

ELIM COVENANT CHURCH

December 6, 2015



WORSHIP CELEBRATION

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**"Endurance is not just the ability to bear a hard thing,
but to turn it into glory." William Barclay**

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 #127 *"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"*
Silver book #69 *"If My People's Hearts Are Humbled"*

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

Dewey Jacks

MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

"You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you." (Isaiah 26:3)

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

ELIM CHOIR

CHILDREN'S SERMON

(Children dismissed for Children's Church, please for ages 3 thru 5th grade only).

WORDS FROM GOD

Luke 1:68-79

Scripture Reader, Dewey Jacks
(Pages 1014 or 1071 in the red Bibles)

MESSAGE

“The Substance of Peace”

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

#887 The Lord’s Prayer

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 #451

“It Is Well with My Soul”

BENEDICTION

Scripture Readings for the Week

Sunday

Hebrews 12:28

Monday

Acts 4:29

Tuesday

Romans 15:15

Wednesday

2 Corinthians 7:4

Thursday

1 Corinthians 1:4

Friday

Ephesians 3:7-8

Saturday

Acts 20-24

TODAY’S GREETERS

John & Pam Thompson

HEAD USHER

Gary Wells

USHERS

Felipe Cantu, Tom Dang & Sandy Parrott

SOUND SYSTEM

Josh Parrott

“The Substance of Peace”

Luke 1:68-79

Key text: *“You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you” (Isaiah 26:3)*

Key Thought: Peace is essential for an abundant life, and it is the result of great work, struggles, sacrifice and self-discipline.

1) Intro & Context

- a. Turmoil around us
- b. Turmoil inside us

2) The substance of peace

- a. Through Love
 - i. From God (cf. Isa. 54:10; Jn. 3:16)
 - ii. For others (cf. Jn. 4:7-21; Gal. 5:14)
 - iii. For myself (cf. Lev. 19:18; Mt. 22:39)
- b. Through Christ’s sacrifice (cf. Isa. 53:5; Rom. 5:1; Col. 1:19-20)
- c. Through a saturated spirit (cf. Rom. 8:6; 15:13; Gal.5:22)
- d. Through obedient living (cf. Ps. 37:37; Pr. 16:7; Isa. 32:17; 2 Tim. 2:22)
- e. Through three-fold forgiveness
 - i. From God (cf. Jer. 33:8-9; Eph. 1:7)
 - ii. Toward others (cf. Mt. 6:15; Eph. 4:32)
 - iii. Toward myself
- f. Through freedom from fear (cf. Lev. 26:6; 1 Jn. 4:18)
- g. Through my delight in trials (cf. 2 Cor. 12:10; Rom 5:3-5; Ja. 1:2-4)
- h. Through prayer (cf. Php. 4:6-7)

3) Conclusion

PRAISES and PRAYER CONCERNS

Praises: God is with us!!

Prayer Concerns: The management of time & stress during the holiday season.

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.

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.

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.



Christmas Cantata

Our Elim Choir will present their Christmas Cantata during worship on Sunday, Dec. 20th.

children's program



**The children's Christmas Program will be
Sunday, Dec. 20th @ 4:00 p.m.**

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a congregational meeting following worship on Sunday, December 13th.



COOKIE DECORATING DAY

The cookie decorating day is scheduled for Saturday, December 12th 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.



“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.

2 weeks remaining:

Sunday, Dec. 6th & Dec. 13th

Wednesday Dec. 9th & Dec. 16th



*Christmas Eve
Worship*

Thursday, December 24th @ 4:00 p.m.

LOOKING AHEAD

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 & 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		
Mon.	Dec. 14	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering		
Tues.	Dec. 15	6:30 p.m. Choir Practice		
Wed.	Dec. 16	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 & AXIS</i>		
		7:30-9:00p.m. Fusion		
Thurs.	Dec. 17	???	Choir Practice for the Cantata	
Fri.	Dec. 18	5:00 p.m.	CIU – Wedding Rehearsal	
Sat.	Dec. 19	12 Noon	CIU – Wedding	
Sun.	Dec. 20	9:15 a.m. Sunday School		
		10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration – Christmas Cantata		
		4:00 p.m. Children's Christmas Program		

December Birthdays

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
 27 – Dave Parrott
 30 – Belva Van Norman
 31 – Kristen Burns

December Anniversaries

10 – John & Linda Hutchison
 11 – Gene & Ellie Wildermuth

CIU – means Church In Use

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Greg's e-mail youth@elimqc.org

Attendance Last Week – Sunday School =

Worship =

CHILD CARE **TODAY Dec. 6**

Nursery Lori S., Meagan B., (Victoria F.)
 Jr. Church Dora Beth (Cindy M., Mariah DeA.)

NEXT WEEK Dec. 13

Susie S., Elizabeth S. (Kate S.)
 Rachel C. (Mary B. & Rachel P.)