

ELIM COVENANT CHURCH

January 17, 2021



Elim Covenant Church

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WORSHIP CELEBRATION

January 17, 2021

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

"And live a life of love..."

— Ephesians 5:2

ADORATION TO GOD

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

WORSHIP SONGS

"How Firm a Foundation"

"It is Well"

"Jesus Loves Me This I Know"

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 4:7-12

MESSAGE

“To Love Well: God’s Enabling”

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

“King of My Heart”

BENEDICTION

52-Week Bible Reading Plan

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Epistles</i>	<i>Romans 7-8</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>The Law</i>	<i>Genesis 12-15</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>History</i>	<i>Joshua 16-20</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Psalms</i>	<i>Psalms 9-11</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Poetry</i>	<i>Job 7-8</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>Prophecy</i>	<i>Isaiah 18-22</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Gospels</i>	<i>Matthew 8-10</i>

A copy of the full reading plan is on the table in the gathering area.

January Birthdays

17 – Byron Reynolds

17 – Judie Stanley

19 – Karter Thompson

19 – Kayla Knary

January Birthdays

21 – Dale Gilmour

21 – Jordan Pirmann

27 – Pastor Darren Olson

January Anniversaries

28 – Kathy and Donald Boggs

Sermon Notes
January 17, 2021
“To Love Well: God’s Enabling”
1 John 4:7-12

Key Text: “For it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure” (Php. 2:13- NRSV)

Key Thought: God enables us to love well, transforming our nature through His Spirit, and then helping nurture His love in us.

- 1) Intro & Context

- 2) God **INITIATES** it (cf. Jer. 31:3; Hos. 11:4; Rom. 5:8; 1 Jn. 4:19)

- 3) Through His **SPIRIT** (Deut. 30:6; Rom. 5:5)

- 4) In **RELATIONSHIP** with Him (cf. Mt. 22:37; Jude 21; Rev. 2:4)

- 5) Through spiritual **PRACTICES** (cf. Deut. 7:12; Jn. 14:21; 1 Jn. 2:5)

- 6) Conclusion

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- Do you know God loves you? Have you felt Him drawing you into His love?
- Has the Holy Spirit changed your nature, enabling you to love? Have you fully surrendered to Him?
- Are you walking with the Lord in a loving relationship with Him? What spiritual practices keep you in His love?

PRAYER PAGE

Praises: God's love and faithfulness through uncertain times.

Prayer Concerns: Our country moving forward with a new president and cabinet.

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:

Karl & Mary Noren

Karl and Mary serve in Cameroon. Their ministries include Discipleship and Education of Youth.

We appreciate that the local people at Rain Forest International School work together in love to disciple and train the next generation.



Prayer Opportunities

Prayer Chain: Have a prayer need? Call Sandy at the church 764-6920 Monday thru Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. or call or text Tasha Munger at (309) 281-8784 with your request.

“You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.”

Jeremiah 29:13 NIV



A Call for Peace and Unity

Greetings Beloved Church,

Yesterday (January 6, 2021), on Epiphany, we celebrated the arrival of the magi to meet the Christ child. Jesus is the Prince of Peace, the divine revelation and messenger of God's peace to the world.



And on the same day we witnessed heartbreaking violence in and around our country's Capitol.

Today I am grieving. I lament the violence that has heightened the fear and anxiety already so prevalent in our country. Deep divisions have shattered any illusions of unity. And we lament

with the families of the people who lost their lives at the Capitol yesterday.

The Evangelical Covenant Church renounces all forms of violence, nationalism that masquerades as Christianity, unjust and unequal applications of law enforcement, coercive power, separate and unequal legal systems, and hypocrisy of every kind. We accept and endorse the peaceful transition of power, and we pray for our political leaders as Jesus invites us to, regardless of their political affiliation. As people of shalom, we draw together to pray for peace and unity as we seek God's beloved community.

A few months before the end of the Civil War, Abraham Lincoln spoke these words in his second inaugural address, which he delivered at the Capitol building: "With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in to bind up the nation's wounds...to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations."



The Evangelical Covenant Church

And today in our fractured society, we hear the call of Jesus to witness to the gospel of his love that is greater than politics. “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid” (John 14:27).

As Covenanters and as a priesthood of believers, it is our intention to come together during moments such as this in humility, seeking God’s guidance and direction as we move forward. In the coming days, our Love Mercy Do Justice team will share additional resources as we seek to respond as Christians, as Covenanters, as Americans. Watch for updates on our website and communication channels.

We join together as a mosaic of mission friends to seek God in this moment and the Holy Spirit’s guidance.

In Christ’s love,

John S. Weinrich
President, Evangelical Covenant Church

THANK YOU!



We want to thank everyone who called, sent cards, and your prayers in the loss of Don Murphy, Mary’s husband and Karen’s brother.

We are so thankful for our church family.

— *Mary Murphy* and *Karen Bowling*



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

Ladies — just a reminder —

S.P.L.A.S.H. is on *Saturday*,

January 23, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

All women are invited. Please join us!!

Looking Ahead

Sunday	January 17	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service 2:00 p.m. GriefShare
Monday	January 18	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering
Tuesday	January 19	9:30 a.m. SAS Bible Study
Wednesday	January 20	9:00 a.m. "Amped" Prayer Meeting 5:45 p.m. Axis
Thursday	January 21	5:00 p.m. Worship Service
Saturday	January 23	9:00 a.m. S.P.L.A.S.H.
Sunday	January 24	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service 2:00 p.m. GriefShare

Attendance Last Week

Thursday Worship Service = 11; Sunday Worship = 50
27 views on YouTube; Sunday School/Children's Church = 23



Visit Christian Care's Amazon Wish List to see their ongoing needs. You can place an order online. With a \$25.00 order it will be shipped free to Christian Care. It doesn't get any easier than that or, bring your donations to the church and we will deliver them for you. Due to space capacity, they are currently accepting clothing donations of men's winter coats, hats, gloves, hoodies, men's jeans (Sizes 32-34), t-shirts, and flip flops. Personal hygiene and food always accepted.

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