

**ELIM COVENANT CHURCH**  
**November 28, 2021**



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**WORSHIP CELEBRATION**  
**November 28, 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](http://elimqc.org)*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OFFERING**

**MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH**

*"... 'Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,'  
says the Lord Almighty."  
— Zechariah 4:6b (NIV)*

**ADORATION TO GOD**

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

**WORSHIP SONGS**

*"Joy to the World"*

*"O Come All Ye Faithful"*

*"O Come O Come Emmanuel"*

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**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**

**Malachi 3:1-4; 4:1-6**

## **MESSAGE**

**“First Sunday in Advent: Hope”**

**By Pastor Steve Peterson**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**Pastor Steve Peterson**

*“O Holy Night”*

## **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**

*“It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”*

**BENEDICTION**

## **52-Week Bible Reading Plan**

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Epistles</i>	<i>1 John 4-5</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>The Law</i>	<i>Deut. 23-25</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>History</i>	<i>Nehemiah 5-9</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Psalms</i>	<i>Psalms 140-142</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Poetry</i>	<i>Song of Songs 1-2</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>Prophecy</i>	<i>Revelation 1-6</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Gospels</i>	<i>Acts 21-22</i>

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

### **December Birthdays**

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

### **December Birthdays**

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

### **December Anniversaries**

*2 – Gary and Julie Wells*

**Sermon Notes**  
**November 28, 2021**  
**First Sunday in Advent: Hope**  
**Malachi 3:1-4; 4:1-6**

**Key Text:** *“May integrity and uprightness protect me, because my hope, Lord, is in you” (Ps. 25:21)*

**Key Thought:** For the righteous, our core hope is in Jesus’ second coming

1) Intro & Context

2) The **MESSENGER** (Mal. 3:1; 4:5) (cf. Isa. 40:3-5; Mt. 3:2; 11:14)

3) The **DAY** of the Lord (Mal. 3:2-3; 4:1) (cf. Jer. 13:14-16; Lk. 21:25-28)

4) The **RIGHTEOUS** are saved (Mal. 4:2-3) (cf. Ps. 37:9; Jer. 29:11; Lk. 21:34-36; Rom. 5:1-2)

5) Conclusion

**QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:**

- What is your foundational hope for this world and the next? Do you live accordingly?
- How will you safeguard and strengthen that hope?

## 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 grieve the loss of loved ones during the holiday season.

### **Those in Need of God's Strength and Healing:**

Katie Clarke	Arlene Miller	Belva VanNorman
Anna Swanson	Jay and Judie Stanley	Margaret Crandall
Tasha Munger	Felipe Cantu	JoAnn Nelsen
Gary Wells		

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

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### **Pray for Covenant Missionaries:**

#### **Marta Klein**

Marta serves in DR Congo. Her ministry includes fundraising; medical work/education; public health.

#### ***Five words for a typical Sunday:***

Dancing, singing. Praying aloud together.



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### **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.

*Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know. – Jeremiah 33:3*





## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Operation Christmas Child was a huge success this year. Everyone seems to really enjoy participating in this awesome ministry. Elim filled and collected 91 boxes. Elim was also a collection site. Thank you, **Carolyn and Cecil**

**Grimes and Pat Hudson**, for all your hard work to make it all possible.



## Children's Church

Natalie Hermann needs large oatmeal canisters for a children's church craft. Please bring them to church by **Sunday, December 5**. Thank you!



## Congregational Meeting

**Next Sunday, December 5, 2021**, immediately following the church service, there will be a congregational meeting. The proposed budget and officers for 2022 are posted on the bulletin board in the entryway for your review. They will be voted on at the meeting. See you there!



## Poinsettias

A sign-up sheet for poinsettias is on the table in the gathering area. The cost is \$10.00 this year and may be turned in to the church office or put in an envelope marked "poinsettia" and placed in the offering plate.



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.

# Advent

## **Advent Christmas Tree**

This year we have an additional Christmas tree in the sanctuary. At the Thanksgiving Eve service we were given ornaments for the tree. The ornament read: *This Advent season I commit to:* and then we wrote on the ornament what we wanted to commit to for the Advent season and hung it on the tree. If you couldn't make it to the service, we have additional ornaments so you, too, can participate. Just pick up an ornament, fill it out, and hang it on the tree. You are welcome to take an additional one home.

## **Advent Prayer Calendar**

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| Sunday, November 28   | Pray for those who are feeling isolated and alone.                   |
| Monday, November 29   | Offer thanks for God's presence in your life.                        |
| Tuesday, November 30  | Ask God to open your eyes to the wonder of this season.              |
| Wednesday, December 1 | Pray for justice for all of God's people.                            |
| Thursday, December 2  | Give thanks to God for the new life we receive in Jesus.             |
| Friday, December 3    | Ask God to reveal how you can be a more faithful servant.            |
| Saturday, December 4  | Pray for a humble heart, a passion for justice, and a loving spirit. |

## Looking Ahead

Sunday	November 28	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service
		<b><i>No Perspectives Today</i></b>
Monday	November 29	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering
Tuesday	November 30	9:30 a.m. <b>SAS</b> Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Grief Group
Wednesday	December 1	9:00 a.m. "AMPED" Prayer Meeting 5:45 p.m. Axis 6:00 p.m. Children's Ministry
Thursday	December 2	9:15 a.m. Keenagers
Saturday	December 4	8:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m. CIU Ellis 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. CIU Wood
Sunday	December 5	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service 11:30 a.m. Congregational Meeting 2:30 p.m. Perspectives

## Attendance Last Week

Sunday Worship = 78; Views on YouTube = 42  
Sunday School/Children's Church = 24



### Critical Needs:

Garbage bags (13-, 33- and 39-gallon)  
Full-size bottles of shampoo; laundry detergent (liquid only)

### Clothing:

Men's coats (L, XL, XXL, XXXL), hats & gloves

### Supplies:

Bathroom cleaner, Pine Sol, Fabuloso, toilet bowl cleaner,

### Meal Site:

Large cans of vegetables, sugar, condiments

***Reminder: They are not accepting women's clothing. There is an updated list of current needs on the table in the gathering area. You can also give online at Amazon by using this link:***  
[https://smile.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3F82WTTSYZ9EY/ref=nav\\_wishlist\\_lists\\_1?encoding=UTF8&type=wishlist](https://smile.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3F82WTTSYZ9EY/ref=nav_wishlist_lists_1?encoding=UTF8&type=wishlist)