

**ELIM COVENANT CHURCH**  
**December 11, 2022**



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**WORSHIP CELEBRATION**  
**December 11, 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](http://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 THIRD ADVENT CANDLE**

*The Parrott Family*

**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"*

*Blue Hymnal No. 188*

*"God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen"*

*"O Come, All Ye Faithful"*

*Blue Hymnal No. 147*

**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**

**Psalm 146:5-10**

## **MESSAGE**

**"The Advent of Joy"**

**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!"*

*Blue Hymnal No. 146*

## **BENEDICTION**

### **December Anniversaries**

*19 – Nathan and Rachel Lyon*

*30 – Tom and Diane Wirtz*

### **December Birthdays**

*11 – Danielle Ogden*

*12 – Karen Bowling*

*13 – Adam Hermann*

*13 – Tyler Spencer*

*19 – Julie Wells*

### **December Birthdays**

*21 – Taryn Martin*

*22 – John Thompson*

*27 – Dave Parrott*

*30 – Belva VanNorman*

*31 – Kristen Burns*

**Sermon Notes**  
**December 11, 2022**  
**“The Advent of Joy”**  
**Psalm 146:5-10**

**Key Text:** “Be joyful always” (1 Thessalonians 5:16)

**Key Thought:** In Christ, and through His Spirit, we can be joyful always, even when faced with great trials

1) Intro & Context

2) Joy’s **DAWNING** (Ps. 27:5-6; **30:11; 126; Isa. 51:11; 61:3; Jer. 31:13)**

3) Joy’s **SOURCE** (cf. Ps.; 16:11; 90:14; Isa. 61:3; Gal. 5:22)

4) **SECURING** joy (Ps. 5:11; 43:4-5; Isa. 54:1; Heb. 1:9)

5) Conclusion

**QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:**

- In times of trouble, do you yet trust God to be faithful?
- Do you look to God for joy? Or are you pursuing it by other means?
- How will you secure God’s joy?

## 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:** The lost, the lonely, and those who feel unloved.

### **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.

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### Pray for Covenant Missionaries:

#### Barbara and Steven Swanson

Barbara and Steven serve in Sweden. Their ministries include Ministry with Refugees, Immigrants, and Asylum-seekers; Justice; and Christian Formation.

*Three words best described how this community reflects God's faithfulness:*

Generosity, inviting, and creative.



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## 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.

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

*Today*, immediately following the church service, there will be a congregational meeting. The proposed budget and officers for 2023 will be voted on at the meeting. Please stay and catch up on what's happening at Elim!

## HYMN SING

Our Christmas hymn sing is *this afternoon*, at **4:00 p.m.** You won't want to miss this opportunity to sing some of your favorite Christmas hymns. *Torie Lauritzson* will share a piano solo and will accompany *Pastor Steve* as he sings "O Holy Night." Come join us for an evening of worship and blessings.

## DAYTIME TRIVIA

Join Cindy Minard and the Trivia bunch on *Tuesday, December 13* for Daytime Trivia. Come at 11:00 a.m. and bring your lunch. Trivia starts at 11:30 a.m. \$5.00 per person. Come and see what the fun is all about!

## CHURCH LUNCHEON

Next *Sunday, December 18*, you are invited to stay after church for a church luncheon. Mary Turnbaugh and her crew will be serving up homemade soups and breads. Please plan on staying and enjoying some delicious food and fellowship!

## 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!

## Christmas Caroling

Christmas caroling has been a tradition in past years at Elim. Thank you, **Cheryl Bear**, for reviving this fun, uplifting tradition. We hope to make it an annual event.



## Pray 4 Me Prayer Basket

Our prayer basket has been refreshed. Please help us in praying for each other by taking a slip of paper with the names of our Elim family. Take as many as you like. There are also clothespin magnets for you to use as a reminder to pray for those you've drawn. What an easy way to uphold and love each other with our prayers.

## Sign-up Sheet for Greeters

We have a sign-up sheet on the table in the gathering area for greeters for 2023. You may sign up with someone or you can be put together with another greeter. Thanks for serving!

## Navigator Bible Reading Plans

	<b>New Testament</b>	<b>Book-at-a-Time Bible Reading Plan</b>
December 11	Revelation 9	Zechariah 7-9; Isaiah 51
December 12	Revelation 10	Zechariah 10-12; Isaiah 52
December 13	Revelation 11	Zechariah 13-14; Isaiah 53
December 14	Revelation 12	<i>Reflection</i>
December 15	<i>Reflection</i>	Malachi 1-2; Isaiah 54
December 16	<i>Reflection</i>	Malachi 3-4; Isaiah 55
December 17	Revelation 13	Revelation 1-2; Isaiah 56

## Looking Ahead

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
Monday	December 12	3:45 p.m.	Prayer Team Gathering
Tuesday	December 13	11:00 a.m.	Daytime Trivia
Wednesday	December 14	9:00 a.m.	"AMPED" Prayer Meeting
		5:45 p.m.	Axis
		6:00 p.m.	Children's Ministry
Thursday	December 15	6:00 p.m.	Grief Group
Saturday	December 17	1:00-5:00 p.m.	CIU Thompsons
Sunday	December 18	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School/Confirmation
		10:30 a.m.	Worship Celebration Service
		11:45 a.m.	Church Luncheon

**GREETERS TODAY:** Rodney and Judy Ouderkirk

### Attendance Last Week

Sunday Worship = 84 Views on YouTube = 15  
 Sunday School/Confirmation = 39 Children's Church = 5

## CHILD CARE SCHEDULE

### TODAY, December 11:

Children's Church: Elizabeth Peterson and Mary Parrott

Nursery: Rachel Lyon and Mariah Decker

### NEXT WEEK, December 18:

Children's Church: Amy Hennings and Kristen Burns

Nursery: Sandy Parrott and Meagan Bear

### Christian Care Current Needs

- Paper Products (**URGENT**)
- Men's Sweatshirts
  - Men's Sweatpants
  - Men's Jeans
- Men's Winter Coats
  - Hats and Gloves
- Thermal Underwear
- Socks
- Perishables and Non-Perishable Goods
- Ziplock Bags
- 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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