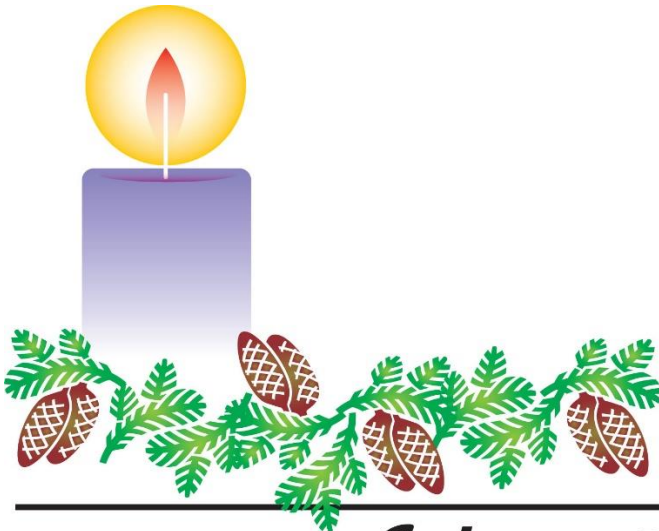


ELIM COVENANT CHURCH

November 29, 2020



FIRST SUNDAY OF *Advent*

Elim Covenant Church

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WORSHIP CELEBRATION

November 29, 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

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

Martin, Cheryl, and Meg Bear

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"

"Away in a Manger"

"The First Noel"

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

Psalm 25:1-5

MESSAGE

“On Hope”

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

“What Child is This?”

BENEDICTION

Scripture Readings for the Week

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>John 6:51</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>Lamentations 3:31-33</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Proverbs 3:24</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>John 15:10</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Leviticus 10:3</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>Deuteronomy 4:31</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Luke 8:21</i>

December Anniversaries

2 – Gary and Julie Wells

December Birthdays

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

December Birthdays

*10 – Nolan Cassini
11 – Danielle Ogden
12 – Karen Bowling
13 – Adam Hermann
13 – Lacey Wagner*

Sermon Notes
November 29, 2020
“On Hope”
Psalm 25:1-5

Key Text: *“Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful”* (Heb. 10:23)

Key Thought: We can experience great peace and joy through hope, in a relationship with the living Christ

- 1) Intro & Context

- 2) The power of **HOPE** (cf. Isa. 40:31; Jer. 29:11; Eph. 1:18; Heb. 6:19)

- 3) Grounded in His **PROMISES** (cf. Ps. 105:8; 119:116, 140; 2 Cor. 1:20)

- 4) Activated by **FAITH** (cf. Gen. 15:6; Rom. 4:16; Heb. 6:12)

- 5) In **RELATIONSHIP** with God (cf. Jn. 1:12; 14:23; 1 Jn. 4:16; Rev. 3:20)

- 6) A **LIVING** hope (cf. 1 Pt. 1:3; 1 Cor. 15:12-22)

- 7) Conclusion

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- Do you have strong hope in God? Or do you suffer from trust issues with Him?
- Is your faith overly formulaic? Or is it strongly grounded in a vital relationship with Jesus Christ?

PRAYER PAGE

Praises: For the hope of salvation in this Advent season as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Emmanuel, God with us!

Prayer Concerns: Those recovering from COVID.

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:

Dale & Sarah Lusk

Dale serves as International Director of Global Engagements.

“We love when our partners come to join us in ministry by sending a team, individuals, and/or couples to work with us.”

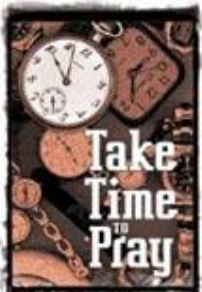


Prayer Opportunities

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 pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people.

— Ephesians 1:18



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



Thank you to all who participated in Operation Christmas Child. Thank you for filling the shoeboxes. Thank you S.P.L.A.S.H. for paying for the shipping costs. Thank you to the volunteers who came and loaded and unloaded boxes as

Elim served as a collection site. Thanks for another successful year and blessing children around the world.

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



Ladies, just a reminder **S.P.L.A.S.H.** is on ***Saturday, December 12***, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Bring a white elephant gift and a "light." All women are invited. Please join us!!

WHAT ARE YOU THANKFUL FOR?



I am so thankful for a husband that helps me around the house and the family and friends I have in my life. They mean everything to me!

— *Mary Murphy*

Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. — Hebrews 10:23



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.

Psalm 25:1-5

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
in you I trust, O my God.
Do not let me be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph
over me.

No one whose hope is in you
will ever be put to shame,
but they will be put to shame
who are treacherous without excuse.

Show me your ways, O Lord,
teach me your paths;
guide me in your truth and
teach me,
for you are God my Savior,
and my hope is in you all day long.



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Looking Ahead

Sunday	November 29	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service
Monday	November 30	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering
Tuesday	December 1	9:30 a.m. SAS Bible Study
Wednesday	December 2	9:00 a.m. "Amped" Prayer Meeting 5:45 p.m. Axis
Thursday	December 3	5:00 p.m. Worship Service
Sunday	December 6	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service 2:00 p.m. GriefShare

Attendance Last Week

Thursday Worship = 11; Sunday Worship = 55
17 views on YouTube; Sunday School = 25



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.

Cleaning Supplies Needed	Kitchen Needs List	
Windex	Pasta	Butter
Toilet Paper	Mayo	Milk Ranch Dressing
Napkins	BBQ	Garlic Powder
Paper Towels	Coffee	Cream of chicken soup
Tissues	Pepper	Cream of mushroom soup
36-gallon trash bags	Sugar	Hot sauce
Reusable latex gloves (kitchen style)	Creamer	Plastic spoons and forks
Oven cleaner		
Bleach		

Clothing and personal donations for men only. Thank you.