

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 9, 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 August 9

10:30am Worship Service

Monday August 10

8:30pm Softball tonight and again at 9:30pm

Wednesday August 12

6:00pm Flintstone Community Group meets at Tuckers' — Contact Ed or Betsy Sunder

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

Thursday August 13

7:30pm Session Meeting — Contact any Elder

Nursery

Worship Service

August 9 Madison Greene and Lydia Mayberry

August 16 Ellie and Bea Potter

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.**

Upcoming

RUF-UTC Sunday, August 16

Davis Mooney will be speaking at 9:45am in the Adult SS room downstairs. Davis is with RUF (Reformed University Fellowship) at UT Chattanooga. SEPC has been supporting him financially for several years.

As before there will be no official nursery, but SS will be planned for 3-year-olds through 5th grade. Youth 6th grade and up are encouraged to join the adults.

Please come join us to hear about God's work right here in our city. Coffee will be available and Hans might bring donuts!

August 23 Youth Group Kick-Off Party! More information TBA

August 30 Sunday School for all begins

More information coming. The Fortunes will be with us.

Little Lambs resumes!

THE MESSAGE

WORDS OF MEDITATION

This is the grandeur of the gospel. I have the confidence that as I make this righteousness my plea, I have not simply something that God will justify, but I have something that God cannot but justify, because it is the righteousness of the Redeemer, a righteousness that is undefiled and undefilable. — John Murray

Prelude

Announcements

Musical Preparation

JESUS WELCOMES US

Greeting

Call to Worship

Praise the Lord. Praise the name of the Lord; praise him, you servants of the Lord,

You who minister in the house of the Lord, in the courts of the house of our God.

Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good; sing praise to his name, for that is pleasant.

For the Lord has chosen Jacob to be his own, Israel to be his treasured possession. (Psalm 135)

Invocation

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

JESUS RECONCILES US TO HIMSELF

Corporate Confession of Sin

O God the Holy Spirit, who does proceed from the Father and the Son, have mercy on us. When you did first hover over chaos, order came to birth, beauty robed the world, fruitfulness sprang forth. Move, we pray, upon our disordered hearts; take away the infirmities of unruly desires and hateful lusts; lift the mists and darkness of unbelief; brighten our souls with the pure light of truth. Fulfill in us the glory of thy divine offices; be our comforter, light, guide, sanctifier; may we daily learn more of Christ's love, grace, compassion, faithfulness, beauty; lead us to the cross and show us his wounds; may we there see our sins as the nails that transfixed him. Help us to find in his death the reality and immensity of his love. Open for us the wondrous volumes of truth in his, "It is finished." Increase our faith in the clear knowledge of satisfaction made, guilt done away, our sins forgiven, our persons redeemed, hell vanquished, heaven opened, eternity made ours O Holy Spirit, write these truths upon our hearts. In Jesus' name, Amen. ("The Spirit's Work" in The Valley of Vision)

Silent Confession of Sin

Hymn of Confession: What a Friend We Have in Jesus (#629)

Assurance of Pardon

"Even now," declares the Lord, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning." Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity. Who knows? He may turn and relent and leave behind a blessing—grain offerings and drink offerings for the Lord your God. - Joel 2:12-14

Hymn of Assurance: Blessed Assurance (#693)

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

Children may use the activity bags located in the back of the sanctuary during the service

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: Ezekiel 36:25-27 & Romans 6:1-4

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

JESUS HEARS OUR PLEDGE OF FAITH

Confession of Faith

Q. 167. How is baptism to be improved by us?

A. The needful but much neglected duty of improving our baptism, is to be performed by us all our life long, especially in the time of temptation, and when we are present at the administration of it to others; by serious and thankful consideration of the nature of it, and of the ends for which Christ instituted it, the privileges and benefits conferred and sealed thereby, and our solemn vow made therein; by being humbled for our sinful defilement, our falling short of, and walking contrary to, the grace of baptism, and our engagements; by growing up to assurance of pardon of sin, and of all other blessings sealed to us in that sacrament; by drawing strength from the death and resurrection of Christ, into whom we are baptized, for the mortifying of sin, and quickening of grace; and by endeavoring to live by faith, to have our conversation in holiness and righteousness, as those that have therein given up their names to Christ; and to walk in brotherly love, as being baptized by the same Spirit into one body. (Westminster Larger Catechism #167, 1647)

