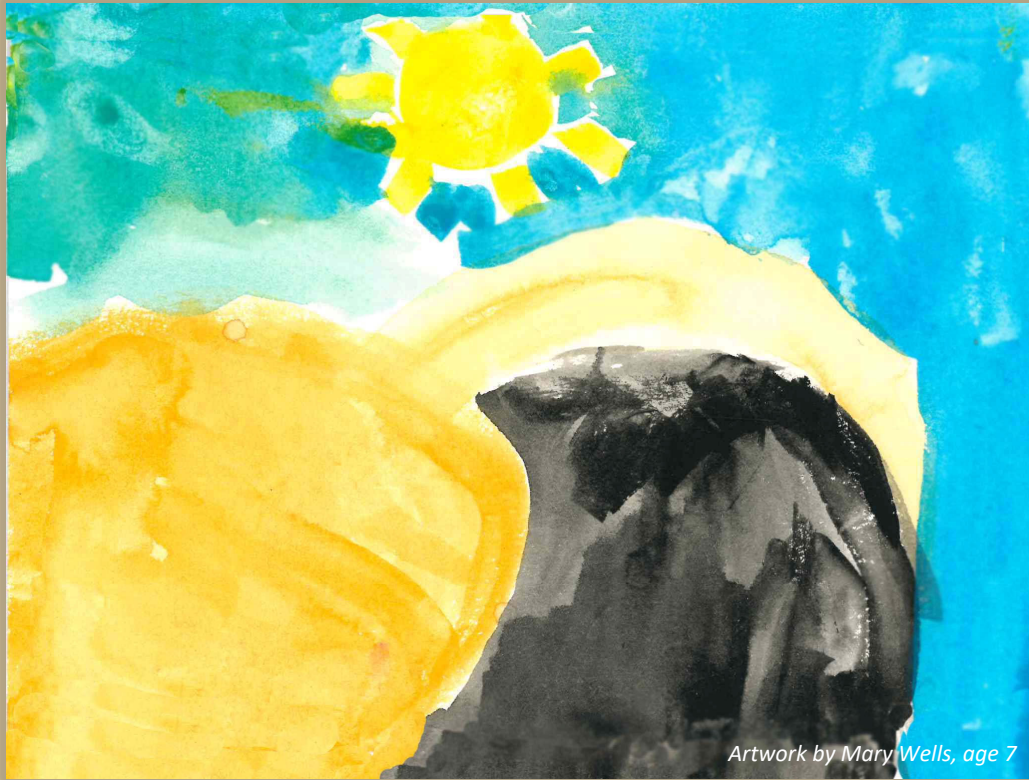


ST. ELMO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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.



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He is not here! He has risen!

Easter April 5, 2026

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THE MINISTRY

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

Sunday April 5, 2026

9:00am Annual Easter Breakfast
10:30am Worship Service

Monday April 6

7:00pm Women's Bible Study at Beth Ann Green's — Contact Edith Dryden
7:00pm CAHSE meets at TBA — Contact Cal Boroughs

Tuesday April 7

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

Wednesday April 8

7:00pm Ecumenical Community Group meets — Contact Carol Wildeman or Diane Reichmann
7:30pm Diaconate meets — Contact Ed Sunder or Jessica Novikoff

Thursday April 9

7:30pm Session meets — Contact any Elder

Nursery

Sunday School

April 5 No SS
April 12 Amy Daugaard and TBD

Worship Service

April 5 Marylu Carl and TBD
April 12 Ashlee Wells and Lydia Mayberry

Little Lambs

April 5 The Sunder Family
April 12 Jack and Barbara Beckman

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 12 at 12:10pm	Congregational meeting to vote on Ethan Greene (RE), Seth Mayberry (D), & Betsy Sunder (DA)
Monday, April 13 at 7:00pm	Missions Team meeting — Contact Hans Madueme or Margaret Stewart
Saturday, April 18 at 9:00am	Church Workday. We need you! Come have fun and fellowship.
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 for Meditation

“It should therefore be affirmed with no ambivalence or ambiguity whatsoever: ours is an Easter faith.”
- Fleming Rutledge

“He is not here.” This is the only place of which it could be considered good news to say, Christ is not here. “Christ is here” was good news at Bethany, at Jericho, at Nain, at Capernaum, or on the Sea of Galilee; but “Christ is not here” is the good news from Joseph’s tomb. - Horatius Bonar

Prelude

Announcements

Musical Preparation

THE RISEN JESUS WELCOMES US

Greeting

Call to Worship

Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.

For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.

You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy;

At your right hand are pleasures forevermore. (Psalm 16)

Invocation

Hymn of Praise: Christ the Lord is Risen Today (#277)

Scripture Reading: Matthew 28:1-10

Hymn: Up From the Grave He Arose (#276)

THE RISEN JESUS RECEIVES OUR TRIBUTE

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.

Choir.....Christ is Risen, Sing Alleluia!

