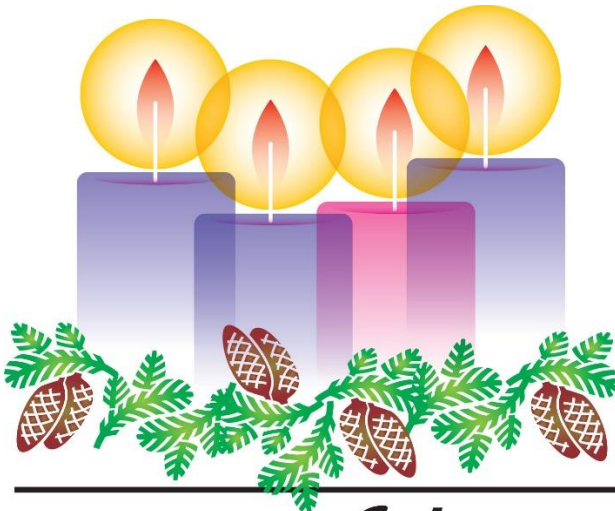


ELIM COVENANT CHURCH

December 20, 2020



FOURTH SUNDAY OF *Advent*

Elim Covenant Church

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WORSHIP CELEBRATION

December 20, 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 FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE

Orlin and Karen Johnson

ADORATION TO GOD

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

WORSHIP SONGS

"Joy to the World"

"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"

"Silent Night"

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

Ephesians 3:14-19

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 passionately loves.

WORSHIP SONG

“Go Tell It on the Mountain”

BENEDICTION

Scripture Readings for the Week

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>1 Corinthians 1:8</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>Luke 6:38</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Psalms 34:19</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Psalms 50:15</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Revelation 3:12</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>Matthew 1:21</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Isaiah 9:6</i>

December Birthdays

- 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*

Sermon Notes
December 20, 2020
“On Love”
Ephesians 3:14-19

Key Text: *“Keep yourselves in God’s love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life”* (Jude 21)

Key Thought: To know God’s awesome love, to be filled with His love, to love God and to love others—This is our hope and goal.

- 1) Intro & Context
- 2) God’s love
 - a. Enormous (cf. Ps. 36:5; 57:10; Ps. 103:8, 119:64; Eph. 3:17-18)
 - b. Unfailing (cf. Ps. 13:5; 36:7; Lam. 3:32; Rom. 8:37-39; 1 Cor. 2:9)
 - c. Eternal (cf. Ps. 89:2; 103:17; Isa. 54:10; Jer. 31:3; Rom. 8:37-39)
 - d. Protective (cf. Ps. 61:7; 109:26; 119:88)
 - e. Tender (cf. Hos. 11:4; Joel 2:13; Jon. 4:2; Zeph. 3:17)
 - f. His covenant (cf. Deut. 7:9, 12; 1 Kgs. 8:23; Neh. 1:5; 9:32; Hos. 2:19)
 - g. God is love (1 Jn. 4:8, 16)
 - h. In us (cf. Jn. 14:23; 17:26; Rom. 5:5; Gal. 5:22)
- 3) Love God (cf. Deut. 6:5; 7:9,12; 10:12; 11:1; Jn. 14:21; 15:10; 1 Cor. 8:3; 1 Jn. 2:3,5)
- 4) Love others (cf. Mt. 22:39; Jn. 13:34; 15:13; Rom. 13:8, 10; Gal. 5:13-14; 1 Jn. 3:23; 4:7-9)
- 5) Conclusion

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- Do you truly know God’s love? Do you believe He loves you?
- Have you surrendered to God’s love? Is His love in you, and growing?
- Do you love others? Are you growing toward maturity in loving others with God’s love?

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 who are separated from their families this Christmas 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	Felipe Cantu	Beverly Reese
JoAnn Nelsen	Gary Wells	Belva VanNorman

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

Pray for Covenant Missionaries:

Max McClure

Max serves in Czech Republic. His ministry includes Evangelism and Outreach, Student Ministry, and Music Ministry.

I appreciate that the local people here really value close relationships.

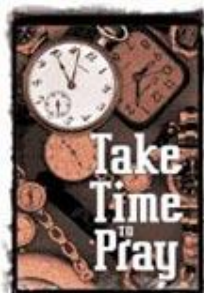


Prayer Opportunities

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 virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”).

— Matthew 1:23





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.



Thank-You!

We want to thank everyone for your cards, phone calls, and care for us at the passing of my mom. – ***Diane Snipes***



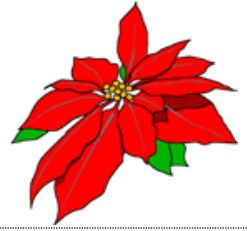
Thank you for your support and donations for the baskets for the shut-ins. They will really appreciate receiving them. – ***Cheryl Bear***



New Church Directory

The new church directory is finished and ready for you to pick up in the church office. Office hours are Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The poinsettias that are brightening our sanctuary are to bless those we love and to honor those who are gone this Christmas season. Thank you.



<u>Provided by</u>	<u>In Honor or Memory of</u>
Deanna Newton	Parents
Jean Russell	Memory of husband, Don
Rodney and Judy Ouderkirk	Parents and Tommy
Leonna Ellis	Vicki McElhiney
Rollie Potts/Becky and Byron Reynolds	Joann Potts
Cecil and Carolyn Grimes	Our parents: Cecil and Betty Grimes; Clark and June Wortz
Tracey Garcia	Grandparents
Pat Hudson	Tom and Parents
Katie Clarke	Bob and Parents
Orlin and Karen Johnson	In Memory of our Parents
Don and Sheila Yoeckel	Parents
Karen Bowling	Daughter, Lori
Pennie Knary	Brother, Ken Anderson
Steve and Sandy Parrott	Parents
Steve and Sandy Parrott	Jamie Parrott
Judy Martel	Mother, Iva Cutler
Pastor Steve and Family	Bob Telfer
Pastor Steve and Family	Carolyn Preston
Tabatha and Jon Estes	Parents
Mary Murphy	Daughter, Kelly

*The shape of the **poinsettia** flower and leaves are sometimes thought as a symbol of the Star of Bethlehem which led the Wise Men to Jesus. The red colored leaves **symbolize** the blood of Christ. The white leaves represent his purity.*

Looking Ahead

Sunday	December 20	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service 2:00 p.m. GriefShare
Monday	December 21	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering
Tuesday	December 22	9:30 a.m. SAS Bible Study
Wednesday	December 23	9:00 a.m. "Amped" Prayer Meeting
Thursday	December 24	4:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service
Friday	December 25	<i>Have a blessed Christmas!</i>
Sunday	December 27	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service

Attendance Last Week

Sunday Worship = 42
41 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
Glass Cleaner	Pasta Butter
Toilet Paper	Mayo Milk Ranch Dressing
Napkins	BBQ Garlic Powder
Paper Towels	Coffee Cream of chicken soup
Disinfectant cleaner	Pepper Cream of mushroom
36-gallon trash bags	Sugar soup
Toilet bowl cleaner	Creamer Hot sauce
Oven cleaner	Plastic spoons and
Bleach	forks
Reusable latex gloves (kitchen style)	