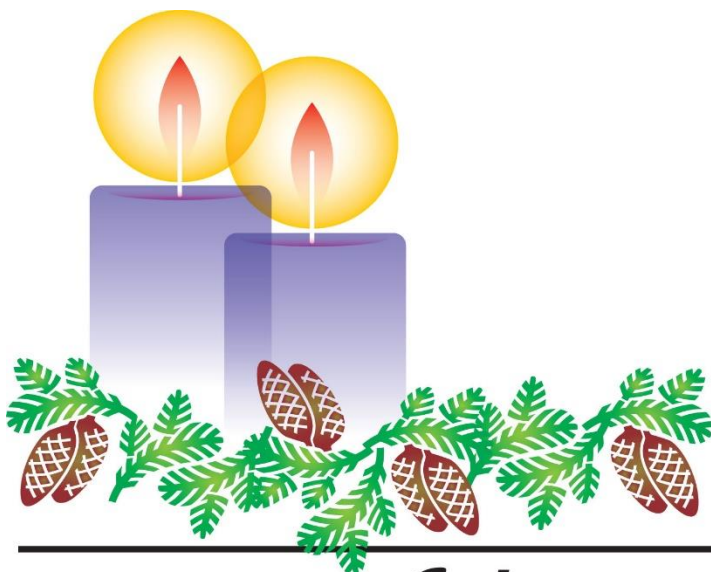


ELIM COVENANT CHURCH

December 5, 2021



SECOND SUNDAY OF *Advent*

Elim Covenant Church

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WORSHIP CELEBRATION

December 5, 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

"...Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine."

— Isaiah 43:1

ADORATION TO GOD

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

WORSHIP SONGS

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

"The First Noel"

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

Juanita Arellanos and Kathy Henderson

SPECIAL MUSIC

Tom Dang

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

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

Philippians 4:4-9

MESSAGE

"Second Sunday in Advent: Peace"

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

"Silent Night"

BENEDICTION

December Birthdays

6 – Kelly Wood
10 – Nolan Cassini
11 – Danielle Ogden
12 – Karen Bowling
13 – Adam Hermann

December Birthdays

13 – Tyler Spencer
13 – Lacey Wagner
19 – Elizabeth Smith
19 – Julie Wells

December Anniversaries

30 – Tom and Diane Wirtz

Sermon Notes
December 5, 2021
Second Sunday in Advent: Peace
Philippians 4:4-9

Key Text: *“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you...”* (John 14:27)

Key Thought: God wills for us a profound peace

1) Intro & Context

2) Peace with **GOD** (cf. Rom. 5:1,10; Col. 1:20)

3) Peace with **OTHERS** (cf. Pr. 16:7; Rom. 12:18; Eph. 2:14-17)

4) Peace with **SELF** (cf. Eccl. 5:19-20; Rom. 8:1; 1 Jn. 3:19-24)

5) Conclusion

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- Are you at peace with God? Have you been reconciled to Him?
- With whom does God want you to pursue peace?
- Are you at peace with yourself?

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.

Pray for Covenant Missionaries:

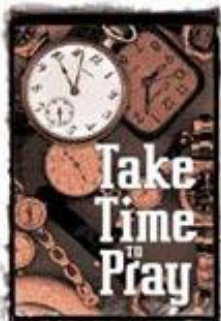
Andrew Larsen and Cari Conklin-Larsen

Andrew and Cari serve in MENA (Middle East | North Africa). Their ministry includes Peacemaking & Reconciliation in North America and MENA.



Five words for a typical Sunday:

Busy, since in much of MENA it's a workday.



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.

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

Congregational Meeting

Today 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!



Christmas Hymn Sing and Concert!

Join us next *Sunday, December 12*, for an amazing evening of Christmas congregational singing and special music performed by various musicians.



*Sounds
of the
Season*

Tori Lauritzen will be joining us on the piano. It's always a treat to have her with us. You won't want to miss out on this very special evening. Be sure to invite your family and friends.

"Loss of a Spouse" and "GriefShare"

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. Come and join us. We will walk together in our journeys and find the comfort and healing we all need.

Questions? Contact Sandy Parrott, Mary Murphy or Karen Bowling.

Advent

Advent Prayer Calendar

- Sunday, December 5 Pray for an open heart and renewed joy this season.
- Monday, December 6 Give thanks to God for all the promises that have been fulfilled.
- Tuesday, December 7 Pray that God's peace might dwell in every heart.
- Wednesday, December 8 Open your eyes to see God working in new ways around you.
- Thursday, December 9 Pray for the reconciling of all people to God and one another.
- Friday, December 10 Pray that you might see God's answers to prayer in your life.
- Saturday, December 11 Listen for the Word of God present in the world today.

52-Week Bible Reading Plan

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Epistles</i>	<i>2 John</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>The Law</i>	<i>Deut. 26-28</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>History</i>	<i>Nehemiah 10-13</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Psalms</i>	<i>Psalms 143-145</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Poetry</i>	<i>Song of Songs 3-4</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>Prophecy</i>	<i>Revelation 7-11</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Gospels</i>	<i>Acts 23-24</i>

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

Looking Ahead

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
Monday	December 6	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering
Tuesday	December 7	9:30 a.m. SAS Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Grief Group
Wednesday	December 8	9:00 a.m. "AMPED" Prayer Meeting 5:45 p.m. Axis 6:00 p.m. Children's Ministry
Thursday	December 9	9:15 a.m. Keenagers 6:00 p.m. MLT meeting
Friday	December 10	9:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m. CIU Martel
Sunday	December 12	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service 2:30 p.m. Perspectives 6:00 p.m. Christmas Hymn Sing and Concert

Attendance Last Week

Sunday Worship = 94; Views on YouTube = 25

Sunday School/Children's Church = 35



CHRISTIAN CARE

By providing safe shelter, support, and resources, Christian Care empowers the homeless to make positive changes in every aspect of their lives.

BRRRR...It's Getting Cold!



We continue to need new or slightly used winter coats for our men at the mission as well as top and bottom thermals. Residents often work jobs that require them to be outside or walk back and forth to work and need gear to stay warm. Lg & XL.

Additional needs:

**13-, 33-, 39-gallon garbage bags
Liquid laundry detergent.**