Covenant Children’s Lesson

3 and 4 year-olds may remain in the sanctuary

THE RISEN 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.

THE RISEN JESUS SPEAKS HIS LOVE TO US

Prayer of Illumination

Reading of the Word: Ephesians 2:4-7

Preaching of the Word: “Raised With Him” (Rev. Daniel Wells)

JESUS HEARS OUR PLEDGE OF FAITH

Confession of Faith

Q. How does Christ’s resurrection benefit us?

A. First, by his resurrection he has overcome death, so that he might make us share in the righteousness he obtained for us by his death.

Second, by his power we too are already raised to a new life.

Third, Christ's resurrection is a sure pledge to us of our blessed resurrection. (Heidelberg Catechism #17)

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 (See, What a Morning, Rejoice! #86, 1st Stanza)

The Cup (See, What a Morning, 2nd & 3rd Stanzas)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

THE RISEN JESUS SENDS US WITH HIS BLESSING

Hymn of Departure: The Day of Resurrection! (#267)

Benediction



THE MINISTRY

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Kedric, Jennifer, and Cleo Webster | <input type="checkbox"/> President Trump and Vice President Vance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Daniel, Ashlee, Ralph, Simon, Mary, and Rose Wells | <input type="checkbox"/> THE PERSECUTED CHURCH in the Muslim World |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lance, Julie, Aaron, Drew, and Luke Wescher | <input type="checkbox"/> Pray for our faithful witness to our neighbors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Zach Wescher | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> David and Lisa Fish | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reformed University Fellowship | |

THE MISSION

**David and Lisa Fish
Uganda/USA**

Updates

1. Lisa is working on plans for a trip to Uganda this summer. The January visit was postponed due to political unrest, but the situation has since stabilized.
2. The women's Bible study group in Buwundo Village has walked through a season of significant loss as two group members and the father of several members have passed away. One of the women who passed had come to faith in Jesus this year, a testimony of God's grace even in grief. She leaves behind two small children, who will be cared for by the extended family that is already raising three other children.
3. God is at work in Buwundo Village, and multiple women from a Muslim family background have put their faith in Jesus and joined the Bible study, including cousins, aunts, a sister, a mother, and a grandmother. Some have faced family rejection for their public commitment to Christ.

Prayer Requests

1. Pray for Privah, the women's Bible study leader, as she shepherds the group through grief and loss, asking God to grant her endurance and deep encouragement in this season.
2. Pray for the Muslim-background believers in the group, that their faith would grow strong amid family pressure and, in some cases, being sent away from home because of their commitment to Christ.
3. Pray for the children left behind by the women who passed and for the extended family caring for them, that they would know God's provision and comfort.

Pray for the Persecuted Church in the Muslim World

From Dick Fisher, of You Last Forever Ministry; St Elmo resident, email sent last month:

Dear Friends,

I asked you to pray for our trainer (Gregory) and Muslim convert (Omar), who were invited and traveled yesterday to teach You Last Forever to his larger family. Below is the report I got today. Please continue to pray for protection and salvation as they share the Gospel today with this large Muslim family and with another household tomorrow. ...

Thanks for praying,
Dick

UPDATE:

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your prayers following my last email request. Here is today's update on this truly life-threatening mission to Muslims by Gregory, our YLF trainer, and Omar, a Muslim converted in November.

Praise God! Six people have been saved in the family who invited this mission to come to them to teach You Last Forever. Over 800 YLF cards and booklets in Swahili have been given out in the community to plant Gospel seeds.

At 9:00 p.m. today their time (2:00 p.m. our time), our trainer Gregory has a meeting with **150 - 200** youths, and he has another meeting tomorrow at 10 p.m. (3:00 p.m. our time). For safety, they have to do their mission at night. Pray for God to save these young people and others sitting in spiritual darkness, and bless the Gospel in their families. Jesus said, "If I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all men to myself." (John 12:32)

Omar's family is providing protection as they promised, and Gregory hopes to start a house fellowship before they leave on Saturday.

Pray for God to continue to protect the evangelists, the new converts, and save many more this week. Thank you.

By God's Grace Alone,

Dick 🙏🙏

THE MISSION

WIDOWS HARVEST COLLECTION

We are collecting paper and soap products for
Widows Harvest.

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

We will be collecting throughout the **month of April**,
and will be preparing **35** bags for widows.

Each week, we will update the congregation
on items still needed.

ITEMS NEEDED



- Laundry detergent**
(unscented if possible)
 - Toilet paper**
 - Clorox wipes**
 - Dish soap**
 - Kleenex**
 - Liquid hand soap**
 - 10 each** of medium & large
women's **Depends**
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THE MINISTRY

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.

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THE MISSION

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
- Youth & Children's Ministry: 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

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5. Click "Subscribe" and you will be added to the list. You will receive an email with directions for sending an email to the list and also unsubscribing. If you have difficulty signing on, please email Jay Green at jay.green@covenant.edu.

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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