

ST. ELMO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Presbyterian Church in America

*Our purpose is to be a Spiritual Family that Knows, Lives Out of, and
Proclaims the Wonder of God's Grace in Jesus.*



August 10, 2025

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**This Week at
St. Elmo Presbyterian Church and Community
August 10, 2025
and Live streaming on YouTube**

Today

10:30am Worship Service

Wednesday August 13

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

7:00pm North Chattanooga Community Group meets — Contact Ethan or Madison Greene

7:30pm Deacons meeting — Contact Ed Sunder

Thursday August 14

7:30pm Session meets — Contact any Elder

Worship Service Nursery

August 10 Ashlee Wells and Emma Bunn

August 17 Kedric Webster and Priscilla Strom

Little Lambs

August 10 TBD (Sign up to help!)

August 17 TBD (Sign up to help!)

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.

Upcoming

Sunday, August 17, at 12:10pm

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

Sunday, September 7 at 6:00pm

Youth Group meets

Tuesday, September 9 at 10:00am

Women's Book Study Begins

Sunday, September 14 at 12:10pm

Baby Shower for Madison and Ethan Greene

Sunday, October 5 at 10:30

136th SEPC Anniversary Service and Lunch

Baby shower for Madison and Ethan Greene

Sunday, September 14, in the Fellowship Hall after the service. All ladies are invited. Please bring a luncheon type dish to share. Beverages will be provided.

**They are registered at Target — <https://tinyurl.com/3h86kwww>
and**

Amazon — <https://tinyurl.com/sa35786d>

WORDS OF MEDITATION

The greatest sorrow and burden you can lay on the Father, the greatest unkindness you can do to him as his child, is not to believe that he loves you. - John Owen (1616-1683)

Prelude

Announcements

Musical Preparation

JESUS WELCOMES US

Greeting

Call to Worship

If the LORD had not been my help, my soul would soon have lived in the land of silence.

When I thought, "My foot slips," your steadfast love, O LORD, held me up.

When the cares of my heart are many, your consolations cheer my soul.

But the LORD has become my stronghold, and my God the rock of my refuge. (Psalm 94)

Invocation

Hymn of Praise: "O Worship the King" (#2)

JESUS RECONCILES US TO HIMSELF

Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save, or his ear dull, that it cannot hear; but your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear. For your hands are defiled with blood and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies; your tongue mutters wickedness. No one enters suit justly; no one goes to law honestly; they rely on empty pleas, they speak lies, they conceive mischief and give birth to iniquity. - Isaiah 59:1-4

Silent Confession of Sin

Hymn of Confession: "Thou Lovely Source of True Delight" (Rejoice! #98)

Assurance of Pardon

He saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no one to intercede; then his own arm brought him salvation, and his righteousness upheld him. He put on righteousness as a breastplate, and a helmet of salvation on his head; he put on garments of vengeance for clothing, and wrapped himself in zeal as a cloak. According to their deeds, so will he repay, wrath to his adversaries, repayment to his enemies; to the coastlands he will render repayment. So they shall fear the name of the LORD from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun; for he will come like a rushing stream, which the wind of the LORD drives. "And a Redeemer will come to Zion, to those in Jacob who turn from transgression," declares the LORD. - Isaiah 59:16-20

Hymn of Assurance: "Let us Love and Sing and Wonder" (see p.5)

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: 1 John 5:1-12

Preaching of the Word: "Assured: Discovering God's Love in 1 John - Part 9" (Rev. Daniel Wells)

JESUS HEARS OUR PLEDGE OF FAITH

Confession of Faith

*I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; on the third day He rose
again from the dead, He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty, from
thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead;
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the
resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting, Amen.
(Apostles' Creed, 2nd Cent)*

JESUS SENDS US WITH HIS BLESSING

Song of Departure: "All Glory Be To Christ"

*Should nothing of our efforts stand
No legacy survive
Unless the Lord does raise the house
In vain its builders strive.*

*To you who boast tomorrow's gain
Tell me, what is your life?
A mist that vanishes at dawn
All glory be to Christ!*

*All glory be to Christ our King!
All glory be to Christ!
His rule and reign we'll ever sing,
All glory be to Christ!*

*Let living water satisfy
The thirsty without price
We'll take a cup of kindness yet
All glory be to Christ!*

*When on the day the great I Am
The faithful and the true
The Lamb who was for sinners slain
Is making all things new
Behold our God shall live with us
And be our steadfast light
And we shall e're His people be
All glory be to Christ!*

*His will be done, His kingdom come
On earth as is above, Who is Himself our daily
bread, praise Him, the Lord of love!*

Benediction



Let Us Love And Sing And Wonder

Words by John Newton

Music by Laura Taylor

Bb F Gm

Let us love and sing and won - der, let us praise the Sav -
 Let us love the Lord who bought us, pit - ied us when en -
 Let us sing though fierce temp - ta - tion threat - ens hard to bear
 Let us won - der, grace and jus - tice join and point to mer -
 Let us praise and join the cho - rus of the saints en - throned

