

ELIM COVENANT CHURCH

December 1, 2019



First Sunday of Advent

Elim Covenant Church
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Website: www.elimqc.org

WORSHIP CELEBRATION
December 1, 2019

Elim's mission statement:

"To develop leaders who will impact the world for Christ."

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.

PRE-WORSHIP MUSIC SET

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elizabeth Peterson

MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

"Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves." — Romans 12:10

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

Jean Russell and Sandy Parrott

ADORATION TO GOD

We offer to God "a sacrifice of praise," expressing our love and devotion to Him.

WORSHIP SONGS

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Blue Hymnal, p. 157

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Blue Hymnal, p. 147

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Blue Hymnal, p. 120

CHILDREN'S SERMON

L.J. Cunningham

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

OFFERTORY

Leonna Ellis

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

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!

WORDS FROM GOD

1 Peter 1:1-9

*Scripture Reader, Juanita Arellanos
(Red Bibles p. 1270)*

MESSAGE

"A Living Hope"

By Pastor Steve Peterson

PRAYERS TO GOD

Now that God has spoken to us, it is time for us to speak to Him!

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Call to Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table Sharing of the Bread and Cup

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

BEING SENT BY GOD

God sends us out into the world that He desperately loves.

WORSHIP SONG

"What Child is This?"

Blue Hymnal, p. 171

BENEDICTION

Scripture Readings for the Week

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Proverbs 3:24</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>John 15:10</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Leviticus 10:3</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Deuteronomy 4:31</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Luke 8:21</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>Luke 11:13</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Hebrews 10:23</i>

TODAY'S GREETERS

Becky Reynolds and Rollie Potts

HEAD USHER

Don Peterson

USHERS

Martin Bear, Confirmation Students

SOUND SYSTEM

Don Yoeckel

POWER POINT VIDEO

Josh Parrott

Sermon Notes
December 1, 2019
“A Living Hope”
1 Peter 1:3-9

Key Text: “... In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope...” (1 Pt. 1:3)

Key Thought: The realization of our deepest longings, hopes and needs were manifested in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, our living hope.

- 1) Intro & Context

- 2) The **NEED** (cf. Isa. 1:2-6; Ezra 9:13; Rom. 3:23)

- 3) The **HOPE** (cf. Isa. 53:3-6; 1 Pt. 1:3-9)

- 4) Our **RESPONSE** (cf. Isa. 2:5; Rom. 13:11-14)

- 5) Conclusion

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- Do you lament your sins?
- Do you see in the person of Jesus Christ your hope for salvation?
- How have you responded to the Messiah? Are you living in God’s light?

PRAYER PAGE

Praises: The Advent season as we ponder in our hearts, like Mary did so many years ago, the hope of our Savior and the salvation He brings to those who will open their hearts to receive Him.

Prayer Concerns: For the homeless and the helpless.

Those in Need of God's Strength and Healing:

Earl Burklund

Arlene Miller

Margaret Hasty

Anna Swanson

Jay and Judie Stanley

Margaret Crandall

Tasha Munger

Iva Cutler

Beverly Reese

Families that have lost loved ones, military families and unspoken concerns.

Pray for Covenant Missionaries:

Hydi & Jim Peterson

Serving in Japan. Ministries include:
Theological Education, Preaching, Sports
Ministry, Camping Ministry

If someone were to visit us in Japan
They'd see a side of Japan completely
different from the big city image—
thirty minutes from the nearest
stoplight!



Prayer Opportunities

Prayer Cards: Feel free to use the prayer cards for your requests and drop them in the offering plate.

Prayer Following Worship: Elim Prayer Team is available to pray with you after the service in the northwest classroom behind the sound system booth.

Prayer Gatherings: Mondays at 5:30 p.m. and Wednesdays at 8:00 a.m. Come and pray with the team members and share your requests/praises.

Prayer Chain: Have a prayer need? Call Sandy at the church 764-6920 Monday thru Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. or call or text Tasha Munger at (309) 281-8784 with your request.

Prayer does not fit us for the greater work. Prayer is the greater work.

