafanchan described Sylvester as "a dedicated servant of God, who worked selflessly in the vineyard of the Lord, spreading the message of peace, love, and hope."

"This untimely and brutal loss has left us heartbroken and devastated," he added. "The minister's abduction occurred just two days after two others were kidnapped in Edo State on March 2. Church leaders have frequently been targeted by criminal gangs and extremist groups."

**Pray:**

That God will surround Sylvester's family and congregation with His love and enable them to know His closeness even as they feel crushed in spirit (Psalm 34:18).

That they will stand firm in their faith in the midst of their grief. Ask the Lord for protection of the shepherds of His flock in Nigeria, that extremists' plans to abduct and harm church leaders will be defeated.

**NIGERIAN CHRISTIANS CALL FOR END TO CARNAGE AS EASTER ATTACKS CLAIM 72 LIVES**

Source: Barnabasaid.org, April 23, 2025

Thousands of Christians took part in a peaceful march against rising Islamist violence in Nigeria's Middle Belt on April 21, as the death toll in the latest slaughter rose to 72.

Suspected Fulani Islamist militants carried out assaults on Christian communities in Ukum and Logo Local Government Areas (LGAs) of Benue State on April 17 and into Good Friday, April 18. Initially, it was feared 56 people had been killed; however, the number climbed to 72 as more bodies were recovered from the bush.

"We are under siege as a state, we are under attack," said Benue State governor Hyacinth Alia after he attended a church service on April 21. "They come, they drag people out, they kill to occupy." He added, "A terrorist is a terrorist irrespective of his ethnicity or his religion. Criminality is criminality, period. So, whoever commits it is a terrorist, and he should not be where the living are."

Just as Governor Alia was speaking, demonstrators in neighboring Plateau State expressed anger and grief over renewed anti-Christian violence that claimed more than 100 lives in [Bokkos](#) and [Bassa](#) LGAs in the first two weeks of April.

Thousands marched peacefully through the state capital, Jos, to Government House, many carrying placards that read "The ground cries blood," "We deserve to live," and "No more silence, peace now." "We are tired of mass burials," said Pastor Amos Mozho, chairman of the Denominational Leaders Forum, which organized the rally. "Enough is enough," he added.

Pastor Mozho rejected claims that the attacks were communal farmer-herder clashes, stating the violence was a coordinated onslaught against the people of Plateau. "This is not a communal crisis," he insisted. "It is a brutal campaign against innocent lives in Plateau."

*Pray for all those who have been bereaved, injured or displaced by the ongoing violence in Middle Belt, Nigeria. Ask the Lord to restore the bodies, minds and spirits of His persecuted people. Pray for protection for everyone at risk of attack, especially our brothers and sisters in Christ. Ask that peace is restored to this troubled region.*



# Credo: 1700 Years After Nicaea And Will Come Again in Glory (2 Peter 3:8-13)

The Second Coming Is...

## 2 Peter 3:8-13 ESV

<sup>8</sup>But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. <sup>9</sup>The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. <sup>10</sup>But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the

works that are done on it will be exposed. <sup>11</sup>Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, <sup>12</sup>waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! <sup>13</sup>But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

I. Future

II. Imminent

III. Our Blessed Hope

1. Does the Second Coming occupy your spiritual thought life or even influence your Christian ethics? If not, what steps might you take to make Jesus' future appearance more central to your spiritual formation?

2. If Jesus were to return tomorrow, what would he want you to do today?

# Sermon Notes for Kids

Today is \_\_\_\_\_

**Who is the preacher today?**

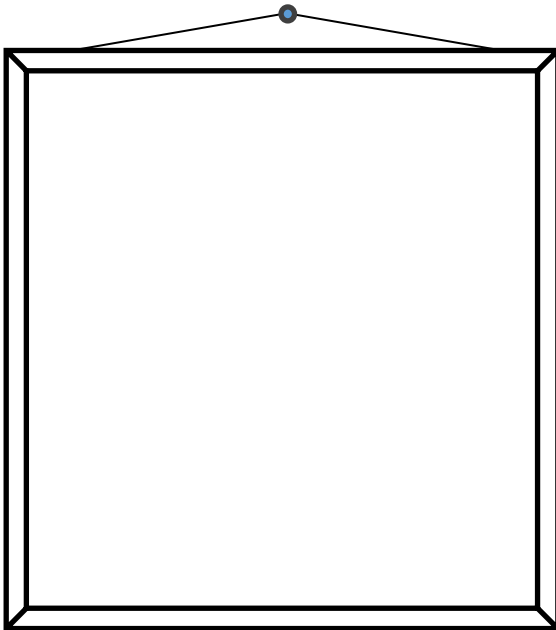
What is the scripture for today?

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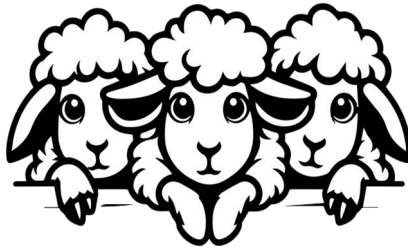


My favorite songs today:


**...with the Lord  
one day is as a  
thousand years,  
and a thousand  
years as one day.**





God has promised something wonderful.

Use the code to find His promise.

### Calculator Code

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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: Brad Roberts.

Sign up to volunteer in the nursery at: [stelmopres.org](http://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/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,  
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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

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

Calendar online: [www.stelmopres.org/events](http://www.stelmopres.org/events)



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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.

Permission to print music and lyrics: CCLI#418158