

# 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.*



April 12, 2026

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## THE MINISTRY

### **This Week at St. Elmo Presbyterian Church and Community and Live streaming on YouTube**

#### **Sunday      April 12, 2026**

9:15am      Sunday School for all  
10:30am      Worship Service  
12:10pm      Congregational meeting to vote on Ethan Greene (RE), Seth Mayberry  
(D), & Betsy Sunder (DA)  
5:00pm      Middle School Youth Group meets — Contact Lance Wescher  
7:30pm      High School Youth Group meets — Contact Lance Wescher

#### **Monday      April 13**

7:00pm      Women's Bible Study at Beth Ann Green's — Contact Edith Dryden  
7:00pm      Missions Team meeting — Contact Hans Madueme or Margaret Stewart

#### **Tuesday      April 14**

10:00am      Women's Bible Study at Joni Harbert's — Contact Edith Dryden

#### **Wednesday      April 15**

6:00pm      Flintstone Community Group meets at Marylu's — Contact Ed or Betsy Sunder  
7:00pm      Ecumenical Community Group meets — Contact Carol Wildeman or Diane Reichmann

#### **Thursday      April 16**

10:30am      Men's Bible study meets — Contact Chris Dodson

#### **Friday      April 17**

6:00pm      Chickamauga Community Group meets — Contact Jack or Barbara Beckman

#### **Saturday      April 18**

9:00am      Church Workday—Everyone invited! Requested!

### **Nursery**

#### **Sunday School**

April 12      Amy Daugaard and TBD  
April 19      Pris Strom and Ashlee Wells

#### **Worship Service**

April 12      Ashlee Wells and Lydia Mayberry  
April 19      TBD

#### **Little Lambs**

April 12      Jack and Barbara Beckman  
April 19      Glen and Becky Wieldraayer

**TO VOLUNTEER FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL NURSERY, WORSHIP NURSERY, OR LITTLE LAMBS:**

**[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/Y9AW7H4A](https://tinyurl.com/y9aw7h4a)**

**\*Navigate between sign ups through the tabs at the top of the page\*  
Or you can contact Ashlee Wells.**

### **Upcoming**

**Sunday, April 19 at 7:00pm**      House concert at Stewarts' house in Flintstone: 473 Allgood Rd.  
**Sunday, April 26 at 11:00pm**      Annual Budgets Due to the Finance Ministry Group (Mark and Ed)  
**Sunday, May 3 at 12:10pm**      First Sunday Potluck Lunch

## THE MESSAGE

### **WORDS OF MEDITATION**

As the use of remedies is the way to health, so this remedy took up sinners to heal and restore them. And just as surgeons, when they bind up wounds, do it not in a slovenly way, but carefully, that there may be a certain degree of neatness in the binding; in addition to its mere usefulness, so our medicine, Wisdom, was by his assumption of humanity adapted to our wounds, curing some of them by their opposites, some of them by their likes. And just as he who ministers to a bodily hurt in some cases applies contraries, as cold to hot, moist to dry, etc., and in other cases applies likes, as a round cloth to a round wound, or an oblong cloth to an oblong wound, and does not fit the same bandage to all limbs, but puts like to like; in the same way the Wisdom of God in healing man has applied himself to his cure, being himself healer and medicine both in one. - Augustine

#### **Prelude**

#### **Announcements**

#### **Musical Preparation**

#### **JESUS WELCOMES US**

##### **Greeting**

##### **Call to Worship**

Praise the Lord, all you nations; extol him, all you peoples.

*For great is his love toward us,*

And the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.

*Praise the Lord. (Psalm 117)*

##### **Invocation**

**Hymn of Praise:** Come, Christians, Join to Sing (#302)

#### **JESUS RECONCILES US TO HIMSELF**

##### **Corporate Confession of Sin**

*Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates. - Deuteronomy 6:4-9*

##### **Silent Confession of Sin**

**Song of Confession:** Thou Lovely Source of True Delight (Rejoice! #98)

##### **Assurance of Pardon**

Even if you have been banished to the most distant land under the heavens, from there the LORD your God will gather you and bring you back. He will bring you to the land that belonged to your ancestors, and you will take possession of it. He will make you more prosperous and numerous than your ancestors. The LORD your God will circumcise your hearts and the hearts of your descendants, so that you may love him with all your heart and with all your soul, and live. - Deuteronomy 30:6

**Hymn of Assurance:** Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder (see p.5)

#### **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:** Exodus 24:1-18 & Matthew 17:1-13

**Preaching of the Word:** "Mountain Top Experiences With Jesus: Exploring the Terrain of Matthew" Part 5 (Rev. Daniel Wells)

**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, 1647AD)*

**JESUS SENDS US WITH HIS BLESSING**

**Hymn of Departure:** Knowing You, Jesus (Rejoice! #60)

**Benediction**



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

- Glen and Becky Wieldraayer
- Jim and Carol Wildeman
- Susan Young
- Rob Allen
- Safe Families
- East Ridge Presbyterian
- Our U.S. Senators
- THE PERSECUTED CHURCH IN NIGERIA (7)**  
Pray for our faithful witness to our neighbors

Gospel Generosity: Jesus and his person, work, and heart are the reason to be a cheerful giver, see 2 Corinthians 8:9, 9:7. Let's commit ourselves to the Message, Ministry, and Mission of SEPC.

