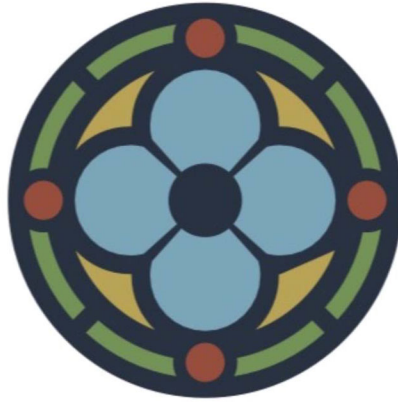




ST. ELMO

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.*

October 11, 2026

Rev. Daniel Wells, Pastor

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THE MINISTRY and THE MISSION

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

Sunday October 11

9:15am Sunday School for All (2 classes for adults available)
10:30am Worship Service

Monday October 12

7:00pm Women's Bible Study meets at church — Contact Edith Dryden

Tuesday October 13

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

Wednesday October 14

7:00pm Ecumenical Community Group meets — Contact Carol Wildeman or Diane Reichmann
7:30pm The Diaconate meets — Contact any Deacon or Deacon Assist: David Macallister, Seth Mayberry, Paul Sims, Rob Tinholt, Ed Sunder, Michael Scholten, Kedric Webster, Gwen Macallister, Jessica Novikoff, Betsy Sunder,

Thursday October 15

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

Nursery

Sunday School

October 11 Betsy Sunder and TBD
October 18 Ashlee Wells and TBD

Worship Service

October 11 Gwen Macallister and Joni Harbert
October 18 Ashlee Wells and Simon Wells

Little Lambs

October 11 Jack and Barbara Beckman
October 18 Glen and Becky Wieldraayer

To volunteer for Sunday School Nursery, Worship Nursery, or Little Lambs:
<https://tinyurl.com/y9aw7h4a>

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

Deacon of the Month: Jessica Novikoff

UPCOMING

Saturday, October 24 St Elmo Feast Day

Saturday, November 7th Men's Fellowship Gathering (More details to come.)

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 MESSAGE

WORDS FOR MEDITATION

As He will never forget you in your troubles, so he will order all your troubles for your good: it is a well-ordered covenant, or a covenant orderly disposed; so that everything shall work together for your good. The covenant so orders all your trials, so ranks and orders your various troubles, that they shall, in their orders and places, sweetly co-operate, and join their united influences to make you happy. - John Flavel

Prelude

Announcements

Musical Preparation

JESUS WELCOMES US

Greeting

Call to Worship

Hear my prayer, O Lord; give ear to my pleas for mercy!

In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!

Enter not into judgment with your servant, for no one living is righteous before you.

Deliver me from my enemies, O Lord! I have fled to you for refuge. (Psalm 143)

Invocation

Hymns of Praise: This is My Father's World (#111) & For the Beauty of the Earth (#116)

JESUS RECONCILES US TO HIMSELF

Corporate Confession of Sin

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through the same, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (Book of Common Prayer)

Silent Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. - Titus 3:4-7

Hymn of Assurance: Isaiah 43 (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

Children ages 3-4 may go downstairs for 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 for Illumination

Reading of the Word: Jonah 1:17-2:10

Preaching of the Word: "From the Belly of the Great Fish,"Rev. Jeff Hooker

JESUS HEARS OUR PLEDGE OF FAITH

Confession of Faith

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen. (Nicene Creed, 325 AD)

JESUS SENDS US WITH HIS BLESSING

Hymn of Departure: "There is a Redeemer" (Rejoice #96)

Benediction



THE MISSION and THE MINISTRY

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

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| ☐ Hans, Shelley, Caleb, and Zoë Madueme | ☐ Our U.S. Governors |
| ☐ Drew McCampbell | ☐ THE PERSECUTED CHURCH IN MYANMAR-BANGLADESH |
| ☐ Eli, Emily, Erin, and Charlotte McGowan | ☐ Pray for our faithful witness to our neighbors |
| ☐ Cary and Pat Morris | |
| ☐ West African Reformed Mission | |
| ☐ East Ridge Presbyterian Church | |

Q29 What is sin?

