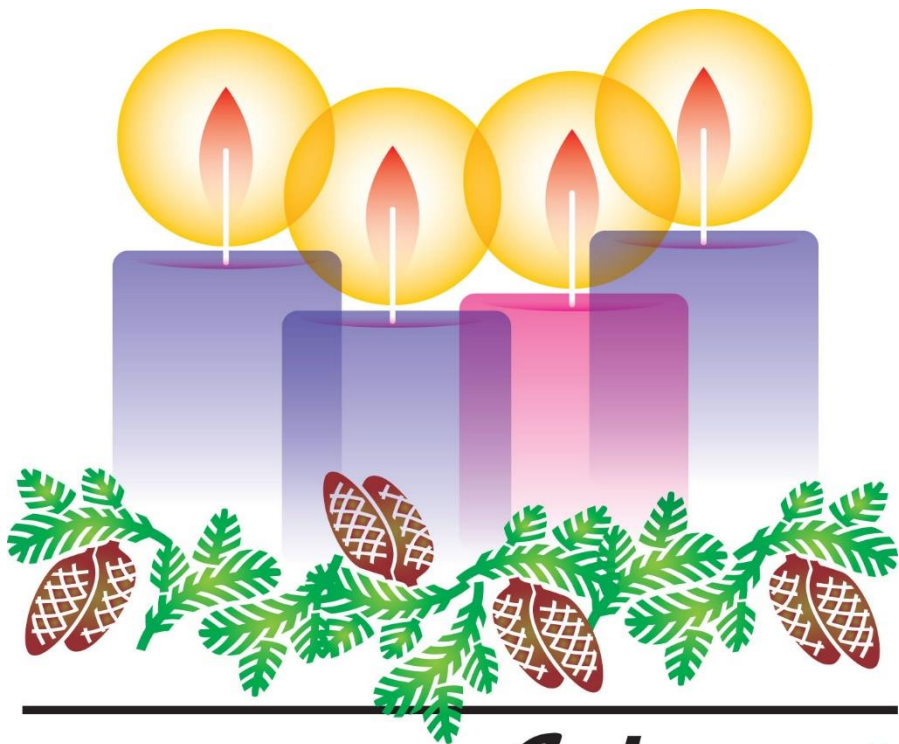


ELIM COVENANT CHURCH
December 19, 2021



FOURTH SUNDAY OF *Advent*

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WORSHIP CELEBRATION
December 19, 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"

"What Child is This"

"O Holy Night"

LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE

Richard and Samantha Spencer

SPECIAL MUSIC

Children's Church

"Little Drummer Boy"

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

John 15:9-17

MESSAGE

"Fourth Sunday in Advent: Love"

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

"The First Noel"

BENEDICTION

December Birthdays

19 – Elizabeth Smith

19 – Julie Wells

21 – Taryn Martin

22 – John Thompson

December Birthdays

27 – Dave Parrott

28 – Natalee Ferry

30 – Belva VanNorman

31 – Kristen Burns

December Anniversaries

30 – Tom and Diane Wirtz

Sermon Notes
December 19, 2021
Fourth Sunday in Advent: Love
John 15:9-17

Key Text: “... *God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them*”
(1 Jn. 4:16)

Key Thought: The story of Advent is, first and foremost, a story of God’s amazing love.

1) Intro & Context

2) Love: God **IS** (cf. 1 Jn. 4:8b,16a)

3) Love: God **CALLS** (cf. Jn. 13:34; 15:12)

4) Love: In **ACTION** (cf. 1 Cor. 13:4-7; 16:14; 1 Jn. 3:18)

5) Conclusion

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- To what extent have you experienced God’s love?
- Do you consciously live out God’s command to love?
- In what ways do you need to grow in love?

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: Victims of the tornadoes of last weekend. Family of Jay Stanley who passed away December 7.

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:

Dale and Sara Lusk

Dale serves as International Director and Global Engagements.

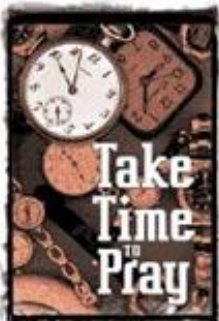
A unique way we see the character of God in the local culture: I've seen that God works in creative ways that are unexpected, and also that community is more important than individualistic success.



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 Eve Services

***Christmas Eve Worship Service
Friday, December 24th 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 22, 2022***. See you then!

“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. 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. The GriefShare group that met this past summer continues to meet on an informal basis. They really bonded and continue to encourage and support each other. Questions? Sandy Parrott, Mary Murphy or Karen Bowling would love to talk to you about it.

Advent

Advent Prayer Calendar

- Sunday, December 19 Pray that God may use you in unexpected ways.
- Monday, December 20 Give thanks that God is with you today and every day.
- Tuesday, December 21 Pray for all those who need to know God's love in this season.
- Wednesday, December 22 Open your heart to make room for the celebration of the real Christmas.
- Thursday, December 23 Give thanks and praise to God for the gift of Jesus Christ.
- Friday, December 24 Ask God to help you share the real good news of Christmas!

For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulders. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this. – Isaiah 9:6-7 (NKJV)

52-Week Bible Reading Plan

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Epistles</i>	<i>Jude</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>The Law</i>	<i>Deut. 32-34</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>History</i>	<i>Esther 6-10</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Psalms</i>	<i>Psalms 149-150</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Poetry</i>	<i>Song of Songs 7-8</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>Prophecy</i>	<i>Revelation 18-22</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Gospels</i>	<i>Acts 27-28</i>

Looking Ahead

Sunday	December 19	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service
Monday	December 20	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering
Tuesday	December 21	9:30 a.m. SAS Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Grief Group
Wednesday	December 22	9:00 a.m. "AMPED" Prayer Meeting No Axis or Children's Ministry meetings today
Friday	December 24	4:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service Merry Christmas!
Saturday	December 25	Jesus is the Reason for the Season!
Sunday	December 26	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service

Attendance Last Week

Sunday Worship = 75; Views on YouTube = 15
Sunday School/Children's Church = 27



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.christiancareqc.org>.

