

ST. ELMO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*Our purpose is to know, live out of, and proclaim
the wonder of God's grace in Jesus.*



August 3, 2025

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**This Week at
St. Elmo Presbyterian Church and Community
August 3, 2025
and Live streaming on YouTube**

Today

10:30am Worship Service
12:10pm First Sunday Potluck! Everyone Invited
6:00pm Youth Group meets — Contact Brad Roberts

Monday August 4

7:00pm CAHSE meets at 4501 St Elmo Ave. — Contact Cal Boroughs

Wednesday August 6

6:00pm St Elmo Community Group meets — Contact Jay or Beth Ann Green
7:00pm Ecumenical Community Group meets — Contact Carol Wildeman or Diane Reichman
6:00pm Flintstone Community Group meets at Ed and Betsy Sunder's, — Contact Ed or Betsy Sunder

Worship Service Nursery

August 3 Kimberly Roberts and Brad Roberts
August 10 Ashlee Wells and Emma Bunn

Little Lambs

August 3 Brooklyn and Samuel Sunder
August 10 TBD (Sign up to help!)



**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

Wednesday, August 13, TBD

North Chattanooga Community Group meets

Sunday, August 17 at 12:10pm

Couples' Baby Shower for Brad and Kimberly Roberts

Friday, August 22, at 6:00pm

Chickamauga CG meets at Beckmans'

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

It is ever the Holy Spirit's work to turn our eyes away from self to Jesus; but Satan's work is just the opposite of this, for he is constantly trying to make us regard ourselves instead of Christ. He insinuates, 'Your sins are too great for pardon; you have no faith; you do not repent enough; you will never be able to continue to the end; you have not the joy of His children; you have such a wavering hold of Jesus.' All these are thoughts about self, and we shall never find comfort or assurance by looking within. — Charles Spurgeon

Prelude

Announcements

Musical Preparation

JESUS WELCOMES US

Greeting

Call to Worship

The Lord reigns; he is robed in majesty;

the Lord is robed; he has put on strength as his belt.

Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved.

Your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting. (Psalm 93)

Invocation

Hymn of Praise: "Rejoice, the Lord is King" (#310)

JESUS HEARS OUR LAMENT

Prayer of Lament

Lord, as we bring our lament to you, we first turn to you as children who turn to our heavenly Father.

(Silence)

Lord, as we bring our lament to you, we now cry out our complaints about this bruised and broken world, knowing that the Judge of all the earth shall do what is right.

(Silence)

Lord, as we bring our lament to you, we implore you to hear and respond to us, through the one Mediator between God and humanity, the Lord Jesus Christ.

(Silence)

Lord, as we bring our lament to you, we confess our trust that all of your promises are 'Yes' and 'Amen' in the Lord Jesus, and your Spirit is at work in us and in this world.

(Silence)

Hymn of Lament: "I Need Thee Every Hour" (#674)

Assurance of Comfort

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns. —Psalm 46:1-5

Hymn of Comfort: "Great is Thy Faithfulness" (#32)

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: John 1:35-51

Preaching of the Word: Rev. Jeff Hooker

JESUS HEARS OUR PLEDGE OF FAITH

Confession of Faith

It pleased God, in his eternal purpose, to choose and ordain the Lord Jesus, his only begotten Son, to be the Mediator between God and man, the Prophet, Priest, and King, the Head and Savior of his church, the Heir of all things, and Judge of the world: unto whom he did from all eternity give a people, to be his seed, and to be by him in time redeemed, called, justified, sanctified, and glorified. (Westminster Confession of Faith VIII.1, 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 ("Come, Ye Souls By Sin Afflicted" see p.5)

The Cup ("He Will Hold Me Fast" Rejoice! #36)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

JESUS SENDS US WITH HIS BLESSING

Song of Departure

*Look to Jesus; Look to Jesus;
Look to Jesus; Mercy Flows Through Him Alone!*

Benediction



Come, Ye Souls by Sin Afflicted

Words: Swain,
Music Twit

Em D/F# G Em D/F#

1. Come ye souls by sin a - fflic - ted, Bowed with fruit - less sorr - ow
 2. Take His ea - sy yoke and wear - it; Love will make your o - be - dience
 3. Bless - ed are the eyes that see - Him, Bless the ears that hear His
 4. Sweet as home to pil - grims wea - ry, Light to new - ly o - pened

4 G C Em C

down; By the bro - ken law con vic - ted, Through the cross, be - hold the
 sweet Christ will give you strength to bear - it, While His grace shall guide your
 voice; Bless - ed are the souls that trust - Him, And in Him a - lone re -
 eyes, Like full springs in de - serts drea - ry Is the rest the cross sup -

