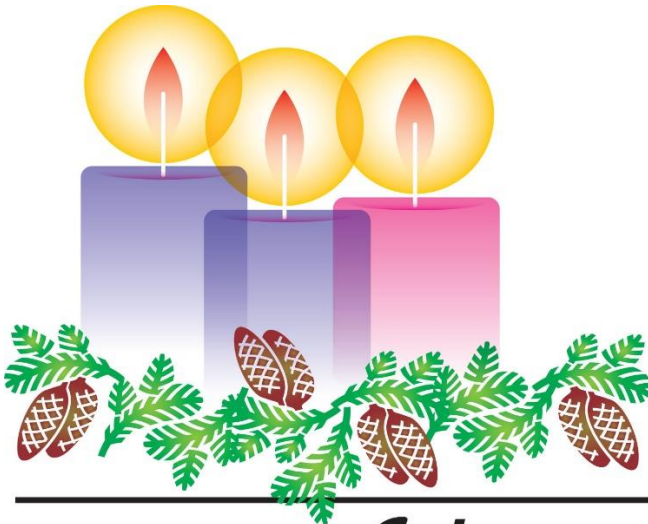


ELIM COVENANT CHURCH

December 13, 2020



THIRD SUNDAY OF *Advent*

Elim Covenant Church

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WORSHIP CELEBRATION

December 13, 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

"Rejoice always."

— 1 Thessalonians 5:16

LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE

The Ellis Family

ADORATION TO GOD

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

WORSHIP SONGS

"O Come All Ye Faithful"

"The First Noel"

"What Child is This"

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

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!

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Call to Communion

Invitation to the Lord’s Table for the Sharing of the Bread and Cup

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

BEING SENT BY GOD

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

WORSHIP SONG

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

BENEDICTION

Scripture Readings for the Week

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Psalms 1:3</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>Psalms 18:28</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Psalms 31:21-22</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Psalms 18:2</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Isaiah 41:10</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>Hebrews 8:1</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Psalms 27:1</i>

December Birthdays

13 – Adam Hermann
13 – Lacey Wagner
19 – Elizabeth Smith
19 – Julie Wells
21 – Taryn Martin

December Birthdays

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

Sermon Notes
December 13, 2020
“On Joy”
Isaiah 35:1-10

Key Text: *“The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy”*
(Ps. 126:3)

Key Thought: Joy should be prominent in every believer who walks with the Lord in righteousness, and in whom the Lord’s Spirit has been allowed to minister and work

- 1) Intro & Context

- 2) Joy & **HEALTH**
 - a. Spiritual health (cf. Rom. 14:17; Gal. 5:22; 1 Ths. 1:6)

 - b. Overcoming **HARDSHIP** (cf. Ps. 94:19; Rom. 5:3-5; Ja. 1:2-3)

 - c. Returning to joy (cf. Ps. 30:11; 51:12; 126:5-6; Isa. 51:11; 61:3)

- 3) Joy & **RIGHTEOUSNESS** (cf. Ps. 97:11; Pr. 10:28; 29:6; Heb. 1:9)

- 4) Joy & **REJOICING** (cf. Neh. 12:43; Est. 9:22; Ps. 5:11; 68:3)

- 5) Conclusion

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- What is your joy quotient? How does that relate to your spiritual health?
- How resilient is your joy? How fast can you typically return to joy?
- Have you discovered the link between joy and rejoicing? Do you yet rejoice, even in bad times?

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: Continued healing for those suffering the effects of 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:

Francisco & Stephanie Martins Ramos

Francisco and Stephanie serve in France. Their ministries include Evangelism and Outreach, Christian Formation and Discipleship, and Ministry through the Arts.

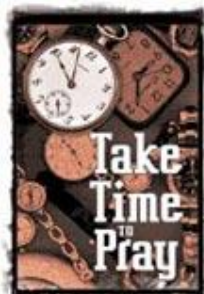
If you visited us in our country we would take you to the art space we work with in central Paris and introduce you to teammates and artists to show you a contextualized ministry in a very historical part of the city.



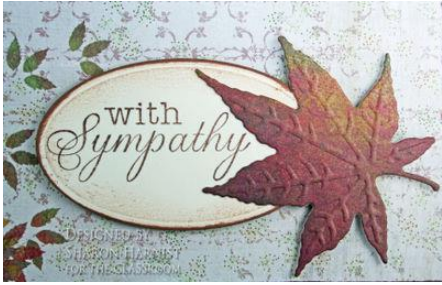
Prayer Opportunities

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.

*“...the joy of the Lord is your strength.”
Nehemiah 8:10*



Our Condolences



Our condolences go out to Diane Snipes and her family at the passing of her mother, Elaine Mudd.

We also extend our sympathies to Ashley Cosgrove and her family at the passing of her uncle, Larry Weimer.

Congregational Meeting

A congregational meeting will be held **today** following worship. We are voting on the 2021 budget and the 2021 election of officers.



Poinsettias



It's not too late to sign up for a poinsettia. The 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.





Christmas Eve Services



***Christmas Eve Worship Service
Thursday, 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.



Peaceful Comfort

By Danielle Ogden

*When pain and sickness, troubles come,
there are no words to say.
But sending love and lifting praise
and kneeling down to pray.
For our dear Lord knows all about
the troubles that we face.
I ask for peaceful comfort
and His amazing GRACE.
So praise, let go, let LOVE flow
into your heart and mind.
Expect the best, He'll give the rest,
God is so very kind.*



"God knows those who are His." II Timothy 2:19a

Looking Ahead

Sunday	December 13	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service 12:00 p.m. Congregational Meeting 2:00 p.m. GriefShare
Monday	December 14	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering
Tuesday	December 15	9:30 a.m. SAS Bible Study
Wednesday	December 16	9:00 a.m. "Amped" Prayer Meeting
Thursday	December 17	5:00 p.m. Worship Service
Sunday	December 20	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service 2:00 p.m. GriefShare

Attendance Last Week

Sunday Worship = 25
48 views on YouTube; Sunday School = 12



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
Toilet Paper	Butter
Napkins	Mayo
Paper Towels	Milk Ranch Dressing
Disinfectant cleaner	BBQ
36-gallon trash bags	Garlic Powder
Toilet bowl cleaner	Coffee
Oven cleaner	Cream of chicken soup
Bleach	Pepper
	Cream of mushroom soup
	Sugar
	Creamer
	Hot sauce
	Plastic spoons and forks