

ELIM COVENANT CHURCH

DECEMBER 18, 2016

FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT

*O Lord, stir up Thy power, we pray Thee, and come; and with great
might help us, that with the help of Thy Grace, Thy merciful forgiveness
may hasten what our sins impede. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*



ELIM COVENANT CHURCH
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WORSHIP CELEBRATION

December 18, 2016

"Have patience with all things, but chiefly have patience with yourself. Do not lose courage in considering your imperfections, but instantly set about remedying them-every day begin the task anew. " St. Francis de Sales

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

Worship Facilitator

Linda Gilmour

HYMN #159

"Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

HYMN #153 (v.1, 3 & 4)

"It Came upon the Midnight Clear"

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

*"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 FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE

Scott, Victoria, Jayvan, Terry, Gracelyn & Austin Fowler

CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

WORDS FROM GOD

Luke 1:46-55

*Scripture Reader, Shannon Pirmann
(Red Bibles p.1013 or p.1070)*

“A Christmas Program: Manger Tales”



Music:

Choir directed by Linda Gilmour

Choir:

“What Child Is This”

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

“Silent Night”

“Go Tell It on the Mountain”

“Joy To The World”

“Away In a Manger”

Actors:

Larry Prince

Doug Donkey

Daryl Donkey

Clara Cow

Sara Cow

Sam Sheep

Carol Camel

Cathy Camel

Nativity:

Karter Thompson

R.J. Peterson

Terry Fowler

Jayden Utle

Sera Pirmann

Cadance Woods

Ashlynn Wagner

Alesha Thompson

Pre K/K Students

MESSAGE

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 #169

"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

BENEDICTION

Scripture Readings for the Week

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Hebrews 8:1</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>Psalms 27:1</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>1 Corinthians 1:8</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Luke 6:38</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Psalms 34:19</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>Psalms 50:15</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Revelation 3:12</i>

TODAY'S GREETERS

Maxine Barnes & Tasha Munger

HEAD USHER

Don Peterson

USHERS

Martin Bear, L.J. Cunningham, Tabatha Estes

SOUND SYSTEM

Don Yoeckel

POWER POINT

Josh Parrott

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Prayer Concerns:

Felipe Cantu – back surgery on Dec. 12th - doing well.

Scott Sandholm – & surgery on Dec. 15th -doing well.

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, Scott Sandholm, 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.

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“But you, brothers and sisters, never become tired of doing good.” 2 Thessalonians 3:13
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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 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.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY
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,
paper towels & dinner napkins. Thank you.**

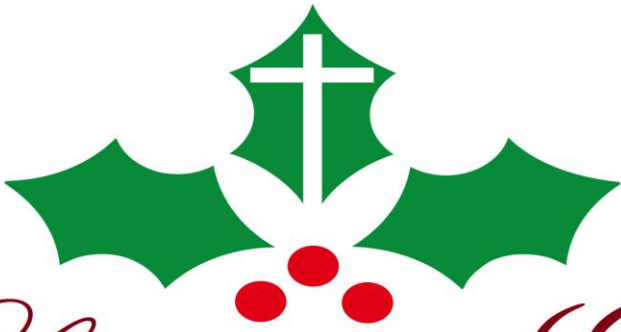


VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP SHEETS

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!!!



*Christmas Eve
Worship*

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

LOOKING AHEAD

Sun.	Dec. 18	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Christianity 101 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration/Kids & Choir Program 11:45 a.m. Congregational Meeting
Mon.	Dec. 19	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering
Tues.	Dec. 20	6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
Wed.	Dec. 21	7:00 a.m. "Amped" Prayer Gathering 6:00 p.m. <i>SPARK</i> ESM Christmas Party
Sat.	Dec. 24	4:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship Service
Sun.	Dec. 25	10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration
Mon.	Dec. 26	Church Office Closed
Tues.-Sat.	Dec. 27-31	No Weekly Activities Scheduled
Sun.	Jan. 1	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Christianity 101 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration
Mon.	Jan. 2	Church Office Closed
Tues.-Fri.	Jan. 3-6	No Weekly Activities Scheduled
Sat.	Jan. 7	8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast
Sun.	Jan. 8	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Christianity 101 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration

December Birthdays

19 – Elizabeth Smith
19 – Julie Wells
20 – John Wulff
22 – John Thompson
27 – Dave Parrott
30 – Belva Van Norman
31 – Kristen Burns
January Birthdays
7 – Victoria Fowler
9 – Sandy Parrott

January Anniversaries

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



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Attendance Last Week Sunday School = 46 Worship = 116

CHILD CARE SCHEDULE

TODAY December 18

Sunday Spark Victoria Fowler (Ashley Parrott)
Sunday Spark Jr. Children will participate in the Christmas Program
Nursery Amanda Dang & Rachel Luong

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