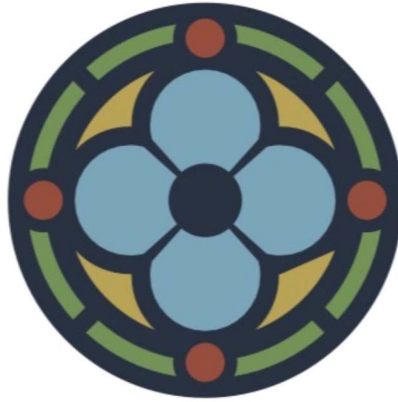




ST. ELMO

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 25, 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 25

9:15am Sunday School for All (2 classes for adults available)
10:30am Worship Service
12:30pm College Age Lunches — Contact Beth Ann Green

Monday October 26

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

Tuesday October 27

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

Wednesday October 28

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

Saturday October 31

Evening Turn your clocks back one hour

Nursery

Sunday School

October 25 Ashlee Wells and Kedric Webster
November 1 Ashlee Wells and Madison Greene

Worship Service

October 25 Julie Wescher and Rebecca Dodson
November 1 Brooklyn Sunder and Edith Dryden

Little Lambs

October 25 Beth Ann Green and Claire Slavovsky
November 1 The Sunders

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

Sunday, November 1st First Sunday Potluck and the Youth Group Meets
Saturday, November 7th Men's Fellowship Gathering begins at 1:00pm
Friday/Saturday, November 13th/14th Session Retreat

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

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THE MESSAGE

Words for Meditation

So when the devil throws your sins in your face and declares that you deserve death and hell, tell him this: “I admit that I deserve death and hell, what of it? For I know One who suffered and made satisfaction on my behalf. His name is Jesus Christ, Son of God, and where He is there I shall be also!” - Martin Luther

Prelude

Announcements

Musical Preparation

JESUS WELCOMES US

Greeting

Call to Worship

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!

Give thanks to him; bless his name! For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations. (Psalm 100)

Invocation

Hymn of Praise: All People That on Earth Do Dwell (#1)

JESUS RECONCILES US BY HIS COVENANT OF GRACE

Confession of Sin

The distance between God and the creature is so great, that although reasonable creatures do owe obedience unto him as their Creator, yet they could never have any fruition of him as their blessedness and reward, but by some voluntary condescension on God's part, which he hath been pleased to express by way of covenant.

The first covenant made with man was a covenant of works, wherein life was promised to Adam; and in him to his posterity, upon condition of perfect and personal obedience.

Man, by his fall, having made himself incapable of life by that covenant, the Lord was pleased to make a second, commonly called the covenant of grace; wherein he freely offereth unto sinners life and salvation by Jesus Christ; requiring of them faith in him, that they may be saved, and promising to give unto all those that are ordained unto eternal life his Holy Spirit, to make them willing, and able to believe. (Westminster Confession of Faith VII.1-3, 1647)

Silent Confession of Sin

Song of Confession: From the Depths of Woe — See insert (1st-3rd Stanzas)

Assurance of Pardon

Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands—remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. - Ephesians 2:11-13

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, 1647)

Songs of Assurance: From the Depths of Woe (4th-5th Stanzas) & In Christ Alone (Rejoice! #48)

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: Genesis 32:1-32

Preaching of the Word: "Unlovable, Yet Loved: The Gospel According to Jacob - Smackdown in the Desert" (Rev. Daniel Wells)

JESUS BLESSES US

Song of Departure: Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me (Rejoice! #105)

Benediction



THE MISSION and THE MINISTRY

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

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| ☐ Ellie Potter and Bea Potter-McCrary | ☐ Our Mayors and City/County Officials |
| ☐ Diane Reichmann | ☐ THE PERSECUTED CHURCH IN PAKISTAN (8) |
| ☐ Cecelia Reynolds | ☐ Pray for our faithful witness to our neighbors |
| ☐ Michael, Carla Rae, Charlie, and Ollie Scholten | |
| ☐ Safe Families | |
| ☐ Covenant Presbyterian Church | |

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THE MESSAGE

FROM THE DEPTHS OF WOE (PSALM 130)

Words by Martin Luther
Music by Christopher Miner

Bm A G G A A#Bm A G

guitar

8 G A A# Bm A G

1. From the depths of woe I raise to Thee The voice of lam - en - ta -
2. To wash a - way the crim - son stain, Grace, grace a - lone a - vail -

12 G Bm A G

tion; Lord, turn a gra - cious ear to me And hear my sup - pli - ca -
eth; Our works, a - las! Are all in vain; In much the best life fail -

16 G G A Bm

tion; If Thou in - i - qui - ties dost mark, Our se - cret sins and mis -
eth; No man can glo - ry in Thy sight, All must a - like con - fess

20 G Bm A Women: G A

Men:

deeds dark, O who shall stand be - fore Thee? O who
Thy might, And live a - lone by mer - cy And live
O who shall stand be - fore
And live a - lone by mer -

25 Bm A G A Bm

shall stand lone be - fore Thee?
a - lone by mer - cy
Thee?
cy Who shall stand be - fore Thee?
Live a - lone by mer - cy

30 Bm Bm Bm A D A

There - fore my trust is in the Lord, And not

35 Bm G D A

in mine own mer - it; On Him my soul shall rest, His word up - holds

39 Bm G G A

my faint - ing spir - it; His prom - ised mer - cy is my fort, My com -

43 Bm G D A G

fort and my sweet sup - port; I wait for it with pa - tience. Wait for

48 A D A G A

it wait for it with pa - tience. Wait for it with pa -

53 D D D D

tience.

