

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.*



July 20, 2025

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

Today

10:30am Worship Service

Wednesday July 23

7:00pm Ecumenical Community Group meets — Contact Carol Wildeman or Diane Reichman

Thursday July 24

7:30pm Session meets — Contact any Elder

Saturday July 26

9:00am Women's Ensemble Practice — Contact Margaret Stewart or Lynn Hall

Worship Service Nursery

July 20 The Macallister Family

July 27 TBD (Sign up to help!)

Little Lambs

July 20 Madison Greene and Sarah Pendergrass

July 27 The Lesondak Family



Couples' Baby Shower for Brad and Kimberly Roberts

August 17, After Worship in the Fellowship Hall

They are registered at <https://my.babylist.com/bradthedad> and
Amazon — <https://tinyurl.com/hkh5r7p4>

Please bring a finger food type food to share. Beverages will be provided.



Upcoming

Saturday, August 2 at 9:00am

Women's Ensemble Practice

Sunday, August 3 at 6:00pm

Youth Group meets

Sunday, August 24 at 9:30am

SS Kickoff Breakfast to Prepare For the Fall Season

Sunday, August 31 at 9:15am

Sunday School For All Resumes with 2 Adult SS Classes

WORDS OF MEDITATION

Why does the boy out hiking with his father reach out his hand when they come to a slippery place? He does it because in the past his father has faithfully taken his out-stretched hand, and they have walked over the slippery trails together. This portrays the Christian walk with God, and the picture is beautiful. - Francis Schaeffer

Prelude

Announcements

Musical Preparation

JESUS WELCOMES US

Greeting

Call to Worship

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

Because you have made the Lord your dwelling place—the Most High, who is my refuge—

No evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent. (Psalm 91)

Invocation

Hymn of Praise: "Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery" (Rejoice! #19)

JESUS RECONCILES US TO HIMSELF

Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. - Isaiah 55:6-7

Silent Confession of Sin

Hymn of Confession: "Rock of Ages" (#500)

Assurance of Pardon

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. -

Isaiah 55:8-9

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

Hymn of Preparation: "Pensive, Doubting Fearful Heart" (see p. 5)

Prayer of Illumination

Reading of the Word: 1 John 4:1-6

Preaching of the Word: "Assured: Discovering God's Love in 1 John - Part 7" (Rev. Daniel Wells)

JESUS HEARS OUR PLEDGE OF FAITH

Confession of Faith

The grace of faith, whereby the elect are enabled to believe to the saving of their souls, is the work of the Spirit of Christ in their hearts, and is ordinarily wrought by the ministry of the Word, by which also, and by the administration of the sacraments, and prayer, it is increased and strengthened.

This faith is different in degrees, weak or strong; may be often and many ways assailed, and weakened, but gets the victory: growing up in many to the attainment of a full assurance, through Christ, who is both the author and finisher of our faith. (Westminster Confession of Faith XIV.1,3, AD 1647)

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 ("What Wondrous Love is This?" #261)

The Cup ("Yet Not I, But Through Christ In Me" Rejoice! #105)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

JESUS SENDS US WITH HIS BLESSING

Song of Departure

When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:

Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

Benediction



Pensive, Doubting, Fearful Heart

Newton, Kimbrough

Pen - sive, doubt - ing, fear - ful heart, Hear what Christ the Sav - ior
 Fear thou not, nor be a - shamed; All thy sor - rows soon shall
 For a mom - ent I with - drew, And thy heart was filled with
 Though af - flict - ed, temp - est - tossed, Com - fort - less a - while thou

5
 A G A D Bmin G
 says; Ev - 'ry word should joy im - part, Change thy mourn - ing in - to
 end, I who heav'n and earth have framed, Am thy Hus - band and thy
 pain; But my merc - ies I'll re - new; Thou shalt soon re - joice a -
 art, Do not think thou can be lost, Thou art grav - en on my

9
 A G A D
 praise. Yes, He speaks and speaks to thee, May He
 Friend; I the High and Ho - ly One, Is - rael's
 gain; Though I seem to hide my face, Ver - y
 heart; All thy wastes I will re - pair; Thou shalt

12
 G A Bmin A Bdim7
 help thee to be - lieve; Then thou pres - ent - ly will
 God, by all a - dored, As thy Sav - ior will be
 soon my wrath shall cease; 'Tis but for a mom - ent's
 be re - built a - new; And in thee it shall ap -

15
 Bmin G A D
 see Thou has lit - tle cause to grieve.
 known, Thy Re - deem - er and thy Lord.
 space, End - ing in e - ter - nal peace.
 pear What the God of love can do.

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

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| <p>✂</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Kedric, Jennifer, and Cleo Webster <input type="checkbox"/> Daniel, Ashlee, Ralph, Simon, Mary and Rose Wells <input type="checkbox"/> Lance, Julie, Drew, Aaron, and Luke Wescher <input type="checkbox"/> Zach Wescher <input type="checkbox"/> The Christian Education Ministry Group <input type="checkbox"/> Teresa Harwood: Guatemala <input type="checkbox"/> Covenant Theological Seminary <input type="checkbox"/> Channels of Love | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> President Trump and Vice President Vance <input type="checkbox"/> THE PERSECUTED CHURCH IN NIGERIA (7) <input type="checkbox"/> Pray for our faithful witness to our neighbors <input type="checkbox"/> Israel-Gaza <input type="checkbox"/> Ukraine |
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Week 3: For Clients**Prayer**

1. Pray that our clients feel seen, valued, and deeply loved.
2. Ask God to bring healing—physically, emotionally, and spiritually.
3. Pray they'd find real hope and lasting change in their lives.
4. Ask God to help us reconnect with those who've drifted away.

