

**ELIM COVENANT CHURCH**

**November 1, 2015**

**International Day of Prayer  
for the  
Persecuted Church & Christians**



*Blessed are those who are persecuted  
because of righteousness,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

*Matthew 5:10*

# **WORSHIP CELEBRATION**

**November 1, 2015**

"Not all of us are called to die a martyr's death, but all of us are called to have the same spirit of self-sacrifice and love to the very end as these martyrs had." Richard Wurmbrand

## **GATHERING BEFORE GOD**

*We are invited into the presence of God!*

*\*Please turn your cell phones off\* Please sign the register book & pass it on.*

### **PRELUDE**

**HYMNS OF PRAISE** Mary Bivens Worship Facilitator

Hymn #744 "Because He Lives"

### **GREETING ONE ANOTHER**

### **ELIM CHOIR**

## **HEARING FROM GOD**

We give our attention to God by opening our lives to His Word! We invite God's Spirit to take this Word into our lives that we might be formed into the image and likeness of Jesus!

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** Greg Burney

### **MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH**

"But I trust in your unfailing love;  
my heart rejoices in your salvation." (Psalm 13:5)

### **VOICE OF THE MARTYR'S PRESENTATION VIDEO**

### **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

*(Children dismissed for Children's Church, please for ages 3 thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade only).*

### **WORDS FROM GOD**

Isaiah 42:18 – 43:5

*Scripture Reader, Shannon Pirmann*

*(Pages 718 or 758 in the red Bibles)*

# **MESSAGE**

**“How Firm a Foundation”**

**Pastor Steve Peterson**

## **RESPONDING TO GOD**

Now that God has spoken to us, it is time for us to speak to Him!

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

### **CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER**

Call to Communion #878 The Apostles’ Creed  
Invitation to the Lord’s Table Sharing of the Bread & Cup

### **OFFERTORY**

### **OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

## **BEING SENT BY GOD**

God sends us out into the world that he desperately loves.  
His presence goes with us.  
We leave as God’s agents of grace and mercy.

### **HYMN #437**

*“How Firm a Foundation”*

### **BENEDICTION**

#### ***Scripture Readings for the Week***

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>1 Peter 1:4-5</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>1 Peter 5:8-9</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>1 John 5:4-5</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Hebrews 11:1-3</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Hebrews 11:4</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>Hebrews 11:5-6</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>2 Thessalonians 1:11-12</i>

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### **TODAY’S GREETERS**

Rebecca & Kate Schaechter

### **HEAD USHER**

Mike Hermann

### **USHERS**

Chris Carsell, Jim Nelson, Zach Stulir

### **SOUND SYSTEM**

Orlin Johnson

# **“How Firm a Foundation”**

## **Isaiah 42:18 – 43:5**

**Key Scripture:** *“So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”* (Isa. 41:10)

**Key Thought:** When we stand on God’s Word, and put our faith in Him, we have a “firm foundation,” and cannot be moved.

- 1) Intro & Context
- 2) Following the crowd
  - a. Rebelling against God’s Word (Isa. 42:18-20; Jer. 19:15)
  - b. The tragic results (Isa. 42:24-26; Mt. 7:26-27)
  - c. God’s gracious redemption (Ps. 107; Isa. 43:1-2; Rev. 2:10-11)
- 3) Following the Lord
  - a. Revering and obeying God’s Word (Deut. 11:18-19; 32:47; Mt. 4:4; Ja. 1:22)
  - b. Standing on faith (Isa. 7:9b; 1 Cor. 16:13)
  - c. The blessed results (Deut. 30; Mt. 7:24-25)
- 4) Victory despite persecution (Rom. 8:28-39; 1 Pt. 5:10)
- 5) A hymn for Jesus Freaks:

### **“How Firm a Foundation”**

- 1 How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, (cf. Mt. 7:24-27; 1 Cor. 3:11)  
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word! (cf. 2 Tim. 3:16-17)  
What more can He say than to you He hath said,  
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled? (Ps. 18:2; 61:3-4,7-8)
- 2 “Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, (Isa. 41:10) (cf. Ps. 23:4)  
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
I’ll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.”
- 3 “When through the deep waters I call thee to go, (Isa. 43:2)  
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow; (cf. Ps. 116:1-9)  
For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless, (cf. Rom. 5:3-5; 8:28)  
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.” (cf. Ja. 1:2-3; 1 Pt. 1:6-9)
- 4 “When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, (Isa. 43:2)  
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply; (cf. 2 Cor. 12:7-9)  
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design (cf. Isa. 48:10-11)  
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.” (cf. Ps. 66:10-12; Zech. 13:9)

5 “The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose, (cf. Mt. 11:28)  
I will not, I will not desert to his foes; (cf. Jn. 10:27-29)  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, (cf. Rom. 8:38-39)  
I’ll never, no, never, no, never forsake!” (cf. Deut. 31:6,8; Ps. 37:28; Heb.  
13:5-6)

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## **PRAISES and PRAYER CONCERNS**

**Praises:**                   **Successful surgeries last week for  
Anna Swanson and Gary Wells.**

**Prayer Concerns:**

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### **Those in Need of God’s Strength and Healing:**

Gary Wells, Juna Wortz, Arlene Miller, Adolph Laurick, June Riley, Margaret Hasty,  
Anna Swanson, Vivian Smith, Marj Nelson, Gene & Ellie Wildermuth, Jay & Judie  
Stanley, John & Linda Hutchison, Lyle & Maurine Beresford, Ruth Armstrong, Joy  
Wright, Travis Ferry, families that have lost loved ones, military families,  
and unspoken concerns.

