

ELIM COVENANT CHURCH  
November 29, 2015

Hope



# WORSHIP CELEBRATION

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"Hope is being able to see that there is light despite  
all of the darkness." Desmond Tutu

## 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 #135

*"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"*

Hymn #120

*"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"*

Hymn #146

*"Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come"*

### GREETING ONE ANOTHER

## 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

Mike Hermann

### MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

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

### LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

### CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

### WORDS FROM GOD

Psalm 25:1-10

*Scripture Reader, Natalie Hermann*  
(Pages 580 or 545 in the red Bibles)

# **MESSAGE**

**“The Substance of Hope”**

**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**

### **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 #126**

*“Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates”*

### **BENEDICTION**

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

*Sunday*

*Acts 14:21-22*

*Monday*

*Acts 20:32*

*Tuesday*

*James 1:21*

*Wednesday*

*John 8:31*

*Thursday*

*1 Corinthians 4:17*

*Friday*

*2 Timothy 3:14-15*

*Saturday*

*2 Timothy 3:16-17*

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### **TODAY’S GREETERS**

John & Pam Thompson

### **HEAD USHER**

Mike Hermann

### **USHERS**

Chris Carsell, Jim Nelson, Zach Stulir

### **SOUND SYSTEM**

Don Yoeckel

# **“The Substance of Hope”**

## **Psalm 25:1-10**

**Key Text:** *“... you are God my Savior and my hope is in you all day long”* (Ps. 25:5)

**Key Thought:** Hope is essential to life, and they will be blessed who build up their hope in God.

1) Intro & Context

2) The substance of hope

a. Faith in the Lord (Ps. 25:1-3a; Isa. 40:31)

i. In His unfailing love (Ps. 130:7; Rom. 5:5)

ii. In His name (Ps. 52:9; Mt. 12:21)

iii. In His salvation (1 Ths. 5:8; Titus 1:2; 3:7)

iv. In His Word (Ps. 119:74,114)

b. A teachable spirit (Ps. 25:4-5,8-9; Pr. 4:13; 16:20)

c. Obedience to the Lord (Ps. 25:10, 21; Heb. 6:10-12)

3) Conclusion

## PRAISES and PRAYER CONCERNS

**Praises:**            **The season of expectation/Advent.**

**Prayer Concerns:**    **Those who have lost loved ones or  
going through having family members/friends in the hospital.**

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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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Please join us at the Moline YMCA to witness as we baptize 7 members from our congregation.

The baptisms will take place at 3:00 p.m.

@ the warm pool. Allie Majetic, Skylar Jackson, Nick Wagner, Lacey Wagner, Ashlynn Wagner, Will Wagner, & Hailey Wagner will be baptized.

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**KEENAGER** Potluck  
LUNCHEON

The Keenager Bible Study group will have their potluck on Thursday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>.

This will be their last meeting until Jan. of 2016.

Everyone is invited to join the group.

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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.

Remaining Sundays are

Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> & Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>.

Remaining Wednesdays are:

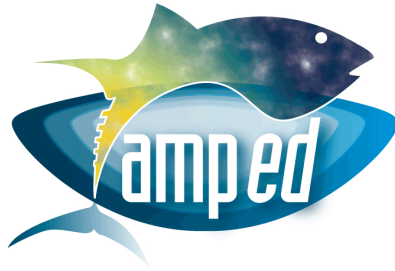
Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> & Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

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**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

There will be a congregational meeting following worship on Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>.

# Get AMPed for the Holidays!!



**A.M. Prayer & Coffee Gatherings (coffee is optional)!**

**Every Wednesday morning during the holiday season, we're going to have a morning prayer gathering from 7:00- 7:45 a.m.**

**It's a great opportunity for those who**

- **Want to counter-act the holiday stress with prayer.**
  - **Want to draw closer to Christ.**
- **Feel a call to join with others in intercessory prayer.**

**For those who are able, we'll finish with conversation over coffee at Village Inn immediately following our prayer time.**

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## ***COOKIE DECORATING DAY***

***The cookie decorating day is scheduled for Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-3:00 p.m. This is a fun time for young and old to get together and decorate Christmas cookies which will be delivered to our shut-ins. There is a sign-up sheet in the gathering area.***

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**We will be putting up and decorating the Christmas tree at church right after the service today. We welcome anyone to help if you can. See Sheila Yoeckel.**

## ***LOOKING AHEAD***

Sun.	Nov. 29	9:15 a.m. Sunday School	10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service	3:00 p.m. Baptisms at the Moline YMCA pool	4:00-5:15 p.m. Faith from Obscurity class
Mon.	Nov. 30	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering			
Tues.	Dec. 1	6:30 p.m. Choir Practice			
Wed.	Dec. 2	5:30 p.m. Dollar Dinner	5:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study	6:00-7:15 p.m. Faith from Obscurity Class	6:00-7:30 p.m. <i>SPARK &amp; AXIS</i>
		7:30-9:00p.m. Fusion			
Thurs.	Dec. 3	9:30 a.m. Keenagers Potluck (last mtg. until Jan. 2016)			
Sun.	Dec. 6	9:15 a.m. Sunday School	10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service	4:00-5:15 p.m. Faith from Obscurity Class	
Mon.	Dec. 7	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering			
Tues.	Dec. 8	5:30 p.m. MLT Meeting	6:30 p.m. Choir Practice		
Wed.	Dec. 9	5:30 p.m. Dollar Dinner	5:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study	6:00-7:15 p.m. Faith from Obscurity Class	6:00-7:30 p.m. <i>SPARK &amp; AXIS</i>
		7:30-9:00 p.m. Fusion			
Sat.	Dec. 12	1:00-3:00 p.m. Cookie Decorating Day			
Sun.	Dec. 13	9:15 a.m. Sunday School	10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service	11:45 a.m. Congregational Meeting	4:00-5:15 p.m. Faith from Obscurity Class

*December Birthdays*

2 – Kathy Boggs  
 6 – Leonna Ellis  
 10 – Natalie Nipper  
 11 – Mariah DeArmond  
 11 – Danielle Ogden  
 13 – Adam Hermann  
 19 – Elizabeth Smith  
 19 – Julie Wells  
 20 – John Wulff  
 22 – John Thompson

*December Anniversaries*

2 – Gary & Julie Wells  
 10 – John & Linda Hutchison  
 11 – Gene & Ellie Wildermuth

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

Attendance Last Week – Sunday School = 39

Worship = 97

**CHILD CARE** TODAY Nov. 29

Nursery Susie S., Elizabeth S., (Kate S.)

Jr. Church Mary B., (Michelle DeA., Natalie N.)

**NEXT WEEK** Dec. 6

Lori S., Meagan B., (Victoria F.)

Dora Beth (Cindy M., Mariah DeA.)

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