**For Online Giving for Your Tithes and Offerings**



You can use this QR code or you may go to - <https://tinyurl.com/mr7h9e89>

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THE MESSAGE

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.

THE MINISTRY and the MISSION




**WE NEED NURSERY HELP!**

To volunteer for Sunday School Nursery, Worship Nursery, or Little Lambs:

<https://tinyurl.com/y9aw7h4a>

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THE MINISTRY




**SEPC CHURCH WORKDAY~ April 18, 2026~9:00am-12:00pm**

Young, College Age, Older, and Really Old!

Skilled and Unskilled!

You are all cordially invited!




**INSIDE:**  
We will be deep cleaning several areas, including bathrooms, the kitchen, and the nursery. We may do some window cleaning as well. Also, some paint touch-up and minor repairs.


**OUTSIDE:**  
We will be doing a moderate amount of weeding, mulching, just a little trimming, as well as a little painting.

We will have a fun time fellowshiping while we work together to improve SEPC facilities.

**Please bring: cleaning tools/supplies, a few paint brushes, and a few yard tools, including hedge clippers, loppers, pruning shears, weed digging tools, garden and leaf rakes, leaf blowers, and brooms for removing spider webs.**



**Donuts at 9:00am! Pizza for those who hang in through 12:00 noon!**



~Many hands make light work~

## THE MISSION

### Safe Families

#### **Safe Families Prayer Requests**

##### **1. Mothers & New Beginnings**

- Pray for one of our moms who is settling into new rhythms after the delivery of her baby. Prayers for physical strength, emotional stability, confidence, and grace as she navigates this new chapter.

##### **2. Financial Pressure & Daily Provision**

- Pray for our families who are navigating life on very tight budgets. Please ask the Lord to open doors to stability, employment, and support.

##### **3. Breaking Generational Cycles**

- Prayers for the mothers that we are working with at Nextdoor Recovery. That they would courageously work to break generational cycles of trauma, addiction, and instability.
- Ask for protection against spiritual opposition and attacks of the enemy during this vulnerable and transformative process.

##### **4. Community & Belonging**

- Pray against isolation and loneliness.

##### **5. April 30th Safe Families Event**

- Pray that our **April 30th event** would be well attended.
- Please ask that the Lord would stir the hearts of the Church to step into hard places and feel compelled to care for the vulnerable children and families of our city.

## THE MISSION

### **We are collecting paper and soap products for Widows Harvest.**

**Please bring them to the church and place the items downstairs.**

**We will be collecting throughout the month of April. We will distribute 35 bags to the widows.**

**Here's what is still needed as of last Tuesday:**

- 23 Laundry detergent, unscented if possible**
- 7 Clorox Wipes**
- 8 Dish Soap**
- 17 Liquid Hand Soap**
- 9 each of medium and large women's Depends**

### **PRAY FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH IN NIGERIA (7)**

#### **DOZENS KILLED DURING PALM SUNDAY ATTACKS IN NIGERIA**

**Source:** ICC@persecution.org, April 6, 2026

Gunmen killed at least 30 people during a Palm Sunday attack in Ungwan Rukuba, a community in Jos North Local Government Area of Plateau state, Nigeria. The incident occurred during the evening, when armed men reportedly entered the community and opened fire on residents.

Days after the Palm Sunday massacre in Jos left at least 30 Christians dead, coordinated Easter weekend attacks across central Nigeria claimed dozens more lives, with multiple communities in Benue, Kaduna, and Nasarawa states reporting killings, abductions, and extensive destruction during one of the most significant periods in the Christian calendar.

1. Pray for our brothers and sisters in Jos, Nigeria, who are suffering unimaginable grief.
2. Pray that the church in the West would rise to support persecuted Christians in Nigeria.
3. Pray for the Christian communities in Benue, Kaduna, and Nasarawa states.
4. Pray for the families and churches of those who were abducted and killed. 🙏🙏



## Welcome to St. Elmo Presbyterian Church pca

### **Sunday School for Children and Adults**

Sunday School for all ages begins at 9:15am. Adults have two options: one class meets in the Adult Sunday School room downstairs, the other class meets in the Fellowship Hall. Children, 3 y/o through 12th grade, begin with a time of fellowship in the Sunday School wing, before proceeding to their classes. Sunday School breaks for the summer months.

### **Little Lambs**

During Worship, children from 3 through 4 years old are welcome to attend their own Bible Lesson time downstairs after the Covenant Children's Lesson in the Sanctuary.

### **Nursery Available**

During Sunday School and Worship, the nursery is available for babies through 2 y/o, when they are ready for Little Lambs. A Mother's room adjacent to the Nursery is also available.

### **Youth Group**

Youth Group for Middle and High School students meets on Sunday nights from 6 - 8pm, and typically taking a break on the first Sunday of the month. Youth Group meets once a month during the Summer months.

### **Christian Education Contact Information**

Director of Youth and Children's Ministry:  
TBD

- Nursery & Little Lambs: Ashlee Wells, [sepcnursery@gmail.com](mailto:sepcnursery@gmail.com)
- Youth & Children's Ministry: [sepcyouthgp@gmail.com](mailto:sepcyouthgp@gmail.com)

Parent Committee Chair: Lance Wescher



Online donations/offerings:

You can use this QR code or you may go to -

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### **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.

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