4. What though I wait
the live-long night,
And till the dawn appeareth,
My heart still trusteth in his might;
It doubteth not nor feareth;
Do thus, O ye of Israel's seed,
Ye of the Spirit born indeed;
And wait till God appeareth. (echo)
And wait till God appeareth (echo)

5. Though great our sins
and sore our woes
His grace much more aboundeth;
His helping love no limit knows,
Our upmost need it soundeth.
Our Shepherd good and true is He,
Who will at last His Israel free
From all their sin and sorrow (echo)
From all their sin and sorrow (echo)
From all their sin and sorrow (echo)

THE MISSION and THE MINISTRY

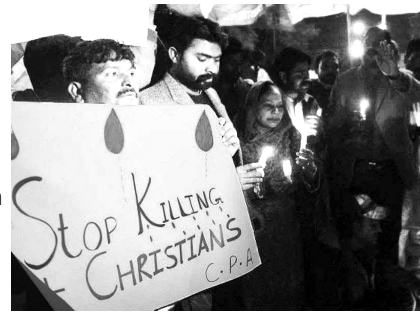
Pray for the Persecuted Church in PAKISTAN (8)

CHRISTIAN'S DEATH SENTENCE UPHELD IN PAKISTAN

Source: Persecution.org, October 16 2026

In 2018, two Christian brothers were sentenced to death over allegations of blasphemy. After about a decade of fighting for their freedom, one brother was acquitted by Pakistan's Supreme Court on Oct. 7. The other brother, however, is still on death row.

1. Praise God for Amoon Ayub's acquittal.
2. Pray for mercy in Qaisar Ayub's case and for his acquittal.
3. Pray that he experiences Christ's peace.



MOB BURNS CHRISTIAN MAN'S HOME, PHARMACY OVER BLASPHEMY ALLEGATION

Source: Persecution.org, October 13, 2026

A Christian man's home and adjoining pharmacy in Pakistan's Sheikhpura district were burned by a mob on October 9 following a blasphemy allegation, sparking safety fears for his family and neighboring Christian residents.

Q33 What was the sin of our first parents?

A33 Eating the forbidden fruit.

Q34 Who tempted Adam and Eve to this sin?

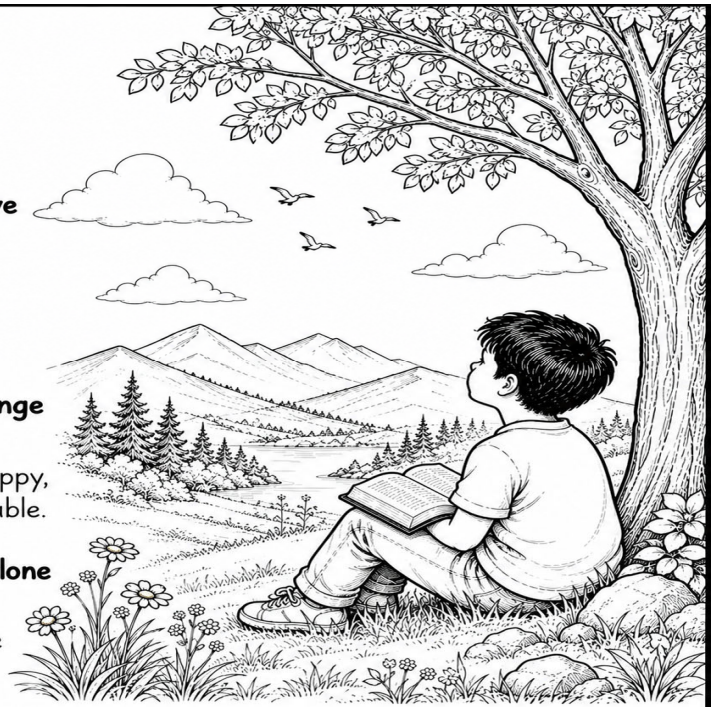
A34 Satan tempted Eve first, and then he used her to tempt Adam.

Q35 How did Adam and Eve change when they sinned?

A35 Instead of being holy and happy, they became sinful and miserable.

Q36 Did Adam act for himself alone in the covenant of life?

A36 No. He represented the whole human race.



THE MISSION and THE MINISTRY



Safe Families Boxes of Blessings



Boxes of Blessings is a large-scale ministry project that partners with volunteers, ministries, and churches to provide food for families in need.

Registration is required for participation.

**Request boxes beginning October 26.
Registration for volunteers opens November 2.**

PREP FOR THE MAIN EVENT: SATURDAY, NOV. 21

Join us at the Chattanooga Bakery as we tape boxes and prepare the warehouse ahead of the main box packing event on Saturday, December 5.

Coffee and pastries will be provided, and this opportunity is available for middle and high school-age youth and adults.

THE MAIN EVENT: SATURDAY, DEC. 5

Join us for a community-wide volunteer opportunity! Volunteers will assist with filling food boxes in an assembly-line environment at the Chattanooga Bakery.

Shift times TBD.

All ages are welcome, but this opportunity requires lifting, standing, and working an assembly line, so close supervision of children is required.

Safe Families is getting a team together to serve at the Main Event on December 5.

If you would like to join the team, please contact Glen or Becky Wieldraayer by November 1.

Then the man said, your name will no longer be Jacob. What new name did the Lord give Jacob?

Put the words in alphabetical order.
Then transfer the letters in the boxes to the lines below.

jeep

mall

dish

bind

fear

game



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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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Parking

*Please do not park in front of driveways, or IN driveways, or in front of garages.
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