— Oswald Chambers

Men's Breakfast

The next Men's Breakfast will be **Saturday, December 7, 2019, at 8:00 a.m.** We will continue our study "Being a Dad Who Leads." There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the gathering area.



Evening of Christmas Music

Join us Sunday evening, **December 8**, for a wonderful evening of Christmas music! We'll sing many of our favorite Christmas hymns and have several talented musicians sharing special music. Infuse your Advent celebration with music and inspiration. The program begins at **6:00 p.m.**



Crescendo Christmas Sing-along

Come join us for some Holiday Fun at the Crescendo Lunch on **Thursday, December 12**, from noon to 1:30 p.m. at First Covenant Church, 3303 41st Street, Moline.

This month's lunch will be a Christmas Sing-along of hymns and carols led by Pastor Steve with Jed Poust, the organist from Riverside Methodist Church, as the accompanist. Please bring your lunch to enjoy during the sing-along. Coffee, water and Christmas cookies will be provided. A free will offering will be taken.

Thank-You!

A belated but heartfelt thank-you to all who participated in my 80th birthday celebration. Elim has become a second home for me and I'm so glad to be a part of the family of God.

— Carolyn Preston





Congregational Meeting

A congregational meeting will be held *today* following worship. There are two things we are voting on: 2020 budget and the 2020 election of officers.

Volunteer Sign-up

The sign-up sheet for volunteers is out on the table in the gathering area. We need help with usher teams, greeters, nursery help, sound, and Power Point. Thanks!

Dining Tour Books

The deadline to get your Dining Tour books has now been extended. We have two left. The books sell for \$35.00 each. Proceeds go to the youth ministry and they keep \$12.00 for each book sold. Thanks for supporting our youth!

Poinsettias

The poinsettia sign-up sheet is on the table in the gathering area. The cost is \$8.00 and may be turned in to the church office. Each plant is purchased to beautify our church during the Christmas season in memory or honor of a loved one and may be taken after Christmas for you to enjoy.



Elim Tee Shirts

Tee shirts are always a favorite everyday wear for work or play and even sleeping. Elim will be ordering royal blue tee shirts to be purchased and we would like everyone's thoughts and/or art work as to what you would like to put on them. So, grab some paper and show us your ideas!

We welcome everyone's entry!

A panel of judges will select the entry that best describes our church to be placed on the tee shirts. Last day for entries is ***today!***

Looking Ahead

Sunday	December 1	9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Pre-Worship Music Set in the Sanctuary 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service 12:00 p.m. Congregational Meeting
Monday	December 2	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering
Tuesday	December 3	9:30 a.m. SAS Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Christmas Cantata Practice
Wednesday	December 4	8:00 a.m. "Amped" Prayer Meeting—New Time 1:30 p.m. Good News Club at Franklin School 4:45 p.m. AXIS 5:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Sparks/Jr Sparks 6:15 p.m. Video Study
Thursday	December 5	9:00 a.m. Keenagers Coffee Time 9:30 a.m. Keenagers Bible Study
Saturday	December 7	8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfasts
Sunday	December 8	9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Pre-Worship Music Set in the Sanctuary 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service 6:00 p.m. Evening of Christmas Music

December Birthdays

1 — Lila Cassini
2 — Kathy Boggs
2 — Corbin Wood
6 — Kelly Wood
10 — Nolan Cassini
11 — Danielle Ogden
12 — Karen Bowling
13 — Adam Hermann
13 — Lacey Wagner

December Anniversaries

2 — Gary and Julie Wells

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Attendance Last Week Sunday School = 43 Worship = 105

CHILD CARE SCHEDULE

TODAY, December 1

Sunday Spark class in worship service
Sunday Spark Jr.: Meg Bear (John Thompson)
Nursery: Cheryl Bear and Rachel Peterson

NEXT WEEK, December 8

Sunday Spark: Victoria Fowler (Abby Peterson)
Sunday Spark Jr.: Elizabeth Peterson (Cindy Minard)
Nursery: Diana Wood and Sheila Yoeckel