JESUS SENDS US WITH HIS BLESSING

Hymn of Departure: Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken (#345)

Benediction



THE MINISTRY and the MISSION

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



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| ☐ Matt, and Joan Vos | ☐ The U.S. Supreme Court |
| ☐ Rose Vos | ☐ THE PERSECUTED CHURCH IN INDIA (12) |
| ☐ Kedric, Jennifer, and Cleo Webster | ☐ Pray for our faithful witness to our neighbors |
| ☐ Daniel, Ashlee, Ralph, Simon, Mary, and Rose Wells | |
| ☐ Todd and Liz Crusey: England | |
| ☐ PCA: Mission to North America | |

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



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THE MESSAGE

Q14 Where do you learn how to love and obey God?

A14 In the Bible alone.

Q15 Who wrote the Bible?

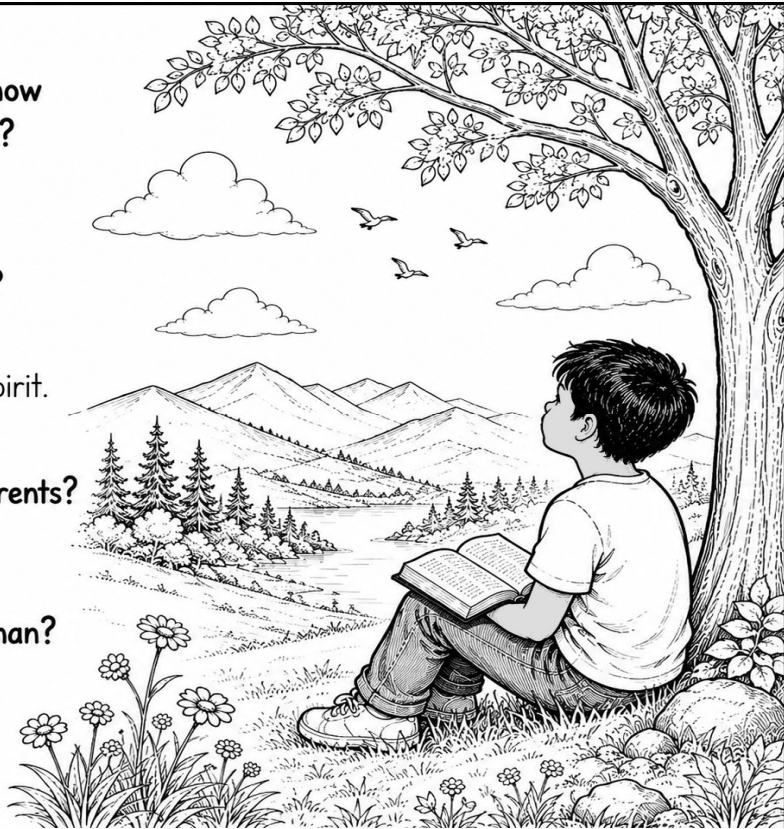
A15 Chosen men who were inspired by the Holy Spirit.

Q16 Who were our first parents?

A16 Adam and Eve.

Q17 How did God create man?

A17 God created man, male and female, after his own image.



THE MISSION

Todd and Liz Crusey
England

1. The Cruseys are traveling in the United States right now and will be at St Elmo Pres next Sunday 16th. They are grateful for how well the trip is going but request prayers for rest, focus, and good health. Pray for Todd's recurring headaches, that he will get a definitive diagnosis and be able to treat them.
2. While in the United States they are trying to reconnect with Finn's NICU team and would love prayers for a meaningful and low stress gathering. Another concern, while they are stateside, is spending time with their families. Various members have personal and health concerns that are hard to navigate from across the ocean.
3. For their Church in London - Immanuel Church Brentford - They would like prayer for stamina and growth as it is a small congregation. As well as wisdom and discernment as they are dealing with lots of challenges in the UK society and government.

