

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.*



July 5, 2026

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THE MINISTRY and the MISSION

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

Sunday July 5

10:30am Worship Service
12:10pm First Sunday Potluck Lunch — Everyone is invited!

Monday July 6

6:30pm Summer Softball in Apison — Contact Ethan Greene
7:00pm CAHSE meets at 4501 St Elmo Ave (Wayward Café) — Contact Cal Boroughs

Wednesday July 8

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

Thursday July 9

7:30pm Session meets — Contact any Elder

Friday July 10

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

Nursery

Worship Service

July 5 Ashlee Wells and sons
July 12 Lydia and Seth Mayberry

Little Lambs

Summer Please check the "Busy Bags" in back

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.**

SUMMER SOFTBALL

Summit Softball Complex (SSC)
4900 La Collina Way, Collegedale, 37363

June 29, Mon.....8:30pm and 9:30pm

July 6, Mon.....6:30pm and 7:30pm

July 13, Mon.....8:30pm and 9:30pm

July 27, Mon.....6:30pm and 7:30pm

July 30, Thur.....6:30pm and 7:30pm

August 3, Mon.....8:30pm and 9:30pm

August ff.....TBA

THE MESSAGE

WORDS OF MEDITATION

Hope is one of the Theological virtues. This means that a continual looking forward to the eternal world is not (as some modern people think) a form of escapism or wishful thinking, but one of the things a Christian is meant to do. It does not mean that we are to leave the present world as it is. If you read history you will find that the Christians who did most for the present world were just those who thought most of the next. - C.S. Lewis

Prelude

Announcements

Musical Preparation

JESUS WELCOMES US

Greeting

Call to Worship

I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope.

I wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning,

Israel, put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love and with him is full redemption.

He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins. (Psalm 130)

Invocation

Hymns of Praise: Holy, Holy, Holy (#100)

JESUS HEARS OUR LAMENT

Corporate Prayer of Lament

Lord, keep this nation under your care;

And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

Let your way be known upon earth;

Your saving health among all nations.

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Create in us clean hearts, O God;

And sustain us with your Holy Spirit. (Book of Common Prayer)

Hymn of Lament: God Moves in a Mysterious Way (#128)

Assurance of Comfort

But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

- Philippians 3:20-21

Hymn of Comfort: I Will Glory in My Redeemer (Rejoice! #46)

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

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: Deuteronomy 15:7-11 & 2 Corinthians 8:1-9

Preaching of the Word: "Lift Up Your Hearts: Meeting With Jesus in Worship // Jesus Receives our Treasures" (Rev. Daniel Wells)

JESUS HEARS OUR PLEDGE OF FAITH

Confession of Faith

Q. 88. What are the outward and ordinary means whereby Christ communicateth to us the benefits of redemption?

A. The outward and ordinary means whereby Christ communicateth to us the benefits of redemption, are his ordinances, especially the word, sacraments, and prayer; all which are made effectual to the elect for salvation. (Westminster Shorter Catechism #88, 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 (We Will Feast in the House of Zion, Rejoice #100, 1st Stanza)

The Cup (We Will Feast in the House of Zion, 2nd Stanza)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

JESUS SENDS US WITH HIS BLESSING

Hymn of Departure: We Will Feast in the House of Zion (3rd Stanza)

Benediction



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THE MISSION AND THE MINISTRY

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

- Colleen Stevens
- Kathleen Stevens
- Darrell and Margaret Stewart
- Pris Strom
- David and Lisa Fish: Uganda/USA
- The U.S. Supreme Court
- THE PERSECUTED CHURCH IN NIGERIA (7)**
- Pray for our faithful witness to our neighbors

Our missionary in Guatemala

Teresa Harwood, one of the missionaries we have supported for many years, will be speaking to us Sunday, July 12, from 9.45 - 10.15 am.

We will meet in the Adult SS room downstairs; Coffee available.

Combined kids' Sunday School for 3 year-olds to 5th grade will be held in one of the SS rooms. Sixth graders and up are invited to join the adults to hear Teresa speak. There will be no nursery, but parents are welcome to keep their wee ones with them.

We look forward to having you join us to learn about Teresa's ministry in Guatemala.

PRAY FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH IN NIGERIA (7)

LEAH SHARIBU STILL MISSING

Source: Opendoorsusa.org, June 19, 2026

Leah Sharibu's parents—along with a consortium of charities—are calling for justice for “Nigeria’s Leahs” to mark the International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict (June 19).

Leah was abducted from Government Girls’ Science and Technical School in Dapchi, Yobe State, when she was just 14 years old.

Eight years later, she is still being held as a “slave for life” by Islamic State - West Africa Province (ISWAP) for refusing to renounce her Christian faith.

Human rights advocates say Leah’s story is one among thousands of individual stories of women and girls in north and central Nigeria.

Leah’s Parents Speak

In a statement, her parents Nathan and Rebecca Sharibu, say: “Leah was taken alongside 109 other girls. Most were eventually released, but our daughter was held back solely because she refused to renounce her Christian faith and convert to Islam. She stood firm in her belief, choosing to remain true to Christ even at the cost of her freedom.”



“For this courage, she has endured unimaginable hardship in the wilderness, reports from those who escaped speak of forced marriage, repeated trauma, childbirths in captivity, and the constant shadow of sexual violence used as a weapon of war and control.”

Nathan and Rebecca told organizations in the Religious Liberty Partnership—of which Open Doors is a member and which is spearheading the Voices for Justice campaign—that they spoke with heavy hearts but also “unwavering hope.”

They add: “Leah’s freedom is a matter of national urgency and moral imperative. Her case highlights the broader plight of countless girls and women suffering in similar conflicts across Nigeria and beyond.” 🙏

THE MISSION and the MINISTRY

Ladies Craft Night

July 12th, 7pm

Ashlee Wells's Home

All ladies ages 8+ are invited.

RSVP to Brooklyn Sunder (brooklynmaelee@gmail.com)

THE MESSAGE

What command did God give about caring for poor people?

Fit the words from the list into the passage. Then place the letters in the blanks according to their numbers to read God's commandment. Note: Some words are used more than once.

be	lend	freely	without
poor	heart	people	grudging
Give	needy	command	whatever

openhanded	tightfisted
generously	hardhearted

“If anyone is _____ among your _____ ... do not _____
1

_____ or _____ toward them.
2 3 4 5

Rather, _____ and _____
5 6

them _____ they need ... _____
7 8 9

to them and do so _____ a _____ ...
10 11 12

There will always _____ in the land. Therefore I
13 14

_____ you to _____ toward those of
15 16

your people who are _____ and _____ in your land.”
17



Then because of this the _____ your
14 1 7 6

_____ in all your _____ k and in
11 1 6 10 3 14 14 13 14 5 4 4

_____ _____
17 1 9 10 1 7

_____ _____
5 8 5 7 17 12 16 3 15 11

you do.



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. Busy Bags in the back are available in the summer months.

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



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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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