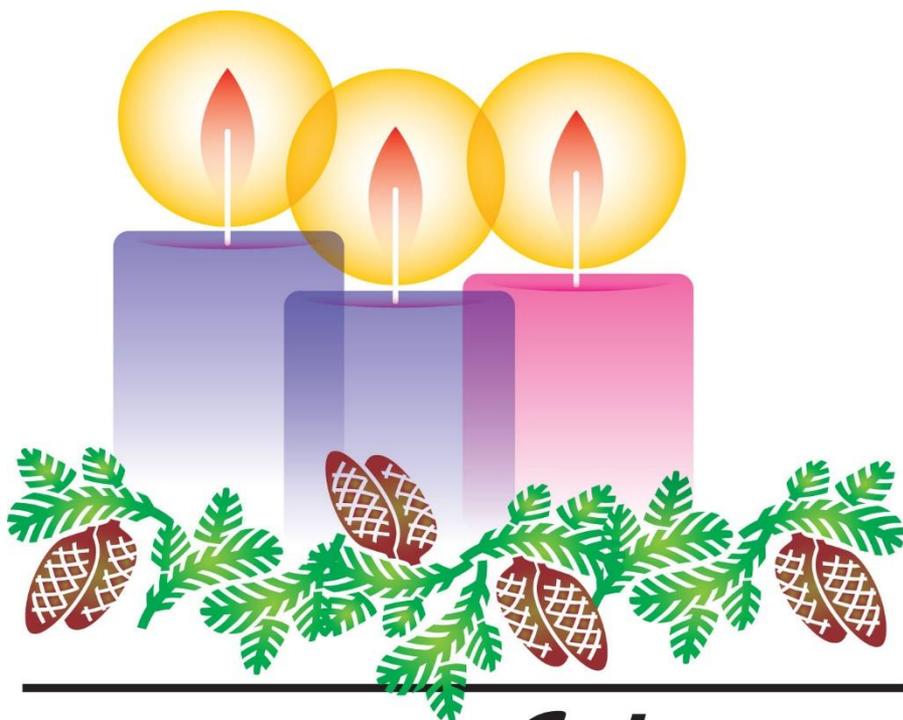


**ELIM COVENANT CHURCH**  
**December 12, 2021**



**THIRD SUNDAY OF** *Advent*

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**WORSHIP CELEBRATION**  
**December 12, 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**

*"...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**

*"Go Tell It on the Mountain"*

*"God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen"*

*"O Come All Ye Faithful"*

**LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE**

*Ryan and Kelly Wood Family*

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*"Christmas Medley"*

**Martin Bear**

## **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**

**Isaiah 12:1-6**

### **MESSAGE**

**"Third Sunday in Advent: Joy"**

**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**

*"Joy to the World"*

## **BENEDICTION**

### **December Birthdays**

*12 – Karen Bowling*

*13 – Adam Hermann*

*13 – Tyler Spencer*

*13 – Lacey Wagner*

*19 – Elizabeth Smith*

*19 – Julie Wells*

### **December Birthdays**

*21 – Taryn Martin*

*22 – John Thompson*

*27 – Dave Parrott*

*28 – Natalee Ferry*

*30 – Belva VanNorman*

*31 – Kristen Burns*

### **December Anniversaries**

*30 – Tom and Diane Wirtz*

**Sermon Notes**  
**December 12, 2021**  
**Third Sunday in Advent: Joy**  
**Isaiah 12:1-6**

**Key Text:** *“Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation”* (Ps. 95:1)

**Key Thought:** God Himself is our source of joy, in whom we can always rejoice

- 1) Intro & Context
  
- 2) Rejoice **ALWAYS** (cf. Ps. 5:11; Php. 4:4; 1 Ths. 5:16)
  
- 3) Rejoice in **GOD** (Ps. 63:11; Isa. 61:10; 1 Pt. 1:8)
  
- 4) Rejoice in His **SALVATION** (cf. Ps. 13:5; 35:9; Isa. 12:3; 25:9)
  
- 5) Rejoice from **RIGHTEOUSNESS** (cf. Ps. 64:10; 68:3; Pr. 10:28; 29:6)
  
- 6) Rejoice in **WORSHIP** (cf. Ps. 9:2; 98:4; Isa. 12:1-6)
  
- 7) Rejoice in **HARDSHIP** (cf. Hab. 3:17-18; Mt. 5:10-12; Rom. 5:3-5; 2 Cor. 8:2; Php. 2:17; Col. 1:24; Heb. 12:2; Ja. 1:2; 1 Pt. 1:6; 4:18)
  
- 8) Conclusion

**QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:**

- How prevalent is joy in your life?
- Do you find in God Himself your source of joy?
- Does worship generate joy for you?