**Sunday School Breakfast
August 24 at 9:30am**

You do not need to bring anything! Doughnuts, fruit, and coffee will be provided. All you need to bring is yourself. During this time, an announcement will be made regarding the Sunday School classes and teachers for the upcoming year.

Pray for the Persecuted Church IN NIGERIA (7)**FULANI MILITANTS KILL PASTOR, CHURCH MEMBER IN KATSINA CHURCH ATTACK**

Source: International Christian Concern, aka Persecution.org, 7/11/2025

Armed Fulani militants stormed a late-night Christian worship service in the village of Yaribori in Kafur County, Katsina state, killing a pastor and a visiting congregant and abducting a woman.

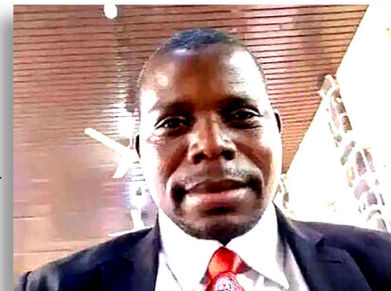
"Reverend Emmanuel Na'allah, pastor of Bege Baptist Church, and Mallam Samaila Gidan Taro, a convert to Christianity, were shot dead at the altar during a fellowship service on Monday night, July 7,"

TruthNigeria reported. "A yet-unidentified woman was abducted by the assailants, who rode into the village on motorcycles, reportedly shouting Islamic slogans."

The attack is the latest in a string of targeted assaults against Christian clergy and congregations across Nigeria. Data compiled by an International Christian Concern (ICC) staffer indicates that at least 63 Christian pastors and church leaders have been killed and 89 others abducted throughout Nigeria since January 2023.

Residents of Yaribori, a farming community roughly 40 miles south of Katsina city, said the attackers — numbering between 15 and 20 — targeted the church alone and spared nearby Muslim homes and mosques. "They came in shouting, 'Allahu Akbar,' and 'Death to infidels,'" said Emmanuel Dauda, a witness. "The pastor told us to stay calm and hide, but they reached him first." Another eyewitness added, "Reverend Na'allah stood before the pulpit and tried to reason with them. They shot him without hesitation."

Security forces have yet to issue a statement on the Yaribori attack. No arrests were made at the time of this report. Local church leaders are praying for the return of those abducted. 🙏🙏



Assured: Discovering God's Love in 1 John

Part 7 — 1 John 4:1-6

1 John 4:1-6 ESV

¹Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. ²By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and

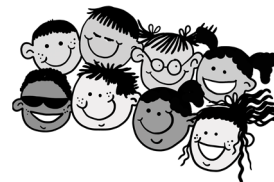
now is in the world already. ⁴Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. ⁵They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

Sermon Notes for Kids

Today is _____

Who is the preacher today? _____

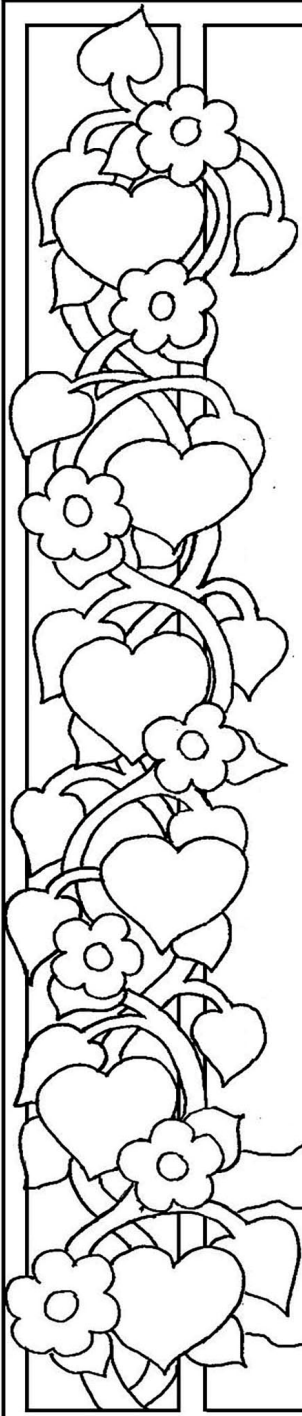
What is the scripture for today?



My favorite songs today:

**LITTLE CHILDREN,
... FOR HE WHO IS
IN YOU IS GREATER
THAN HE WHO IS IN
THE WORLD.**

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You are of God,
little children,
and have
overcome them:
because greater
is he that is in
you, than
he that is
in the
world.

1 John 4:4



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Welcome to St. Elmo Presbyterian Church pca

Sunday School breaks for Summer
and Resumes in September

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. 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: 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

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

Calendar online: 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.

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