A29 Sin is any lack of conformity to, or transgression of, the law of God.

Q30 What is meant by lack of conformity?

A30 Not being or doing what God requires.

Q31 What is meant by transgression?

A31 Doing what God forbids.

Q32 What does every sin deserve?

A32 The wrath and curse of God.

Q33 What was the sin of our first parents?

A33 Eating the forbidden fruit.



THE MESSAGE

Isaiah 43

Unverified Song

Author Unknown
Dm

When you pass through the wa-ters, I will be with you, and the waves will
When you walk through the fire, you'll not be burned, and the flames will

not o - ver - come you. Do not fear, for I have re -
not con - sume you.

deemed you. I have called you by name, you are mine.

For I am the Lord your God. I am the Lord your God.

God. I am the Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el, your Sav - ior. For
I am the

I am the Lord your God. I am the Lord your God. I am the
I am the Lord your God.

Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el, your Sav - ior. I am the Lord. I am the
Do not fear.

Lord. Do not fear. I am the Lord. Do not fear. I am the Lord. Do not fear.

THE MISSION and THE MINISTRY

Widows Harvest

It is time to collect paper and soap products for Widow's Harvest. The women really appreciate this expression of our care for them. We will continue collecting through October 18th and deliver the items on Tuesday, October 20th.

Items needed:

- Paper towels
- Napkins
- Liquid hand soap
- Dish soap
- Laundry detergent
- All-purpose cleaners

**Please place items in the bins downstairs in the commons area.*

PRAY FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH IN MYANMAR (14) and BANGLADESH (24)

CONDITIONS WORSEN FOR STATELESS ROHINGYA CHRISTIANS



Source: ICC, September 28, 2026

The Rohingya are known largely as a Muslim ethnic group forcibly driven from Myanmar. But a small subset of Rohingya are Christian. Numbering about 1,500 in total, these Christians comprise a small fraction of 1% of the overall Rohingya population.

Life as a Rohingya refugee is typically difficult no matter what. But the difficulty can get more intense if you are part of the Rohingya Christian minority, who face not only displacement and statelessness but also the hostility directed at apostates.

The vast majority of Rohingya come from Rakhine state on the western coast of Myanmar. But Myanmar has denied them citizenship, even though their families have inhabited the area for several generations. Authorities instead regard the Rohingya as illegal migrants from neighboring Bangladesh.

Shalom said he and his fellow believers would like to leave India at this point. But, to say the least, it's unclear where they can go. After all, they are unwelcome in any country and, as apostates, they are excluded and, at times, victimized by non-Christian Rohingya.

Whether in Bangladesh, India, Myanmar, or elsewhere, "None of us is safe at all," Shalom said. "There is the same fear ... the same mental trauma."

He knows of no Rohingya Christian who holds citizenship in any country. With no nation obligated or inclined to help, they hope a Christian or humanitarian organization will secure a place to live and work with some level of legal protection.

THE MISSION and THE MINISTRY

West African Reformed Mission

Praise

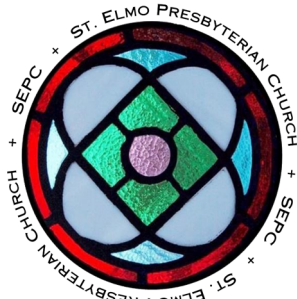
- ☑ Three pastors were ordained on August 2 after finishing their two-year course at Timothy House Senegal--Jean Noël, Adiouma and Samson.
- ☑ Karen Weaver was able to travel from the US to Senegal to reconnect with national partners and MTW colleagues, attend the ordination service at Timothy House, and help lead and participate in a camp week for the girls from the Safe Girls Home.
- ☑ Charles & Irene T arrived safely in Sierra Leone to begin life there and were welcomed warmly by the PCSL (Presbyterian Convention of Sierra Leone).

