

ELIM COVENANT CHURCH

December 15, 2019



Third Sunday of Advent

Elim Covenant Church
5201 18th Avenue Moline, IL 61265
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WORSHIP CELEBRATION

December 15, 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 THIRD ADVENT CANDLE

L.J. and Rachel Cunningham,
Brianna Petersen, Dustin Goderis

ADORATION TO GOD

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

WORSHIP SONGS

"Go Tell It on the Mountain"

Blue Hymnal, p. 188

"God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen"

"Breath of Heaven"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

OFFERTORY

Dawn Wassell

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 35:1-10

*Scripture Reader, Becky Reynolds
(Red Bibles p. 749)*

MESSAGE

"On Joy"

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

"Joy to the World"

Blue Hymnal, p. 146

BENEDICTION

Scripture Readings for the Week

Sunday Psalms 31:21-22

Monday Psalms 18:2

Tuesday Isaiah 41:10

Wednesday Hebrews 8:1

Thursday Psalms 27:1

Friday 1 Corinthians 1:8

Saturday Luke 6:38

TODAY'S GREETERS

Karen Bowling and Mary Murphy

HEAD USHER

Don Peterson

USHERS

Martin Bear, Confirmation Students

SOUND SYSTEM

Tom Lancial

POWER POINT VIDEO

Josh Parrott

Sermon Notes
December 15, 2019
“On Joy”
Isaiah 35:1-10

Key Text: “... everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away” (Isa. 35:10)

Key Thought: Christ’s advent brings great joy! We’re called to hope in God and walk in holiness that we may experience it fully.

- 1) Intro & Context
- 2) **WHAT** (cf. Isa. 35:1, 5-10; Ps. 146:7-9; Mt. 11:5)
- 3) **WHO** (Isa. 35:8-10; Ps. 146:5, 8-9; Mt. 11:6)
- 4) **WHEN** (c. Ps. 126; Mt. 11:2-6; Acts 5:15-16; 9:32-42; 19:11-12; Rev. 20:4; 21:1-8)
- 5) **HOW** (cf. Isa. 35:3,4,8; Ps. 146:5,8; Ja. 5:7,8,10)
- 6) Conclusion

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- Do you have a compelling vision of God’s glorious joy?
- Does it compel you to walk in holiness and righteousness, that this “inexpressible and glorious joy” might fill you?

PRAYER PAGE

Praises: The anticipation and wonder of the Advent Season.

Prayer Concerns: Those going through difficult times, especially during the holiday season.

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:

Josef & Rochelle Rasheed

They are Regional Coordinators for Africa.
Their ministry is in Team and Partner
Development

In the coming year I (Josef) hope to
discover new opportunities for mission
and ministry in West Africa, such as in
Liberia, Sierra Leone, and Ghana, in order
to meet the needs of God's people there.



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.

But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people." — Luke 2:10

Christmas Eve Services

Christmas Eve Worship Service
Tuesday, December 24th at 4:30 p.m.

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!

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!



Men's Breakfast

The next Men's Breakfast will be ***Saturday, January 4*** at 8:00 a.m.

We will conclude our study of "Being a Dad Who Leads" from a

book by John MacArthur. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the gathering area.

Prayer Devotionals

The prayer devotionals are on the table outside of the sanctuary. Mary Parrott has put together the regular monthly devotional and one for Christmas — "The 12 Days of Christmas Devotionals." Be sure to get a copy and feel free to pick up a copy for a friend. And don't forget your copy of "Our Daily Bread." These are easy and wonderful ways to pump up our spiritual lives.

Trivia for Christian Care

On Tuesday, December 10, 2019, Elim hosted its monthly Daytime Trivia with Cindy Minard at the helm. This group has a lot of fun as you can hear the roar of laughter coming for the fellowship hall. They collect \$5.00/person for trivia and that helps to boost SPLASH's account, which in turn supports many ministries. This month was different. Tuesday, they also collected supplies for Christian Care. What an amazing response they had. Thank you, ***Tom*** and ***Annette Lancial*** for dropping off a truckload of supplies to Christian Care.



Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. — *Philippians 2:9-11*

Looking Ahead

Sunday	December 15	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Pre-Worship Music Set in the Sanctuary 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service
Monday	December 16	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering
Tuesday	December 17	9:30 a.m. SAS Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Christmas Cantata Practice
Wednesday	December 18	8:00 a.m. "Amped" Prayer Meeting 1:30 p.m. Good News Club at Franklin School 6:00 p.m. Sparks/Jr Sparks Christmas Celebration 6:15 p.m. Video Study
Friday	December 20	2:30 p.m. YMCA Preschool Christmas Program
Saturday	December 21	10:00 a.m. Choir Cantata Practice
Sunday	December 22	9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Pre-Worship Music Set in the Sanctuary 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service
Monday	December 23	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering
Tuesday	December 24	4:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service
Wednesday	December 25	Office Closed — Have a Blessed Christmas

December Birthdays

19 — Elizabeth Smith
19 — Julie Wells
21 — Taryn Martin
22 — John Thompson
27 — Dave Parrott
28 — Natilee Ferry
30 — Belva Van Norman
31 — Kristen Burns

December Anniversaries

30 — Tom and Diane Wirtz

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Attendance Last Week Sunday School = 49 Worship = 124

CHILD CARE SCHEDULE

TODAY, December 15

Sunday Spark: Victoria Fowler (Ashley Parrott)

Sunday Spark Jr.: Lacey Wagner (Natalie Hermann)

Nursery: Rachel Cunningham and Ralene Luong

NEXT WEEK, December 22

Sunday Spark: Victoria Fowler (Sandy Parrott)

Sunday Spark Jr.: Rachel Peterson (Karter Thompson)

Nursery: Abby Peterson and Amanda Le