

ELIM COVENANT CHURCH

November 22, 2020



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WORSHIP CELEBRATION
November 22, 2020
10:30 a.m.

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

The service is also being live-streamed and recorded, for immediate or later viewing, and can be accessed at

elimqc.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

*"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his love endures forever."*

— Psalm 118:1

ADORATION TO GOD

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

WORSHIP SONGS

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

"God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen"

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

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

Matthew 5:17-20; 17:24-27

MESSAGE

“On Integrity”

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 passionately loves.

WORSHIP SONG

“Do You Hear What I Hear?”

BENEDICTION

Scripture Readings for the Week

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Psalms 9:10</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>Philippians 4:13</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>John 4:14</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Proverbs 3:25-26</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Isaiah 43:11</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>John 16:33</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Isaiah 54:10</i>

November Birthdays

26 – Abigail Akpla

December Anniversaries

2 – Gary and Julie Wells

December Birthdays

*1 – Divine Akpla
1 – Lila Cassini
2 – Kathy Boggs
2 – Corbin Wood*

December Birthdays

*6 – Kelly Wood
10 – Nolan Cassini
11 – Danielle Ogden
12 – Karen Bowling*

Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods.

— Psalm 95:2-3

Sermon Notes
November 22, 2020
“On Integrity”
Matthew 5:17-20; 17:24-27

Key Text: *“I know, my God, that you test the heart and are pleased with integrity”* (1 Chr. 29:17)

Key Thought: God calls us to live a life of high integrity

- 1) Intro & Context
- 2) The **NATURE** of integrity (cf. Mt. 5:17-6:24; 7:20-24; James 1:22-25)
- 3) An Integrity **FRAMEWORK**
 - a. Glory: Does it glorify God? (cf. 1 Cor. 10:31; Col. 3:17; Php. 1:27; 1 Pt. 4:11)
 - b. Love: Is it loving? (cf. 1 Cor. 13:4-7; 14:1a; 16:14; Gal. 5:6).
 - c. True: Is it truthful? (cf. Jn. 17:17; 2 Cor. 13:8; Eph. 4:15; 3 Jn. 4)
 - d. Legal: Is it lawful? (cf. Mic. 6:8; Mt. 22:36-40; Rom. 13:1-5; 1 Pt. 2:13-14)
- 4) Integrity **DEVELOPMENT** (cf. Mt. 5:48; Eph. 4:13; Ja. 1:4; 2 Pt. 1:3-11)
- 5) **RESTORING** integrity (cf. Ps. 51; Lk. 15:11-32) *“Restore us to yourself, Lord.”* (Lam. 5:21)
- 6) Conclusion

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- What value do you place on integrity? How important is integrity to God?
- Are you a person of integrity? Do you need to pray and work toward restoring your integrity in any way?

PRAYER PAGE

Praises: God is in control! He is good! His love endures forever.

Prayer Concerns: Those recovering from COVID and the success of new vaccinations.

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	Felipe Cantu	Beverly Reese
JoAnn Nelsen	Gary Wells	

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

Pray for Covenant Missionaries:

Peter Lee & Katherine Choi-Lee

Peter and Katherine serve in France. Their ministries include: Congregational Vitality, Evangelism and Outreach, and Children's Ministry.



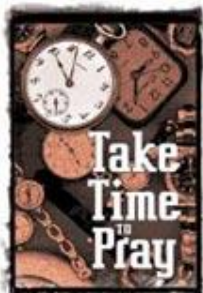
One way partners have encouraged us is when a partner church sent handmade Christmas cards with Polaroid photos of the children!

Prayer Opportunities

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.

"I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus."

— 1 Corinthians 1:4





GriefShare started last week and we welcomed eight people. We had not hosted GriefShare since COVID became a household name, but we saw an increasing need for it. We couldn't quite imagine doing this kind of ministry virtually, so we decided to host it live. We meet Sunday afternoons from **2:00 to 4:00 p.m.** and are following COVID guidelines.

This week's session is called "The Challenges of Grief." You are welcome to join us. Questions? See Sandy Parrott, Kathy Henderson, Mary Murphy or Karen Bowling.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



Today and tomorrow are the last days for shoebox collection for the Operation Christmas Child. If you haven't turned in your boxes, please do so and mark off on the sign-up sheet that you have returned your boxes.

S.P.L.A.S.H.



Ladies, just a reminder **S.P.L.A.S.H.** is on **Saturday, December 13**, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Bring a white elephant gift and a "light." All women are invited. Please join us!!

"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful."

— Colossians 3:15

WHAT ARE YOU THANKFUL FOR?

I am thankful for the family and friends God has gifted me with. He's been faithful in uncertain times. – **Cheryl Bear**

I would like to thank God for placing me in this area and leading me to Elim Church. I have been truly blessed with a very loving Christian family and lots of friends. Also, I have been able to serve Him as I am able. – **Jean Russell**



I am thankful for God's faithfulness. – **Ethel Hesler**

I'm thankful for a husband who isn't afraid to do household chores, especially as I work and continue in my caregiving role for my mom. – **Sandy Parrott**

I am thankful for my wonderful church family, and our terrific secretary! 😊 – **Natalie Herman**

I'm thankful that I was raised in a Christian upbringing.
– **Cindy Minard**

What are you thankful for? Tell me in a word or a sentence what you are especially thankful for as we enter this holiday season. Send it to me in an email (office@elimqc.org), a text (309-592-7703) or give me a call at the church office (309-764-6920). I will publish your responses in our bulletin. Thanks for being thankful and participating in this exercise of thankfulness.

— Sandy Parrott

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." — Philippians 4:6-7

Looking Ahead

Sunday	November 22	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		10:30 a.m.	Worship Celebration Service
		2:00 p.m.	GriefShare
Monday	November 23	5:30 p.m.	Prayer Team Gathering
Tuesday	November 24	9:30 a.m.	SAS Bible Study
Wednesday	November 25	9:00 a.m.	“Amped” Prayer Meeting
Thursday	November 26		Happy Thanksgiving!
Friday	November 27		
Saturday	November 28	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
Sunday	November 29	10:30 a.m.	Worship Celebration Service

Attendance Last Week

Thursday Worship = 10; Sunday Worship = 46
42 views on YouTube; Sunday School = 22



Note from Christian Care: Heading into the winter months, Christian Care's needs list is more important than ever. We ask that you please donate a few items from our lists so that we can keep our facility up and running. We are currently cooking and serving 120 meals a day. Your help is vital to those in need.

Bring your donations to the church and we will deliver them for you. Thank you, **Don** and **Jane Peterson** for making those deliveries for us!

Cleaning Supplies Needed	Kitchen Needs List
Windex	Pasta Butter
Napkins	Mayo Milk Ranch Dressing
Paper Towels	BBQ Garlic Powder
36-gallon trash bags	Coffee Cream of chicken soup
Reusable latex gloves (kitchen style)	Pepper Cream of mushroom soup
Plastic spoons and forks	Sugar Hot sauce
Oven cleaner	
Bleach	
<i>Clothing and personal donations for men only. Thank you.</i>	