PRAY FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH IN INDIA (12)

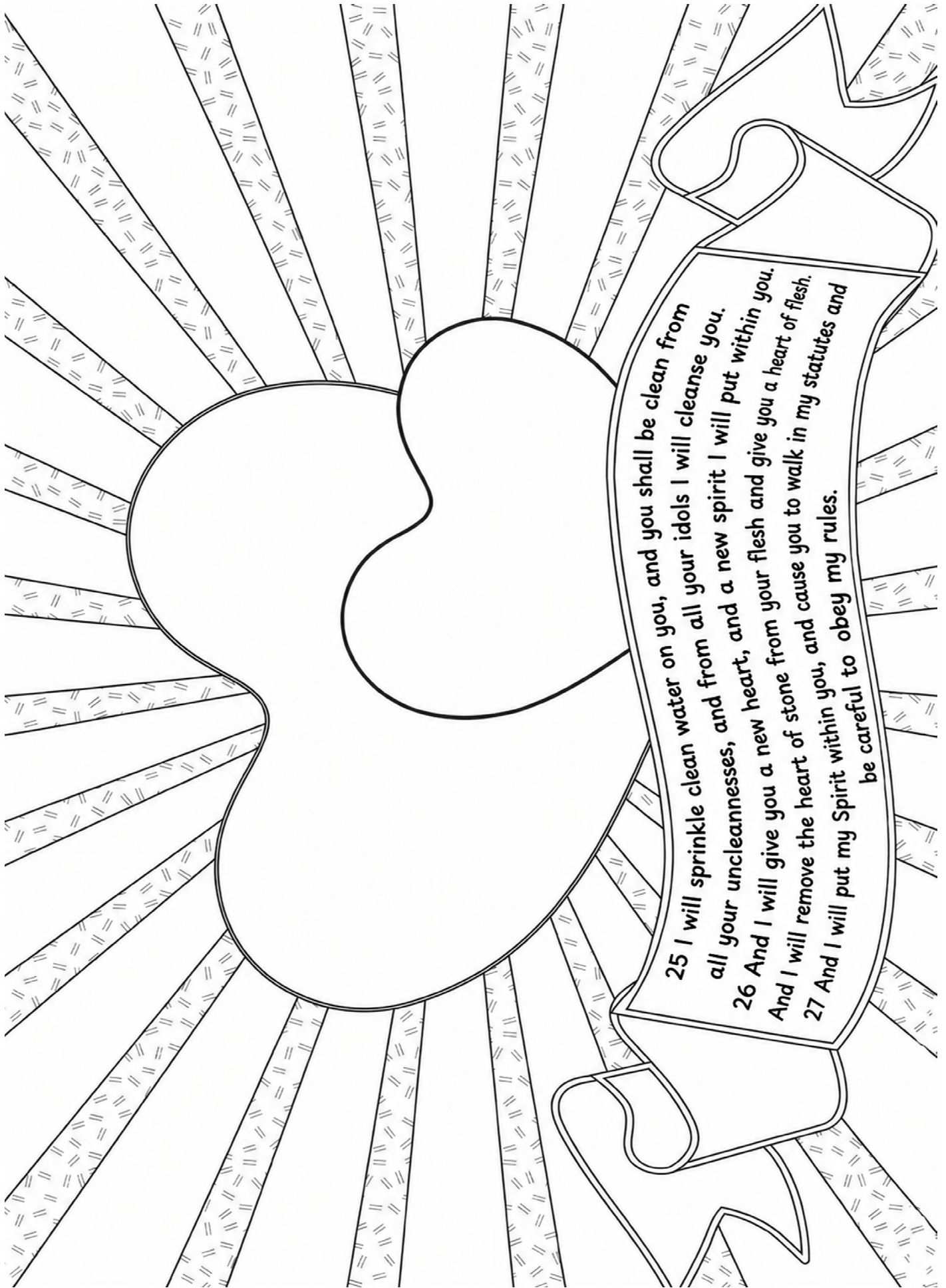
INDIA'S PROPOSED FCRA AMENDMENT RAISES NEW THREATS FOR CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES

Source: International Christian Concern, August 3, 2026

India's Parliament is considering a sweeping amendment to the country's foreign-funding law that critics warn could give the government unprecedented authority over the assets of NGOs, including Christian ministries, hospitals, schools, and charitable organizations that rely on foreign donations.

1. Pray for Christian NGOs that will be affected by the amendment.
2. Pray that the Church in India finds new, creative ways to operate and flourish under growing oppression. 🙏

THE MESSAGE



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



Online donations/offering:

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

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Past Sermons and Church Calendar

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Calendar online: www.stelmopres.org/events



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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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