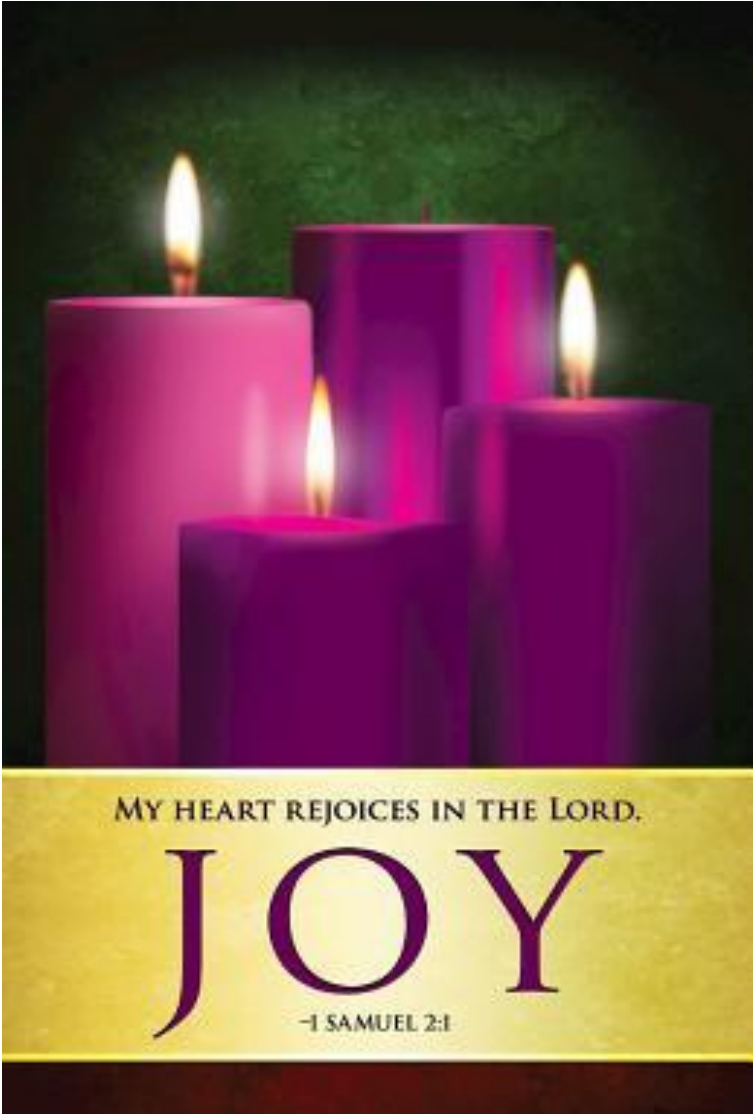


ELIM COVENANT CHURCH
DECEMBER 11, 2016



Elim Covenant Church
5201 18th Avenue
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WORSHIP CELEBRATION

December 11, 2016

"If you look for truth, you may find comfort in the end; if you look for comfort you will not get either comfort or truth only soft soap and wishful thinking to begin, and in the end, despair."
C.S. Lewis

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

SONGS OF PRAISE

Worship Facilitators

Victoria & Scott Fowler

"Go Tell It On the Mountain"

"Little Drummer Boy"

"Silent Night"

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

Orlin Johnson

MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

*"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders." (Isaiah 9:6)*

LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE

Maxine Barnes & Natasha Munger

CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

WORDS FROM GOD

Matthew 11:2-11

Scripture Reader, Pam Thompson

(Red Bibles p.1018 or p.965)

MESSAGE

**“Doubt Gives Way to Joy”
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.

SONG

“Do You Hear What I Hear?”

BENEDICTION

Scripture Readings for the Week

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Romans 5:9</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>Revelation 3:5</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Psalms 1:3</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Psalms 18:28</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Psalms 31:21-22</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>Psalms 18:2</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Isaiah 41:10</i>

TODAY’S GREETERS

Maxine Barnes & Tasha Munger

HEAD USHER

Don Peterson

USHERS

Martin Bear, L.J. Cunningham, Tabatha Estes

SOUND SYSTEM

Josh Parrott

POWER POINT

John Thompson

“Doubt Gives Way to Joy”

Matthew 11:2-11

Key Text: “And those the Lord has rescued will return. They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away” (Isa. 35:10)

Key Thought: If we can anchor our souls with God’s hope, we can endure the harsh storms in this life, and gain for ourselves eternal joy in heaven with God.