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### **Prayer Notes:**

#### **Prayer Following Worship**

**Please feel free to take your burden or praise to one of the Elim Prayer  
Team members available to pray with you. Team members include:  
Julie, Linda, Carolyn, Juanita, & Tasha and can be easily found at the  
back of the sanctuary in the northeast classroom.**

#### **Monday Evening Prayer Gathering**

**Each Monday evening at 5:30 p.m. there is a prayer gathering held at  
Elim. You are encouraged to come and pray with the team members  
and share your requests/praises.**

#### **Prayer Chain**

**The prayer network is used when special needs arise during the week.  
Call Judy at the church 764-6920 Monday thru Thursday  
8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. otherwise call or text Tasha Munger  
@ (309) 281-8784 with your request. If no answer, you may leave your  
concern on the answer machine and it will be relayed ASAP.**

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# Thank You!

I am so grateful to our Elim family for the wonderful gift you gave me on Pastors' Appreciation Sunday last week.

My family and I continue to feel so loved and so blessed by you all.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!  
Love in Him, Pastor Steve.

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## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

TODAY, Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup> following worship.

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## HYMN SING & POTLUCK CANCELED TODAY

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### CHRISTIAN CARE'S CURRENT NEEDS

Fresh fruit & potatoes  
Nuts (walnuts, almonds & cashews)  
Garbanzo beans  
Sunflower kernels  
Sugar  
Canned fruit/veggies  
Men's razors  
Vitamin D  
Paper towels/TP  
Deodorant  
Laundry soap  
Windex glass cleaner  
All kinds tape  
Disinfecting wipes

Salad ingredients  
Yogurt, eggs, milk  
Coffee/creamer/tea bags  
Beef broth  
Bus tickets (IL & IA)  
Men's new white socks  
Light Bulbs  
33 Gallon Trash bags  
Bleach/dish soap  
All size re-sealable bags  
Lysol spray  
Cleaning products  
Hydrocortisone

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**Operation Christmas Child Packing Party  
Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup>**

**5:30-7:30 p.m. Light Supper Provided**

**Feel free to come & go as you please!**

**Donations for shipping are greatly appreciated!**

**Our goal is 100 boxes. Each box is \$7 to ship.**

**Please turn money donations in to Tasha Munger,  
Julie Wells or Judy in the church office.**

**Items needed/suggested for boxes: bar soap, hard candy,  
cups, small toys (yo-yo's, cars, balls, etc.). Please see  
example list next to donation box.**

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**CHOCOLATE FANTASY  
PLANNING MEETING**

**There will be a short Chocolate Fantasy meeting  
following worship on Sunday, Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>.**

**See Cheryl Bear with any questions.**

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**"FAITH from OBSCURITY"**

**Pastor Steve will present a 4 session class on some of  
the lesser read books of the Bible. The class will be  
taught on Wednesday nights, from 6:00-7:15 p.m. and  
repeated on Sunday afternoons from 4:00-5:15 p.m.**

**The first class will be held on  
Wednesday, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

**We will have a Thanksgiving Eve Service on  
Wednesday, Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> (the "Faith from Obscurity" will  
be postponed that week, and will continue the following  
week). Thank you.**

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## **LOOKING AHEAD**

<b>Sun.</b>	<b>Nov. 1</b>	9:15 a.m. Sunday School	
		10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service	
		11:45 a.m. Congregational Meeting	
		Hymn Sing Potluck CANCELED	
<b>Mon.</b>	<b>Nov. 2</b>	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering	
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>Nov. 3</b>	6:30 p.m. Choir Practice	
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>Nov. 4</b>	5:30 p.m. Dollar Dinner	
		5:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study	
		6:00-7:30 p.m. SPARK & AXIS	
		7:30-9:00 p.m. Fusion	
<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>Nov. 5</b>	9:00 a.m. Keenagers Coffee Time/Bible Study	
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>Nov. 6</b>	5:30 p.m. Operation Christmas Child Packing Party	
<b>Fri.-Sun.</b>	<b>Nov. 6-8</b>	Youth at Fall Retreat	
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>Nov. 8</b>	9:15 a.m. Sunday School	
		10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service	
		11:45 a.m. Chocolate Fantasy Planning Meeting	
<b>Mon.</b>	<b>Nov. 9</b>	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering	
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>Nov. 10</b>	5:30 p.m. MLT Meeting	
		6:30 p.m. Choir Practice	
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>Nov. 11</b>	5:30 p.m. Dollar Dinner	
		5:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study	
		6:00-7:30 p.m. SPARK & AXIS	
		7:30-9:00 p.m. Fusion	
<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>Nov. 12</b>	9:00 a.m. Keenagers Coffee Time/Bible Study	

### November Birthdays

- 4 – Zach Coil
- 4 – Rachel Cunningham
- 4 – Ann Seyller
- 4 – Anna Swanson
- 7 – Amanda Dang
- 8 – JoAnn Nelsen
- 8 – Pam Thompson
- 11 – Tia Sellevold
- 16 – Martin Bear
- 18 – Maurine Beresford
- 18 – Carolyn Carsell

### November Anniversaries

- 5 – Byron & Becky Reynolds

CIU – means Church In Use

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Greg's e-mail [youth@elimqc.org](mailto:youth@elimqc.org)

Attendance Last Week – Sunday School = 50

Worship = 123

### Mowing Schedule

Nov. 7 Tom Dang & Giao Luong

Nov. 14 Tom Bivens & Greg Burney

**CHILD CARE** TODAY Nov. 1

**NEXT WEEK** Nov. 8

Nursery Lori Smith, Meagan Bear, (Rachel P.) Leonna Ellis, Amanada Dang, (Rachel L.)

Jr. Church Dora Beth, (Cindy M. & Michelle DeA) Dora Beth, (Mary B. & Rachel P.)

There is now only 1 Jr. Church class since we are low on volunteers. Helpers appear in ( ).