Prayer Requests

1. Pray for newly ordained **Senegalese** pastors and their families. Jean Noel and Adiouma are being trained to assist and teach at Timothy House in Senegal. Samson will be sent out as a church planter to one of two possible locations. Pray for wisdom and peace in the waiting.
2. Pray for **Gambian** pastor, Edrissa, as he and his family will be moving this month to a new home on the church property in order to have more opportunities to disciple and care for church members.
3. Pray for Timothy House **Gambia**. Gambians Buram, Kebba, and Suwaibou, and Guinea Bissauans Peter & Buba are in their last 7 months at the Timothy House and are looking ahead to ordination in 2027. Pray for Pastor Edrissa and TE Bob Davis (from VA) who lead and teach there.
4. Pray for Teranga Village construction to begin by the end of this year! Recent talks have given us hope that this will begin soon. This is a new facility to expand the Safe Girls Home and will house 63 girls from an unreached community who would be in danger of being trafficked.
5. Pray for Pastors Nestor, Siriki and Moussa as they minister in **Ivory Coast**. Pray for their encouragement and strength and that the Lord would meet their needs today.
6. Pray for Charles & Irene T in **Sierra Leone**. Pray for their adjustment and daily strength—especially as it is the hot season and they only have electricity every other day. Praise the Lord that their container arrived this past week.

Thank you for praying for our brothers and sisters in West Africa!

THE MISSION and the MINISTRY



SEPC Community Groups 2026

Community Groups are where we find community, care, and connection. The way we are ministered to and do ministry is through our Community Groups. Most of these groups are loosely based on geography. They have rhythms of Up (Bible study, devotion, prayer), In (fellowship, recreation), and Out (Mercy, Mission). Each Community Group has 'adopted' one of our mercy ministries, and a few of missionaries who are supported in SEPC's budget.

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

Leaders: Jack and Barbara Beckman (jack.beckman@covenant.edu; barbarabeckman5354@gmail.com)

If you live beyond the outer bounds of St Elmo toward Chickamauga and NW Georgia, our Community Group gathers for food and fellowship, devotions and prayer. If you enjoy the sounds of children playing, our multigenerational group is for you! This group meets the first Wednesday and the third Friday of each month.

ECUMENICAL COMMUNITY GROUP

Leaders: Carol Wildeman and Diane Reichman (carol.wildeman@gmail.com; dmreichmann@gmail.com)

This group has been around for a long time in various forms. They excel in caring for one another, which is why they even have members from other churches in this CG. This is our one CG that isn't bound to one geographical area. 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. They meet every Wednesday night.

FLINTSTONE COMMUNITY GROUP

Leaders: Ed & Betsy Sunder (edsunder@gmail.com; Betsysunder@gmail.com)

If you are in the Flintstone area this would be a wonderful group for you to check out! They have a meal together, fellowship, and occasionally discuss Pastor Daniel's sermons as well as sharing testimonies and prayer requests. This group meets the first and third Wednesday of each month.

NORTH CHATTANOOGA COMMUNITY GROUP

Leaders: Ethan and Madison Greene (ethangreene94@gmail.com; mmbgreene97@gmail.com)

For any of you who live north of the river then this CG would be perfect for you. Don't mind Ethan and Philip as they talk about Vols football. This group meets every other Wednesday.

ST ELMO COMMUNITY GROUP

Leaders: Jay and Beth Ann Green (jay.green@covenant.edu; ba.green70@gmail.com)

This group has been around for a while and has done a great job with hospitality and community. 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. This group meets the first Wednesday and the third Sunday of each month.

SEPC Small Groups and Contacts

- **Men's Thursday Bible Study** — Meets the first and third Thursday of each month — Chris Dodson
- **Youth Group** — Meets during Sunday School and the first Sunday of the month at 12:15pm— Lance Wescher
- **Women's Fellowship** — Monday night or Tuesday morning Bible Study and various activities through out the year — Edith Dryden or Shelley Madueme
- **Young Adult/College Group** — Lunches 3-4xper semester at members' homes — Jay and Beth Ann Green

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 Sundays during Sunday School. Also, they meet on the first Sunday of each month during the church's First Sunday Potluck lunch. Youth Group meets once a month during the Summer months.

Christian Education Contact Information

- Nursery & Little Lambs: Ashlee Wells, sepcnursery@gmail.com
- Children's Discipleship Coordinator: Jessica Novikoff
- Youth Ministry: sepcyouthgp@gmail.com

Parent Committee Chair: Lance Wescher



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*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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