- 1) Intro & Context
- 2) John the Baptist: The heroic _____ (Jesus’ hero) (cf. Mt. 11:11)
- 3) Still _____ heroes (Mt. 11:11b) (cf. Mt. 18:4; Lk. 9:46-48; Acts 2:16-18) “Yet whoever is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he”
- 4) Hope, greater than _____ (cf. Ps. 42; Lam. 3:19-33; 1 Cor. 15:19,50-58; Heb. 6:19) “*Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope*” (Lam. 3:21)
- 5) God’s heroes can anticipate _____ in this life (cf. Mt. 10:17-39; Jn. 16:33; Rev. 2-3) “*In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome this world*” (Jn. 16:33)
- 6) On what _____ are you basing your hope? (cf. Mt. 7:24-27; Rom. 5:1-5)
- 7) “I Heard the Bells on X’mas Day”
- 8) Conclusion

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- Are you struggling with doubts about your faith? What issues in particular are causing you to question God or His Word?
- Are you more invested in the things of this life, or in the kingdom to come?
- Are you willing to put up with hardship and suffering in this life that you might have a glorious life in God’s eternal kingdom?

PRAYER CONCERNS

Praises: The anticipation, excitement, hope & joy of the
Advent season.

Prayer Concerns: Sympathy to the family of Marjorie Nelson
who passed away on Monday, December 5, 2016.

Felipe Cantu – back surgery on Dec. 12th.

Scott Sandholm – tests on Dec. 14th & surgery on Dec. 15th.

Our elderly and shut-ins during this cold season.

Those in Need of God's Strength and Healing:

Juna Wortz, Arlene Miller, Adolph Laurick, June Riley, Margaret Hasty,

Anna Swanson, Jay & Judie Stanley, John & Linda Hutchison,

Lyle & Maurine Beresford, Ann Seyller, Belva Van Norman, Pennie Knary,

Felipe Cantu, Cecil Grimes, families that have lost loved ones, military families,
and unspoken concerns.

***"The sufferings we have now are nothing compared to
the great glory that will be shown to us." Romans 8:18***

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 northwest classroom behind the
sound system booth.

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.

ESM NIGHT OUT TONIGHT
SUNDAY, DEC. 11TH
@ 5:00 P.M.

Help support our student ministries!!
See L.J. or Rachel Cunningham
for details.



The next meeting of the Keenagers will be the last until January of 2017. Everyone is welcome to join the group for their end of the year potluck on Thursday, December 15th @ 9:30 a.m.

The potluck will follow their Bible Study time.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
Sunday, December 18th
following worship.

CHRISTIAN CARE CURRENT NEEDS
Sample/travel size shampoo,
bath soap, shower gel and lotion.
Day planners/appointment books
for the residents. Thank you.



VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP SHEETS

There is a new volunteer sign-up sheet on the table in the gathering area. We need volunteers for Usher Teams, Greeters, Children's Church, Nursery, Sound Techs & Power Point, Scripture Readers, and announcement readers. Please sign up ASAP so the schedules can be made out in a timely manner. Thank you.

Also, the cleaning schedule sign-up sheets for next year are on the table. Please fill it up!!!



Please join us for Christmas Eve Services on Saturday, December 24th @ 4:30 p.m.

LOOKING AHEAD

Sun.	Dec. 11	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Christianity 101 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration 5:00 p.m. ESM Night Out
Mon.	Dec. 12	9:30 a.m. Visitation for Marjorie Nelson @ Elim 10:30 a.m. Funeral for Marjorie Nelson @ Elim 5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering 6:30 p.m. CIU – RICM Prayer Meeting
Tues.	Dec. 13	6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
Wed.	Dec. 14	7:00 a.m. “Amped” Prayer Gathering 5:30 p.m. Dollar Dinner 5:30 p.m. Women’s Bible Study 6:00-7:30 p.m. <i>SPARK & AXIS</i> 7:30-9:00 p.m. Fusion
Thurs.	Dec. 15	9:30 a.m. Keenagers Bible Study & Potluck Day
Sun.	Dec. 18	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Christianity 101 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration 11:45 a.m. Congregational Meeting following Worship

December Birthdays

11 – Danielle Ogden
13 – Adam Hermann
13 – Lacey Wagner
19 – Elizabeth Smith
19 – Julie Wells
20 – John Wulff
22 – John Thompson
27 – Dave Parrott
30 – Belva Van Norman
31 – Kristen Burns

January Anniversaries

2 – Josh & Martha Collins
28 – Don & Kathy Boggs

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Attendance Last Week Sunday School = 37 Worship = 104

CHILD CARE SCHEDULE

TODAY December 11

Sunday Spark Victoria Fowler (Abby Peterson)

Sunday Spark Jr. Dora Beth Christy (Lacey Wagner)

Nursery Carol Jacks & Karen Johnson

NEXT WEEK December 18

Sunday Spark Victoria Fowler (Ashley Parrott)

Sunday Spark Jr. Children will participate in the Christmas Program

Nursery Amanda Dang & Rachel Luong