

ELIM COVENANT CHURCH
January 2, 2022



Elim Covenant Church

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WORSHIP CELEBRATION

January 2, 2022

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 so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them"

— 1 John 4:16

ADORATION TO GOD

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

WORSHIP SONGS

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

**Luke 1:13; Luke 1:30
Matthew 1:20; Luke 2:10**

MESSAGE

“This is our Time...Do not be afraid!”

By Mark Drake

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

BENEDICTION

January Birthdays

6 – Christopher Whipple

10 – Anna Christy

6 – Stephen Whipple

15 – Rebecca Christy

7 – Victoria Fowler

15 – Tom Wirtz

9 – Sandy Parrott

15 – Graham Wood

January Anniversaries

8 – Jeff and Mary Parrott

Navigator Bible Reading Plans

	New Testament	Book-at-a-Time Bible Reading Plan
January 1	Mark 1	Genesis 1-2; Psalm 1
January 2	Mark 2	Genesis 3-5; Psalm 2
January 3	Mark 3	Genesis 6-9; Psalm 3
January 4	Mark 4	Genesis 10-11; Psalm 4
January 5	Mark 5	Genesis 12-14; Psalm 5
January 6	<i>Reflection</i>	Genesis 15-17; Psalm 6
January 7	<i>Reflection</i>	<i>Reflection</i>
January 8	Mark 6	Genesis 18-20; Psalm 7

Full Bible Reading Plans are on the table in the gathering area.

Sermon Notes
January 2, 2022
“This is our Time...Do not be afraid!”

But the angel said to him: “Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to call him John. – Luke 1:13

But the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. – Luke 1:30

But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. – Matthew 1:20

But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. – Luke 2:10

PRAYER PAGE

Praises: Mark Drake, YouthHope, and all their dedicated staff and volunteers.

Prayer Concerns: COVID numbers rising.

Those in Need of God's Strength and Healing:

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

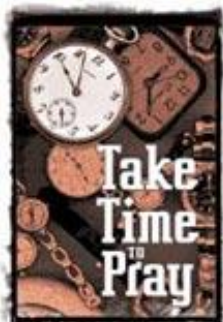
Families that have lost loved ones, caregivers, military families, and unspoken concerns.

Pray for Covenant Missionaries:

Max McClure

Max serves in the Czech Republic. His ministry includes Outreach; Student Ministry; and Music Ministry.

Five words for a typical Sunday: Here, there, in God's presence.



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.

A New Year's Prayer from The Evangelical Covenant Church: *Dear Lord, We give thanks for your amazing grace and presence with us as we enter 2022. In this new year, may we hold tightly to the unwavering hope we have in Jesus as we think of new ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. Together, let us join you in your mission to make more disciples among more populations in a more caring and just world. Amen.*



Mission

YouthHope's mission is to bring children and teens from low-income areas into a life-changing relationship with Christ through encouraging, equipping, and empowering them at our Youth Centers, Camp Summit, and Community Outreach Programs. We meet the physical, emotional, spiritual, and educational needs of low-income and at-risk youth.

Purpose

It doesn't matter why kids and teens come - it matters who they are when they leave! We passionately and persistently pursue youth through authentic relationships to create enrichment opportunities, leadership development, and a place to find HOPE.

Vision

We bring youth HOPE!

Hymn Sing

Can't get enough of your favorite hymns? Join us next Sunday, **January 9, at 6:00 p.m.** for another hymn sing. Everyone is welcome, so grab your family, friends, and neighbors and come.



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, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Thank-You

Pastor Steve and his family thank everyone for the many cards, Christmas wishes and gifts that so many gave. We feel so loved and blessed by you all and blessed by God to be honored to serve such a great church family!



Thank you! God bless you and yours!



Help Wanted!

Tasha Munger is looking for help for snow removal for her grandparents for the winter. If you can give them a hand, contact the church office or Tasha at (309) 281-8784.

“Loss of a Spouse” and “GriefShare”

Your life has changed forever. The daily emotions and challenges can seem too hard to bear.

Find help at a Loss of a Spouse seminar.

You'll hear:

- Practical advice from others who've been there.
- What to expect in your grief.
- How to cope with life without your spouse.
- Why it won't always hurt this much.

We will be hosting a “Loss of a Spouse” seminar on **Tuesday January 4**, at **6:00 p.m.** The following **Tuesday, January 11**, at **6:00 p.m.** we will begin a new GriefShare series. Sign-up sheets are on the table in the gathering area.

It doesn't matter how long your loved one has been gone, often grief issues linger. Maybe you or someone you know needs grief support but are shy or apprehensive about joining a group. We would encourage you to try it. Questions? Sandy Parrott, Mary Murphy or Karen Bowling would love to talk to you about it.

Looking Ahead

Sunday	January 2	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service
Monday	January 3	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering
Tuesday	January 4	9:30 a.m. SAS Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Loss of a Spouse Seminar
Wednesday	January 5	9:00 a.m. "AMPED" Prayer Meeting 5:45 p.m. Axis 6:00 p.m. Children's Ministry
Sunday	January 9	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service 6:00 p.m. Hymn Sing

Attendance Last Week

Sunday Worship = 58; Views on YouTube = 27
Sunday School/Children's Church = 13



Christian Care is expanding their ministry to homeless women and children. **Martha's House** will soon be open, and they need twin-size sheets, towels and washcloths. We will keep you posted of future needs as we hear of them. A list of ongoing needs for Christian Care is on the table in the gathering area. Thank you for your support. Check out their website at: <https://www.christiancareqck.org>
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