

# ELIM COVENANT CHURCH

## December 22, 2019



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*Fourth Sunday of Advent*

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# **WORSHIP CELEBRATION**

## **December 22, 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 FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE**

Jon and Tabatha Estes

### **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*

### **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

*(Children dismissed for Children's Church, please for ages 3 thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade only).*

### **ELIM CHOIR CHRISTMAS CANTATA**

### **OFFERTORY**

### **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 John 3:16-18; 4:7-12**

*Scripture Reader, Chip Hesler  
(Red Bibles p. 1280)*

## **MESSAGE**

**"On Love"**

**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**

*"Angels We Have Heard on High"*

*Blue Hymnal, p. 162*

## **BENEDICTION**

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

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Psalms 34:19</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>Psalms 50:15</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Revelation 3:12</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Matthew 1:21</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Isaiah 9:6</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>Matthew 5:44-45</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Psalms 46:1</i>

## **TODAY'S GREETERS**

Cecil and Carolyn Grimes

## **HEAD USHER**

Don Peterson

## **USHERS**

Martin Bear, Confirmation Students

## **SOUND SYSTEM**

Orlin Johnson

## **POWER POINT VIDEO**

Josh Parrott

**Sermon Notes**  
**December 22, 2019**  
**“On Love”**  
**1 John 3:16-18; 4:7-12**

**Key Text:** “Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth” (1 Jn. 3:18)

**Key Thought:** As Jesus came in love, and loved us so greatly, we are called to love others.

- 1) Intro & Context
- 2) **COMMANDED** to Love: “My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you” (Jn. 15:12)
- 3) **WHO** to love (cf. Lk. 6:27-36; 10:27; 1 Tim. 5:8; Ja. 1:27; 2:8) “Dear friends, let us love one another...” (1 Jn. 4:7)
- 4) **SIMPLY** love (cf. Ja. 2:14-17; 1 Jn. 3:18) “*Do everything in love*” (1 Cor. 16:14)
- 5) **TOUGH** love (cf. Eph. 4:32; Col. 3:12-14) “... Forgive, and you will be forgiven” (Lk. 6:37)
- 6) Conclusion

**QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:**

1. Will you incarnate God's love through your words and actions toward others? Will you commit to do that in practical ways, beginning this holiday season?
2. In love, is there someone you need to forgive? Will you commit to allow God to lead you in that process?

## **PRAYER PAGE**

**Praises:** A baby in a manger that changed the whole world and provided salvation for all who would receive Him.

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

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### **Pray for Covenant Missionaries:**

#### **Pia & Eugenio Restrepo**

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

In the coming year we are looking forward to participating in the equipping, empowering, and guiding of new missionaries to Latin America and the Caribbean.



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## **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.

*Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love. — 1 John 4:7,8*

# Christmas Eve Services

***Christmas Eve Worship Service***  
***Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> 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!



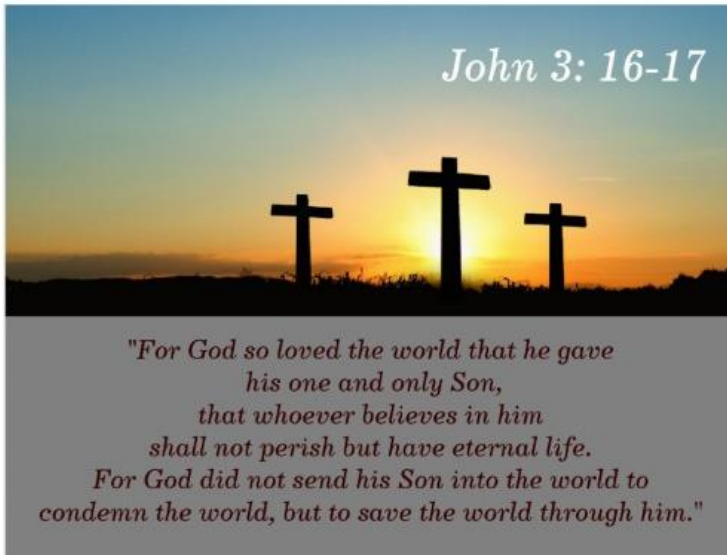
## **Men's Breakfast**

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.



*Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who  
are in Christ Jesus, — Romans 8:1*

*If you look for me at Christmas  
You won't need a special star —  
I'm no longer just in Bethlehem,  
I'm right there where you are.*

*But if you take a moment  
From your list of things to do  
And listen to your heart you'll find  
I'm waiting there for you.*

*You may not be aware of Me  
Amid the celebrations—  
You'll have to look beyond the stores  
And all the decorations.*

*You're the one I want to be with,  
You're the reason that I came.  
And you'll find Me in the stillness  
As I'm whispering your name.*

*Love,  
Jesus*

## **Looking Ahead**

Sunday	December 22	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 23	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering
Tuesday	December 24	4:30 a.m. Christmas Eve Service
Wednesday	December 25	<b><i>Office Closed — Have a Blessed Christmas</i></b>
Sunday	December 29	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 30	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering
Wednesday	January 1	<b><i>Office Closed — Happy New Year</i></b>
Sunday	January 5	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	January 6	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Meeting
Tuesday	January 7	9:30 a.m. <b>SAS Bible Study</b>

### **December Birthdays**

22 — John Thompson  
27 — Dave Parrott  
28 — Natilee Ferry  
30 — Belva Van Norman  
31 — Kristen Burns

### **January Birthdays**

7 — Victoria Fowler  
9 — Sandy Parrott  
10 — Anna Christy

### **December Anniversaries**

30 — Tom and Diane Wirtz

### **January Anniversaries**

8 — Jeff and Mary Parrott

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Attendance Last Week Sunday School = 46 Worship = 113

## **CHILD CARE SCHEDULE**

### **TODAY, December 22**

Sunday Spark: Victoria Fowler (Sandy Parrott)  
Sunday Spark Jr.: Rachel Peterson (Karter Thompson)  
Nursery: Abby Peterson and Amanda Le

### **NEXT WEEK, December 29**

Sunday Spark: Victoria Fowler (Rachel Cunningham)  
Sunday Spark Jr.:  
Nursery: Elizabeth Peterson and Mary Christy