

ELIM COVENANT CHURCH

December 8, 2019



Second Sunday of Advent

Elim Covenant Church
5201 18th Avenue Moline, IL 61265
(309) 764-6920
Website: www.elimqc.org

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

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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 SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

Terry and Diane Snipes

ADORATION TO GOD

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

WORSHIP SONGS

"Joy to the World"

Blue Hymnal, p. 146

"The First Noel"

Blue Hymnal, p. 167

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Blue Hymnal, p. 154

CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

OFFERTORY

Pastor Steve Peterson

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

Isaiah 11:1-10

*Scripture Reader, Mike Hermann
(Red Bibles p. 725)*

MESSAGE

"On Peace"

By Pastor Steve Peterson

PRAYERS TO GOD

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

BEING SENT BY GOD

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

WORSHIP SONG

"Silent Night"

Blue Hymnal, p. 172

BENEDICTION

Scripture Readings for the Week

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>John 4:14</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>Proverbs 3:25-26</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Isaiah 43:11</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>John 16:33</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Isaiah 54:10</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>John 6:51</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Lamentations 3:31-33</i>

TODAY'S GREETERS

Karen Bowling and Mary Murphy

HEAD USHER

Don Peterson

USHERS

Martin Bear, Confirmation Students

SOUND SYSTEM

Josh Parrott

POWER POINT VIDEO

John Thompson

Sermon Notes
December 8, 2019
“On Peace”
Isaiah 11:1-10

Key Text: *“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world” (Jn. 16:33)*

Key Thought: In Advent, we celebrate God’s living peace that came to us, and still abides with us, through His Spirit.

- 1) Intro & Context
- 2) Longfellow on peace: “Christmas Bells” (cf. Lk. 2:14)
- 3) Isaiah on peace (9:6; 26:3; 32:15,17; 52:7; 53:5; 55:12; 59:8)
- 4) Paul on peace (Rom. 8:6; Gal. 5:22; Php. 4:6-7)
- 5) Jesus on peace (Lk. 12:51; Jn. 14:27; 16:33)
- 6) Conclusion

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- Do you have peace in this troubled world? Or do you struggle with restlessness, anxiety and stress?
- Wherein lies your peace and security? In Christ? Or in something or someone else?
- Will you allow yourself to be swept up into the worldly spirit of stress this Christmas season? Or will you truly celebrate Christ, our Prince of Peace?

PRAYER PAGE

Praises: The anticipation and wonder of the Advent Season.

Prayer Concerns: For the homeless, the hurting, 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:

Susan & Karl Peterson

Serving in Mexico. Ministries include:
Congregational Vitality, Christian
Formation and Discipleship, Leadership
Development, Spiritual Direction,
Theological Education, Holistic Care of
the Vulnerable



We are excited that the Mexico Covenant
Church is ordaining its first generation of pastors this summer.

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.

*She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus,
because he will save his people from their sins."*

— Matthew 1:21



Evening of Christmas Music

Join us ***tonight*** 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.**

Daytime Trivia

Join us ***Tuesday, December 10***, at **11:30 a.m.** for Daytime Trivia. What a great time of fellowship and fun! Doors open at 11:00 a.m. \$5.00 per person. Don't forget your sack lunch. There is a sign-up sheet in the gathering area.

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.

Christmas Sing-Along



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.

Christmas Greetings

Christmas greetings from Madeline Lumpkin on Elim Street, Forsyth, Missouri. Harold and Madeline were long-time members of Elim before they moved to Missouri to be closer to family. Madeline sends her greetings and wishes us all a very Merry Christmas! And a very Merry Christmas to you too, Madeline! We miss you!

Love Offering

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, L.J. Cunningham or drop it off at the church office.



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.



Holiday Shopping

You can help support Christian Care while you shop for the holidays! Shop online at smile.amazon.com and Christian Care will receive donations from Amazon Smile. Letting them know you want to support Christian Care with every purchase will help increase our donations. Thank you!



Looking Ahead

Sunday	December 8	9:15 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. Christmas Concert
Monday	December 9	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering
Tuesday	December 10	9:30 a.m. SAS Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Daytime Trivia 6:30 p.m. Christmas Cantata Practice
Wednesday	December 11	8:00 a.m. "Amped" Prayer Meeting 1:30 p.m. Good News Club at Franklin School 4:45 p.m. AXIS 6:00 p.m. Sparks/Jr Sparks 6:15 p.m. Video Study
Thursday	December 12	9:30 a.m. Keenagers Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Keenagers Potluck 12:00 p.m. Crescendo Lunch at First Covenant 5:30 p.m. MLT Meeting
Friday	December 13	2:30 p.m. CIU Judy Martel 6:00 p.m. Game Knights
Sunday	December 15	9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Pre-Worship Music Set in the Sanctuary 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service

December Birthdays

10 — Nolan Cassini
11 — Danielle Ogden
12 — Karen Bowling
13 — Adam Hermann
13 — Lacey Wagner
19 — Elizabeth Smith
19 — Julie Wells
22 — John Thompson

December Anniversaries

30 — Tom and Diane Wirtz

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Attendance Last Week Sunday School = 41 Worship = 115

CHILD CARE SCHEDULE

TODAY, December 8

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

NEXT WEEK, December 15

Sunday Spark: Victoria Fowler (Ashley Parrott)
Sunday Spark Jr.: Lacey Wagner (Natalie Hermann)
Nursery: Rachel Cunningham and Ralene Luong