8 D C Em G D

crown; Look to Je - sus, Look to Je - sus, Look to Je - sus; Mer - cy flows through
 feet Safe to glo - ry, Safe to glo - ry, Safe to glo - ry, Where His ran - somed
 joice; His comm - and - ments, His comm - and - ments, His comm - and - ments Then be - come their
 plies; All who taste it, All who taste it, All who taste it Shall to rest imm -

12 C D G

Him a - lone. _____
 cap - tives meet. _____
 hap - py choice. _____
 or - tal rise. _____

2. Take His
 3. Bless - ed
 4. Sweet as

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

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| <p>X <input type="checkbox"/> Jack and Barbara Beckman</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Cal and Susan Boroughs</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Philip, Emma, Penelope, and Vincent Bunn</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Marylu Carl</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The Fellowship Ministry Group</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Frank and Cindy Sindler: EFL</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> PCA: Discipleship Ministries, MTW, Committee on Administration</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> CHOICES Pregnancy Center</p> | <p><input type="checkbox"/> Our U.S. Governors</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> THE PERSECUTED CHURCH IN SUDAN (5)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Pray for our faithful witness to our neighbors</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Israel and Gaza</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Ukraine</p> |
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**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.

Our Mission – We empower women and men facing pregnancy decisions to pursue an abundant life in Christ.

Prayer

1. Pray for our staff and volunteers to be filled with the Holy Spirit in word and deed as they minister to others. Pray they are diligent in staying close to the Father to find fulfillment in Him and restoration in their weariness.
2. Pray that the Lord will bring more volunteers and staff to Choices, especially some who are bilingual. We need a Men's Services Coordinator (full-time) and a Patient Care Coordinator (part-time)
3. Pray that we will have opportunities to share our faith with gentleness, confidence, and respect.
4. Pray for us as we strive to always stay focused on the Lord and steward all that we have through how we work with each other, use our time and funds, and build lasting relationships with our community and partners.

Volunteer Opportunities During the School Year

Sunday School • Nursery • Little Lambs

During the school year,
there are plenty of ways to serve the needs of our church family!

If you are interested in serving in one or more of these areas
please let Brad Roberts know.

- ☐ **Sunday School Needs:** A "lead teacher" and "teacher aid" for Pre-Elementary, Elementary School, Middle School, and High School classes.
- ☐ **Nursery Needs:** Two adults for each Sunday School nursery and the Worship service
- ☐ **Little Lambs Needs:** Two adult teachers (can be related) to serve once a month.

Adult Sunday School: Reading Scripture for All It's Worth

- Sixty-six books.
- Multiple languages.
- Different cultures.
- Thousands of years.
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How is anyone supposed to understand the Bible? And what about those hard passages that Christians disagree about? Starting August 31, Hans & Shelley Madueme will lead a discussion-based class exploring the principles of reading the Bible well. We will spend time wrestling with Scripture as the Holy Spirit helps us experience the power of God's Word. We hope you will join us!

Frank and Cindy Sindler Equipping Farmers International

Praise

- ☒ Celebrating Our First U.S. Internship Success! We're thrilled to report that

our inaugural U.S.-based internship was a resounding success! For four exciting weeks, we hosted a diverse group of 13 talented interns, including Abby Rosine from Saint Elmo. Our international interns include three from South Asia, two from Latin America and one originally from DR Congo.

Looking ahead: We're already gearing up for our 2026 internship! Check out the video showcasing this year's highlights:



<https://tinyurl.com/24hn64yb>

- ☒ Exciting news! We've just finished strategic planning (1, 5, 10, and even 20-

year strategic plans), and we can't wait to share the amazing journey God's leading us on. We can see how God has led us to where we are and a pathway forward to reach over 60 million people worldwide and start a movement of agricultural discipleship that will fuel the great commission. We are also hiring and need a local staff accountant. If you know of someone, we can provide a job description.

Prayer Requests

1. Mongolia Mission: Pray for the success of our recent training in Mongolia, especially for new partnerships with Mongolian missionaries working in Afghanistan and other restricted areas.
2. Funding Needs: Pray for increased general donations to meet our \$50,000 year-end goal and support our initiatives. We hope to train over 1500 trainers by the end of the year and tens of thousands of farmers, but we need additional general giving through the end of the year.
3. Here is a giving link that includes a 1:1 match for donations currently—
4. Oral Training Development: Pray for wisdom and creativity as we develop the first-ever oral format farmer training program with global church collaboration.
5. Expanding Our Curriculum: Pray for our team and some new staff as we develop complementary courses in conservation agriculture (agribusiness, livestock, agroforestry, medicinal plant production), improving livelihoods and sustainability for the churches and the farmers who will receive our core curriculum and this expanded training.



