


# ELIM COVENANT CHURCH

## January 1, 2023



Since the children have flesh  
and blood, he too shared in  
their humanity so that by his  
death he might destroy him  
who holds the power of  
death – that is, the devil.

- Hebrews 2:14 -

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# **WORSHIP CELEBRATION**

**January 1, 2023**

**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**

**Don Peterson**

## **OFFERING**

## **MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH**

*"I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you"  
(Psalm 32:8)*

## **ADORATION TO GOD**

We offer to God "a sacrifice of praise," expressing our love and devotion to Him.

## **WORSHIP SONGS**

*"O Come, All Ye Faithful"*

*Blue Hymnal No. 147*

*"Away in a Manger"*

*Blue Hymnal No. 164*

*"God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen"*

## **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**

**Hebrews 2:10-18**

**MESSAGE**  
**“The Purpose of It All”**  
**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**

**January Birthdays**

- 1 – Kinsey Knary
- 3 – Eliana Henderson
- 6 – Christopher Whipple
- 6 – Stephen Whipple
- 9 – Sandy Parrott

**January Anniversaries**

- 8 – Jeff and Mary Parrott

**Daily Bible Reading Guide 2023**

***God’s Saving Word: Unity in Christ Jesus***

January 1	Hebrews 1:1-14
January 2	Hebrews 2:1-18
January 3	Hebrews 3:1-19
January 4	Hebrews 4:1-13
January 5	Hebrews 4:14-5:10
<b>Epiphany</b>	
January 6	Hebrews 2:1-12
January 7	Hebrews 2:13-23

**Sermon Notes**  
**January 1, 2023**  
**“The Purpose of It All”**  
**Hebrews 2:10-18**

**Key Text:** *“For by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy”* (Heb. 10:14)

**Key Thought:** The purpose of Jesus’ advent (the incarnation) was to save us from our sins and make us holy

- 1) Intro & Context
- 2) The Messiah’s **IDENTITY**
  - a. The **PIONEER** of salvation (v. 10) (cf. Acts 3:15; 5:31; Heb. 12:2)
  - b. Fully human (vv. 10,14,17) (cf. Jn. 1:14; Rom. 8:3; Php. 2:7; 1 Jn. 1:1-2)
  - c. Numbered as **FAMILY** (v. 11) (cf. Jn. 1:12; Rom. 8:14,16,21; 1 Jn. 3:1-2)
  - d. Our High Priest (vv. 17-18) (cf. Heb. 3:1; 4:14-5:10; 6:20; 7:11-8:6; 9:11-12,24-28; 10:11-14)
- 3) The Messiah’s **PURPOSE**
  - a. To bring us to glory (v. 10) (cf. Jn. 1:12-13; 17:22-24; Rom. 8:29-30)
  - b. To make us **HOLY** (v. 11a) (thru atonement) (cf. Rom. 3:23-25; Heb. 10:10-14; 13:12)
  - c. To free us from the power of death (v. 14) (cf. 1 Cor. 15:54-57; 2 Tim. 1:10; 1 Jn. 3:8)
  - d. To free us from the slavery of **FEAR** (v. 15) (cf. Jn. 8:36; Rom. 8:15; 2 Tim. 1:7; 1 Jn. 4:18)
- 4) Conclusion

**QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:**

- By faith, have you believed, and so received Jesus’ atonement for your sins?
- By Jesus’ sacrifice, have you been made holy? By His Spirit, are you growing in holiness?
- Where are you at with your fear factor? Is His perfect love driving out all your fears?

## PRAYER PAGE

**Praises:** A new year. A Savior that forgives and gives us a fresh start. His mercies are new every morning. Great is Thy faithfulness!

**Prayer Concerns:** Those suffering losses from the recent winter storms.

### **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:**

#### **Alex and Amanda Velasco**

Alex serves as Associate Director of Merge.

*I felt at home in my country of service when...* Marlo, a Merge staff member, invited our kids to be on his football team.



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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.

## THANK YOU!

Thank you everyone who bought a poinsettia in memory or honor of loved ones to beautify our church this Christmas season. One of our memorials went missing. Thank you, **Tom Lancial**, for helping us to honor **Annette**. We love Annette and have fond memories of her.



## HYMN SING



Winter has set in and getting out in the weather may not always be desirable, but it's always worth it to come to be together to enjoy singing our favorite hymns. I wonder what Pastor Steve will have up his sleeve this time. Come and find out.

Join us next Sunday, **January 8, at 4:00 p.m.** Everyone is welcome, so grab your family, friends, and neighbors and come.

## DAYTIME TRIVIA

Join Cindy Minard and the Trivia bunch on **Tuesday, January 17** 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!

## JUST A REMINDER

Just a friendly reminder that S.P.L.A.S.H. will meet Saturday, **January 21, 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!



## Daily Bible Reading Guide 2023

It's a new year and we have a new Bible reading guide for you. It comes from the American Bible Society. The focus of the reading guide is on God's Saving Word. This is not a read-the-Bible-in-a-Year guide. Instead, it will guide us through the different seasons of the Christian calendar.



The readings are short, so they are manageable for even the busiest of schedules. January starts with *Unity in Christ Jesus* and will take us through Scriptures that relate to it. You will find the readings in the bulletin every week. Copies of the full guide are available on the table in the gathering area. We hope you will take advantage of this plan to strengthen you in your Bible reading and walk with Christ.



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

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 3**, at **6:00 p.m.** The following **Tuesday, January 10**, 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. Questions? See Sandy Parrott.

## Looking Ahead

Sunday	January 1	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School/Confirmation
		10:30 a.m.	Worship Celebration Service
Monday	January 2		<b>Office Closed</b>
		3:45 p.m.	Prayer Team Gathering
Tuesday	January 3	9:30 a.m.	<b>SAS</b> Bible Study
		6:00 p.m.	<i>Loss of a Spouse</i> Seminar
Wednesday	January 4	9:00 a.m.	"AMPED" Prayer Meeting
Thursday	January 5	6:00 p.m.	Grief Group
Sunday	January 8	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School/Confirmation
		10:30 a.m.	Worship Celebration Service
		4:00 p.m.	Hymn Sing

**GREETERS TODAY:** Mary Murphy and Karen Bowling

### Attendance Last Week

Sunday Worship = 55      Views on YouTube = 19

### CHILD CARE SCHEDULE

#### TODAY, January 1:

Children's Church: Kelly Wood and Meagan Bear

Nursery: Cheryl Bear and Rachel Cunningham

#### NEXT WEEK, January 8:

Children's Church: Elizabeth Peterson and Mary Parrott

Nursery: Meagan Bear and Mariah Richardson

### 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)

They currently are not taking donations for women and children. The outpour of support has left Martha's House with plenty at the moment. Thank you to those who have contributed.