4 Eb F Bb F

- ior's name, he has hushed the law's loud thun - der,
 - e - mies, called us by his grace and taught us,
 us down, for the Lord, our strong sal - va - tion,
 - cy's store; when, through grace, in Christ our trust is,
 on high; here they trust - ed him be - fore us;

7 Gm Eb Gm

he has quenched Mount Si - nai's flame. He has washed us with his blood,
 gave us ears and gave us eyes. He has washed us with his blood,
 holds in view the con - queror's crown. He who washed us with his blood,
 jus - tice smiles and asks no more. He who washed us with his blood,
 now their prais - es fill the sky. Thou hast washed us with thy blood,

10 Eb Gm Eb Gm

he has washed us with his blood, he has washed us with his blood,
 he has washed us with his blood, he has washed us with his blood,
 he who washed us with his blood, he who washed us with his blood,
 he who washed us with his blood, he who washed us with his blood,
 thou hast washed us with thy blood, thou hast washed us with thy blood,

14 Eb F Bb

he has brought us nigh to God.
 he pre - sents our souls to God.
 soon will bring us home to God.
 has se - cured our way to God.
 thou art wor - thy, Lamb of God.

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



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| <input type="checkbox"/> Philip and Emily Cox | <input type="checkbox"/> The U.S. Supreme Court |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lexi Cross | <input type="checkbox"/> THE PERSECUTED CHURCH IN MYANMAR (13) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Amy Daugaard | <input type="checkbox"/> Pray for our faithful witness to our neighbors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chris and Rebecca Dodson | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The Finance Ministry Group | <input type="checkbox"/> Israel and Gaza |
| <input type="checkbox"/> David and Eowyn Stoddard | <input type="checkbox"/> Ukraine |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Covenant College | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CHOICES Pregnancy Center | |

**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. ***Their next meeting is July 30 at Ethan and Madison Greenes'.*** Another one of our new CGs! 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 and 3rd 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.

Pray for the Persecuted Church In MYANMAR (13)

HOSPITAL ATTACK CLAIMS 40 LIVES IN SUDAN

Source: MNNonline.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. 🙏🙏

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

- **Sixty-six books.**
- **Multiple languages.**
- **Different cultures.**
- **Thousands of years.**

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!

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.

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.

Women's Book Study, Tuesdays 10-11:30am, Beginning with Brunch on September 9th

then studying biblical lament using the book "Dark Clouds, Deep Mercy" by Mark Vroegop.

Contact Amy Daugaard if you are interested and would like a book.

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

Medical Services at Choices

Choices offers free, professional, and confidential medical services including:

Pregnancy testing ▪ Ultrasounds ▪ Early prenatal care ▪ Abortion pill reversal ▪ After-abortion medical and emotional care

▪ Options for counseling: moms and dads covering adoption; parenting; and accurate information about both surgical and chemical abortions.

This past year, we saw a 30% increase in people served! Of those coming in for a first appointment, 88% were abortion-minded, and 80% chose life for their baby after that first visit.

Quote from the front lines: *"This year, the Lord has taught me to lean deeper into compassion without judgment, trusting His presence in the midst of each woman's difficult decision. In the complexity, He reminded me that my role is not to FIX, but to faithfully walk alongside, offering love, truth, and grace."* – Stephanie Huskins, Nurse Practitioner

How you can pray:

- ☐ For our 4 staff nurses, 11 volunteer nurses, and volunteer patient advocates—to serve with strength, grace, and compassion
- ☐ That many will not only choose life, but find abundant life in Christ
- ☐ For God to bring the right man for our full-time Men's Services Coordinator and the right person for our part-time Patient Care Coordinator roles
- ☐ Join our prayer team: Text "pray" to 423-295-7779 to receive real-time prayer requests and praises.

Want to serve?

We're looking for male and female volunteer patient advocates—no counseling license required. Visit our website to learn more.

Celebrate with us!

Register now for our 40th Anniversary Banquet on October 30th at: **team.choiceschattanooga.org**

Assured: Discovering God's Love in 1 John

Part 9 (Rev. Daniel Wells)

1 John 5:1-12

1 John 5:1-12 ESV

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him.

²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. ⁴For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? ⁶This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. ⁷For

there are three that testify: ⁸the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree. ⁹If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. ¹⁰Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

Sermon Notes for Kids

Today is _____

Who is the preacher today? _____

What is the scripture for today?



My favorite songs today:

**And God's
commandment
s are not
burdensome.**

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Who is it that
overcomes the world?

Write the letter that is missing from each
sequence. Then use the code to fill in the blanks



1. KMNOP = ____
2. NPQRS = ____
3. EFGIJ = ____
4. BCDFG = ____
5. QRSUV = ____
6. XYZBC = ____
7. YZACD = ____
8. GHJKL = ____
9. RSTUW = ____
10. JKLMO = ____
11. PQRTU = ____
12. IKLMN = ____
13. UVWXZ = ____
14. STVWX = ____
15. BCDEG = ____
16. EFHIJ = ____
17. CEFGH = ____
18. TUVXY = ____

2	10	1	13	3	4	18	3	2			
7	4	1	8	4	9	4	11	5	3	6	5
12	4	11	14	11	8	11	5	3	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,
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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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