Pray for the Persecuted Church In SUDAN (5)

HOSPITAL ATTACK CLAIMS 40 LIVES IN SUDAN

Source: MNNOline.org, June 27, 2025. Civilians continue to bear the brunt of Sudan's brutal war. A recent attack on a hospital claimed over 40 lives, including health workers and children.

Vulnerable groups are coming under fire. "It's soft targets; these are not military bases," Darrell Templeton with "MegaVoice" says. "Less than 10 percent of the hospitals and clinics in the country are even operational, and so the humanitarian crisis just continues to rise."

Despite the scale of the crisis, few outside Sudan are aware. "The situation has gone from bad to worse," Templeton says. "It's the largest displacement of people anywhere in the world, and, unfortunately, because Israel and Iran are getting all the headline news, this has dropped off the radar of most people."

Yet the Lord hears their cries. [Amid] chaos, believers are holding fast.

"If I could get out of there, I would. And yet, we hear stories of pastors and lay leaders who choose to stay and shepherd the few believers they have and be that beacon of hope in their communities," Templeton says. Through partners like Samaritan's Purse, MegaVoice audio Bibles bring both hope and help. "They not only carry the Bible and Scripture, but they also carry different content that some of our partners will put on it," Templeton says. 🙏🏻

SEPC Community Groups 2025 Summer Project!

We encourage you to use July and August to try out any of our five Community Groups. Whether you aren't plugged into a Community Group or you have sporadically attended one of our small groups through the years, this summer would be a good time to see why we are emphasizing Community Groups as the hub for our ministry and mission at SEPC.

So, if you would like to plug into one of these Spiritual Families and experience Community, Connection, and Care, then reach out to the Community Group leaders and see when they will have their next gathering.

CHICKAMAUGA COMMUNITY GROUP

This new CG had a great first meeting! ***Their next meeting will be Friday, August 22 at 6:00pm.*** Leaders: Jack and Barbara Beckman

ECUMENICAL COMMUNITY GROUP

Leaders: Carol Wildeman and Diane Reichmann. This group is open to anyone who lives in any location, and there are members of other churches that attend this group. Please contact Carol Wildeman or Diane Reichmann for any other details. ***This group meets every Wednesday in various homes.*** They excel in caring for one another. So, this might be a good place for you if you aren't concerned with being in a CG close to where you live. I also appreciate this CG's emphasis on Micah 6:8 as they do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God.

FLINTSTONE COMMUNITY GROUP

Leaders: Ed & Betsy Sunder. If you are in the Flintstone area this would be a wonderful group for you to check out! They occasionally discuss Pastor Daniel's sermons (Thankfully, they are very kind in their discussions). They will be meeting on the first Wednesday of every month during the summer. ***Their next meeting is August 6.*** Let Ed and Betsy know if you'd like to join them!

NORTH CHATTANOOGA COMMUNITY GROUP

Leaders: Ethan and Madison Greene. They meet every other Wednesday at different hosts' homes. Another one of our new CGs! Next meeting is August 13. For any of you who live north of the river then this CG would be perfect for you.

ST ELMO COMMUNITY GROUP

Leaders: Jay and Beth Ann Green. This group has been around for about a decade; and has done a great job with hospitality and community. ***They meet on the 1st Wednesday of each month.*** Moving forward, this CG will focus on the St Elmo neighborhood as its mission field and will help SEPC be involved with the neighborhood's calendar and rhythms. If being involved with the St Elmo neighborhood is important to you then definitely check out this community group.

Sermon Notes:

John 1:35-51 ESV

³⁵The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, “What are you seeking?” And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?” ³⁹He said to them, “Come and you will see.” So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. ⁴¹He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means Christ). ⁴²He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon the son of John. You shall be called Cephas” (which means Peter). The next day, Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip

and said to him, “Follow me.” ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter.

⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” ⁴⁷Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, “Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!” ⁴⁸Nathanael said to him, “How do you know me?” Jesus answered him, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.” ⁴⁹Nathanael answered him, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” ⁵⁰Jesus answered him, “Because I said to you, ‘I saw you under the fig tree,’ do you believe? You will see greater things than these.” ⁵¹And he said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.”

1. “Come and See” is the Call of Ordinary Evangelism

2. “Come and See” is the Call of Ordinary Discipleship

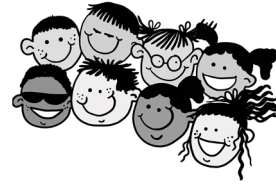
3. “Come and See” is the Call of Ordinary Worship

Sermon Notes for Kids

Today is _____

Who is the preacher today? _____

What is the scripture for today?



My favorite songs today:

**“Can anything
good come out of
Nazareth?” Philip
said to him,
“Come and see.”**

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Jesus' First Disciples

John was with two of his disciples.
What did John say when he saw Jesus passing by?

Find the underlined letters in the picture below.

John said, "Look, the Lamb of God."



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,
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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>

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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