## 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:** Healing for those suffering the effects of COVID.

### **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:**

#### **Katherine Choi-Lee and Peter Lee**

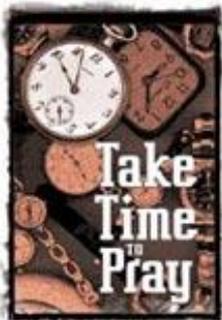
Katherine and Peter are on special assignment. Their area of ministry includes church development (congregational vitality in Europe) and children's ministry/outreach.



#### ***A unique way we see the character of God in the local culture:***

When the French form a relationship bond with you, they are very loyal and devoted.

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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.

*And Mary said: "My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior. – Luke 1:46-47"*

## Christmas Hymn Sing and Concert!

Join us *tonight* 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.



*Christmas Eve Worship Service  
Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup> 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.



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

Just a reminder that S.P.L.A.S.H. will not be meeting in December. We will meet once again on **January 18, 2022**. See you then!

# Advent

## Advent Prayer Calendar

- Sunday, December 12 Pray that the truth about Christmas might be revealed to all people.
- Monday, December 13 Open your hearts so that you might hear God's voice in new ways.
- Tuesday, December 14 Ask God to remove fears that plague your thoughts.
- Wednesday, December 15 Open yourself to be a true servant of God wherever you're needed.
- Thursday, December 16 Pray for those who live on the margins of society.
- Friday, December 17 Give thanks for prayers that have been answered.
- Saturday, December 18 Ask for God's guidance as you prepare your heart for Christmas.

## 52-Week Bible Reading Plan

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Epistles</i>	<i>3 John</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>The Law</i>	<i>Deut. 29-31</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>History</i>	<i>Esther 1-5</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Psalms</i>	<i>Psalms 146-148</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Poetry</i>	<i>Song of Songs 5-6</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>Prophecy</i>	<i>Revelation 12-17</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Gospels</i>	<i>Acts 25-26</i>

## Openings of Providence

The Kindle version of *Openings of Providence, The Story of Missionary Anna Kay Scott* by Kathy Carman Henderson will be available through Amazon from Sunday, December 12th through Tuesday, December 14th for **free**. Paperback versions are also for sale on Amazon.

## Looking Ahead

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
Monday	December 13	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering
Tuesday	December 14	9:30 a.m. <b>SAS</b> Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Grief Group
Wednesday	December 15	9:00 a.m. "AMPED" Prayer Meeting 5:45 p.m. Axis 6:00 p.m. Children's Ministry
Thursday	December 16	9:15 a.m. Keenagers
Sunday	December 19	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service

## Attendance Last Week

Sunday Worship = 93; Views on YouTube = 23

Sunday School/Children's Church = 36



## **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 and liquid hand soap.**

***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.***



**Provided by**

**In Honor or Memory of**

Don and Sheila Yoeckel	Parents
Dale and Linda Gilmour	Parents
Deanna Newton	My Parents
Claudine Patton	Carrie; Pat and Chaley
Cecil and Carolyn Grimes	Our Parents
Rodney and Judy Ouderkirk	Our Parents; Sons, Evan & Tommy
Tabatha and Jon Estes	Tabatha's Parents and Sister
Tabatha and Jon Estes	Jon's Father and Sister
Pat Hudson	Tom and Parents
Karen Bowling	Daughter, Lori
Mary Murphy	Husband
Mary Murphy	Daughter
Ellis Family	Victoria McElhiney
Julie and Gary Wells	Our Parents
Jean Russell	Don Russell
Tracey Garcia	Grandparents
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Terry and Diane Snipes	Parents
Orlin and Karen Johnson	Parents
John and Katie Clarke	Bob and Parents
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Pennie Knary	Mom, Dad, and Brother