



# Joy

*Shout and sing for joy,  
city of Zion,  
because the holy one  
of Israel  
is great  
among you.*

—ISAIAH 12:6



## **MESSAGE**

**“Inviting the Joy of the LORD”**

**Elizabeth 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.

## **HYMN #169**

*“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”*

## **BENEDICTION**

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

*Sunday*

*Isaiah 41:10*

*Monday*

*Hebrews 8:1*

*Tuesday*

*Psalms 27:1*

*Wednesday*

*1 Corinthians 1:8*

*Thursday*

*Luke 6:38*

*Friday*

*Psalms 34:19*

*Saturday*

*Psalms 50:15*

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## **TODAY'S GREETERS**

Rollie Potts & Becky Reynolds

## **HEAD USHER**

Don Peterson

## **USHERS**

Martin Bear, David Luong, Tabatha Estes

## **SOUND SYSTEM**

Tom Lancial

## **POWER POINT**

Josh Parrott

# “Inviting the Joy of the LORD”

## Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

**Key Text:** “This is the day the Lord has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it.” Psalm 118:24

**Key Thought:** In this life, we are guaranteed suffering, trials, heartaches, and hardships, but the Lord Jesus Christ has overcome this world. Therefore, our hope, peace, and joy are found in Him.

1) Intro & Context

2) Prophecies \_\_\_\_\_ (Isaiah 40 & 61)

a. The \_\_\_\_\_ One – Messiah (Hebrew) & Christ (Greek) Isaiah 61:1a – the LORD Jesus Christ fulfills this prophecy

b. The Good \_\_\_\_\_ - Jesus – Isaiah's description of Jesus in Isaiah 40:1-2, 11

c. The \_\_\_\_\_ - John the Baptist – Isaiah 40:3; Matthew 11:10

3) \_\_\_\_\_ Follows Faith

a. Joy of the \_\_\_\_\_ (Isaiah 35:1-4)

b. Sow \_\_\_\_\_, Reap Songs of \_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 126)

c. The Joy of the LORD is your \_\_\_\_\_ (Nehemiah 8:10)

4) All for the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, the Father (Isaiah 61:9b)

5) Conclusion

### QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

1) God's desire is to have a personal, intimate relationship with you. Have you prayed that God would enable you to open up your heart to Him? If so, have you given your life to Him that He may be your Lord and Savior, that He may be in control of your life?

- 2) Has God given you any Scripture verses that have spoken to you or directly to your situation? Have you begun to memorize them?
- 3) Have you prayed that God's joy would be your strength?

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### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

**Praises:                   The anticipation and wonder of the Advent Season.**

**Prayer Concerns:   Sympathy to the family of Linda Hutchison.  
                          Linda passed away Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017.  
                          Please pray for John and the family.**

**Those traveling for the Christmas season, students/families.  
Also, traveling mercies for Pastor Steve. His family during his absence.**

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

John Hutchison & family, Felipe Cantu, Arlene Miller, Margaret Hasty, Anna Swanson, Jay & Judie Stanley, Ann Seyller, Jonnie McDermand, Margaret Crandall, Tasha Munger, Dori Cosgrove, 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 northwest classroom behind the sound system booth.**

### **Prayer Gatherings**

**Each Monday evening at 5:30 p.m. there is a prayer gathering held at Elim. Also, there is a Wednesday morning prayer group meeting in Pastor's office @ 7:00 a.m. 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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**CONGRATULATIONS AMANDA LE !!!!!**

**Amanda graduated from Western Illinois University yesterday, December 16<sup>th</sup>.**

**We will celebrate her accomplishment with a cake/cookie reception following worship TODAY, December 17<sup>th</sup>.**

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The next meeting of the Christian Service Brigade will be held on Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 p.m.

All young boys and their fathers are encouraged to join in.  
See Nick Wagner with any questions.

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*Christmas Eve  
Worship*

*Christmas Eve Worship Service*

*Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> @ 4:30 p.m.*

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**We will be collecting a love offering for Pastor Steve at the Christmas Eve service.**

**You may also give your offering to Mike Hermann, Orlin Johnson or you may drop it off at the church office.**

# 3 4 1

Sign-up sheets are on the table in the gathering area for the next session of the 3 4 1 groups.

See Julie Wells with any questions.

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## 2018

(especially Children's Church & the Nursery)

New volunteer & cleaning schedules are out on the table in the gathering area. Please sign up if you can help with any of the church duties or the cleaning schedule. Please help Elim run smoothly and remain the beautiful church where we all are proud & blessed to come for worship.

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The next Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 a.m. There is a sign-up sheet in the gathering area.

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Many thanks and much love to the women of Elim who surprised me with the best birthday party ever last Saturday at our S.P.L.A.S.H. meeting. I'm so appreciative of the cards and beautiful words and love expressed. Thank you so very much.  
Love, Julie Wells.

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*Schedule notes: Starting back up in Jan. Youth activities on Wed., Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>, Women's Bible Study starts back up Wed. Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> & Keenagers on Thursday, Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>.*

## *Looking Ahead*

Sun.	Dec. 17	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration 12 Noon College Graduation Reception for Amanda Le
Mon.	Dec. 18	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering 6:30 p.m. Christian Service Brigade
Tues.	Dec. 19	6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
Wed.	Dec. 20	<b>NO</b> "Amped" Prayer Meeting ESM Christmas Party
Sun.	Dec. 24	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration 4:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship Service
Mon.	Dec. 25	Christmas Day ~ Church Office Closed
Wed.	Dec. 27	NO Wednesday Activities
Sun.	Dec. 31	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 p.m. Worship Celebration
Mon.	Jan. 1	New Year's Day ~ Church Office Closed
Tues.	Jan. 2	6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
Wed.	Jan. 3	7:00 a.m. "Amped" Prayer Meeting 5:30 p.m. Dollar Dinner 6:00-7:30 p.m. SPARK & AXIS 7:30-9:00 p.m. Fusion
Sat.	Jan. 6	8:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship Breakfast
Sun.	Jan. 7	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service
Mon.	Jan. 8	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering 6:30 p.m. CIU - RIC Prayer Meeting
Tues.	Jan. 9	6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

### December Birthdays

19 - Elizabeth Smith

19 - Julie Wells

22 - John Thompson

27 - Dave Parrott

30 - Belva Van Norman

31 - Kristen Burns

### January Birthdays

7 - Victoria Fowler

9 - Sandy Parrott

### January Anniversaries

28 - Don & Kathy Boggs

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Attendance Last Week      Sunday School = 42    Worship = 106

## CHILD CARE SCHEDULE

### TODAY Dec. 17

Sunday Spark    Victoria Fowler (Abby Peterson)

Sunday Spark Jr.    Dora Beth Christy (Rachel Peterson)

Nursery    Lori Smith & Diana Wood

### NEXT WEEK Dec. 24

Sunday Spark    Victoria Fowler (Sandy Parrott)

Sunday Spark Jr.    Dora Beth Christy (Mary Parrott)

Nursery    Amanda Le & .....