

ELIM COVENANT CHURCH
December 4, 2022



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WORSHIP CELEBRATION

December 4, 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

Juanita Arellanos

OFFERING

MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

"In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind"

(John 1:4)

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

Terry and Diane Snipes

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"

Blue Hymnal No. 157

"The First Noel"

Blue Hymnal No. 167

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Blue Hymnal No. 154

SPECIAL MUSIC

Pastor Steve Peterson

"I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day"

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 9:1-2,6-7

MESSAGE

"The Advent of Peace"

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, Holy Night"

Blue Hymnal No. 172

BENEDICTION

December Anniversaries

30 – Tom and Diane Wirtz

December Birthdays

6 – Kelly Wood

10 – Nolan Cassini

11 – Danielle Ogden

December Birthdays

12 – Karen Bowling

13 – Adam Hermann

13 – Tyler Spencer

Sermon Notes
December 4, 2022
“The Advent of Peace”
Isaiah 9:1-2,6-7

Key Text: *“Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts...”* (Col. 3:15)

Key Thought: God has promised, through Christ, an excelling peace

- 1) Intro & Context

- 2) **PROMISED** peace (cf. Isa. 26:3; Jn. 14:27; 16:33; Php. 4:6-7)

- 3) A **PATH** to peace (cf. Isa. 26:3; 32:17; 59:8; 66:2)

- 4) **PRACTICING** peace (Isa. 26:3; Php. 4:6-7; Col. 3:15)

- 5) Conclusion

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- Do you trust in God’s promise for peace?
- Do you understand God’s path to peace? Are you ready and willing to walk in it?
- Will you commit to the practices that will establish God’s peace in your life?

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: Peace in our hearts and in the world.

Those in Need of God's Strength and Healing:

Katie Clarke	Arlene Miller	Belva Van Norman
Anna Swanson	Wiley Barnes	Margaret Crandall
Tasha Munger	Felipe Cantu	JoAnn Nelsen
Gary Wells	Curt Jackson	Sandy Winthurst
Madeline Lumpkin	Jeff Parrott	Don Neer

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

Pray for Covenant Missionaries:

Carolyn and Jeffrey Stoker

Carolyn and Jeffrey serve in Cameroon. Their ministries include Education of Missionary Children and Accounting and Financial Management.

If we could see all our supporters face to face, we would say: Thank you for your support over 35 years in Africa.



Prayer Opportunities

Prayer Cards: Feel free to use the prayer cards for your requests and drop them in the offering plate.

Prayer Following Worship: Elim Prayer Team is available to pray with you after the service in the Jeremiah classroom at the back of the sanctuary.

Prayer Gatherings: Mondays at 3:45 p.m. and Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. Come and pray with the team members and share your requests/praises.

Prayer Chain: Have a prayer need? Call Sandy at the church at (309) 764-6920 Monday thru Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. or call or text Sandy at (309) 592-7703 with your request.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Join us this afternoon for some good old-fashioned Christmas caroling. We will meet at the church at 2:00 p.m. and visit various shut-ins and nursing homes. What a great way to enter this beautiful Christmas season.



CAROLING

Just a Reminder

Just a friendly reminder that S.P.L.A.S.H. will meet Saturday, **December 10, 2022**, at 9:00 a.m. for a short business meeting, a devotional time, a light breakfast with some friends, and some fun. See you then!



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, December 11, 2022, immediately following the church service, there will be a congregational meeting. The proposed budget and officers for 2023 are posted on the bulletin board in the entryway for your review. They will be voted on at the meeting. See you there!



HYMN SING

Our Christmas hymn sing is **Sunday, December 11**, at **4:00 p.m.** You won't want to miss this opportunity to sing your favorite Christmas carols and enjoy some special Christmas music. It will be a wonderful time of fellowship and rejoicing in the birth of Jesus Christ our Savior.



POINSETTIAS



A sign-up sheet for poinsettias is on the table in the gathering area. The cost is \$10.00 and may be turned in to the church office or put in an envelope marked “poinsettia” and placed in the offering plate.

Each plant is purchased to beautify our church during the Christmas season in memory or honor of a loved one and may be taken after Christmas for you to enjoy.

LAUNDRY MINISTRY

Juanita Arellanos and her gang will be at one of our local laundromats on **Wednesday, December 14**, blessing others by paying for their laundry. Help us by feeding the purple pig with quarters to help with this amazing ministry. You’ll find him on the table just outside the sanctuary door. Thanks!



THANK-YOU!

From Christian Care: “I would like to thank you for your recent donation of clothing, food, and hygiene which we received. Because of your contribution, we will be able to better serve the least, the last, and the lost in the Quad Cities.”

Thank you, Elim, for making a difference in the lives of the homeless!

Navigator Bible Reading Plans

	New Testament	Book-at-a-Time Bible Reading Plan
December 4	Revelation 4	Habakkuk; Isaiah 45
December 5	Revelation 5	Zephaniah; Isaiah 46
December 6	Revelation 6	Jude; Isaiah 47
December 7	Revelation 7	<i>Reflection</i>
December 8	<i>Reflection</i>	Haggai; Isaiah 48
December 9	<i>Reflection</i>	Zechariah 1-3; Isaiah 49
December 10	Revelation 8	Zechariah 4-6; Isaiah 50

Looking Ahead

Sunday	December 4	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School/Confirmation
		10:30 a.m.	Worship Celebration Service
		1:00 p.m.	CIU Ellis
		2:00 p.m.	Christmas Caroling
Monday	December 5	3:45 p.m.	Prayer Team Gathering
Wednesday	December 7	9:00 a.m.	"Amped" Prayer Meeting
		5:45 p.m.	Axis
		6:00 p.m.	Children's Ministry
Thursday	December 8	6:00 p.m.	MLT
Saturday	December 10	9:00 a.m.	S.P.L.A.S.H.
Sunday	December 11	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School/Confirmation
		10:30 a.m.	Worship Celebration Service
		11:45 a.m.	Congregational Meeting
		4:00 p.m.	Hymn Sing

GREETERS TODAY: Rodney and Judy Ouderkirk

Attendance Last Week

Sunday Worship = 68 Views on YouTube = 24
 Sunday School/Confirmation = 15 Children's Church = 3

CHILD CARE SCHEDULE

TODAY, December 4:

Children's Church: Kelly Wood and Meagan Bear
 Nursery: Cheryl Bear and Rachel Cunningham

NEXT WEEK, December 11:

Children's Church: Elizabeth Peterson and Mary Parrott
 Nursery: Meagan Bear and Mariah Decker

Christian Care Current Needs

- Men's Sweatshirts
- Men's Sweatpants
- Men's Jeans
- Men's Winter Coats
- Hats and Gloves
- Thermal Underwear
- Socks
- Perishables and Non-Perishable Goods
- Trash Bags! (39-gallon/13-gallon)
- Hygiene Products
 - i.e. Shampoo/conditioner, razors, body wash, deodorant, foot powder, and shaving cream
- Cleaning Supplies
- Laundry Detergent
- Shower shoes/flip flops (9,10,11,12, 13)

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