

# ELIM COVENANT CHURCH

## December 26, 2021



### **Elim Covenant Church**

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**WORSHIP CELEBRATION**  
**December 26, 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**

*"Joy to the World"*

*"What Child is This"*

*"Silent Night"*

**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 2:41-52**

## **MESSAGE**

**“The Boy Jesus”**

**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**

*“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”*

## **BENEDICTION**

### **December Birthdays**

27 – Dave Parrott

28 – Natalee Ferry

30 – Belva VanNorman

31 – Kristen Burns

### **January Birthdays**

1 – Kinsey Knary

6 – Christopher Whipple

6 – Stephen Whipple

7 – Victoria Fowler

### **December Anniversaries**

30 – Tom and Diane Wirtz

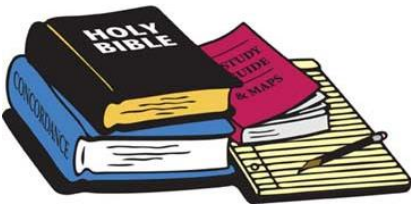
### **January Anniversaries**

8 – Jeff and Mary Parrott

## **New Bible Reading Plans**

Next year brings with it two new Bible reading plans from the Navigators. One will take you through the Bible in a year

(*Book-at-a-Time Bible Reading Plan*) and the other will take you through the New Testament in a year (*New Testament Reading Plan*).



You will find both reading plans for the upcoming week right here in the bulletin, but full reading plans are available to pick up on the table in the gathering area.

**Sermon Notes**  
**December 26, 2021**  
**“The Boy Jesus”**  
**Luke 2:41-52**

**Key Text:** *“And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him”* (Luke 2:40)

**Key Thought:** In this text, we get a glimpse of the remarkable person Jesus was in his boyhood.

- 1) Intro & Context
  
- 2) **IRRESPONSIBLE** parents? (vv. 43-46)
  
- 3) A cause for **ALARM**? (vv. 46,48) (cf. Mt. 2:13-23; Rev. 12)
  
- 4) The **REMARKABLE** boy (vv. 46-47) (cf. 1 Sam. 2:18-26)
  
- 5) His **OBEDIENCE** (v. 51a) (cf. Php. 2:8; Heb. 5:7-8)
  
- 6) Mary’s **CHARACTER** (v. 51b) (cf. Lk. 1:38; 2:19)
  
- 7) Jesus’ **CHARACTER** (v. 52) (cf. Mt. 12:42; 13:54; 2 Pt. 1:17)
  
- 8) Conclusion

**QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:**

- What about Jesus’ story struck you as remarkable today?
- Are you in absolute awe of Jesus?
- Do you truly love Him?

## PRAYER PAGE

**Praises:** The marriage of Rachel Peterson and Nathan Lyon.

**Prayer Concerns:** COVID numbers rising and holiday gatherings.

### **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.

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

#### **Francisco and Stephanie Martins Ramos**

Francisco and Stephanie serve in France. Their ministry is through the arts; Christian Formation; Outreach; and Mosaics.

***A unique way we see the character of God in the local culture:*** The creative spirit in a profusion of art forms and joys in everyday living.



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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"*



## “Loss of a Spouse” and “GriefShare”

# LOSS OF A SPOUSE

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.

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.



### 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.



# Covenant World Relief and Development

PARTNERS IN TRANSFORMATION



Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Thank you for partnering with Covenant World Relief & Development as we stand with vulnerable and marginalized communities for justice and holistic transformation.

We are so grateful for your generous support of CWRD this year as well as your continued prayers. Your faithful giving made possible continual involvement and ministry through global partners in over 30 countries and 81 different ministry projects this year. This includes clean water projects, peacemaking, refugee care, response to many disasters, and more.

Our CWRD partners are the hands and feet of Christ in their local communities, demonstrating Christ's love by working for holistic transformation for individuals, families, and communities. With your help, CWRD is able to partner in these amazing ministries.

## Looking Ahead

Sunday	December 26	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service
Monday	December 27	<b>Church Office Closed; No Prayer Team Gathering Tonight</b>
Tuesday	December 28	9:30 a.m. <b>SAS</b> Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Grief Group
Wednesday	December 29	9:00 a.m. "AMPED" Prayer Meeting <b>No Axis or Children's Ministry meetings today</b>
Thursday	December 30	<b>Church Office Closed</b>
Saturday	January 1	<b>Happy New Year!</b>
Sunday	January 2	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service

## Attendance Last Week

Sunday Worship = 87; Views on YouTube = 35  
Sunday School/Children's Church = 32



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>.

