

ELIM COVENANT CHURCH
December 18, 2022



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WORSHIP CELEBRATION
December 18, 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 FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE

The Cespedes Family

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

"What Child Is This"

Blue Hymnal No. 171

"O Holy Night"

SPECIAL MUSIC

Linda Gilmour

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 80:1-7, 17-19; Romans 1:1-7

MESSAGE

"The Advent of Love"

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"

Blue Hymnal No. 167

BENEDICTION

December Anniversaries

19 – Nathan and Rachel Lyon

30 – Tom and Diane Wirtz

December Birthdays

19 – Julie Wells

21 – Taryn Martin

22 – John Thompson

December Birthdays

27 – Dave Parrott

30 – Belva VanNorman

31 – Kristen Burns

Sermon Notes
December 18, 2022
“The Advent of Love”
Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19; Romans 1:1-7

Key Text: *“Here is my servant whom I have chosen, the one I love, in whom I delight...”* (Mt. 12:18)

Key Thought: Through God’s Spirit, we can be transformed by faith in Christ, and be established in God’s love

- 1) Intro & Context

- 2) A prayer for **RESTORATION** (Ps. 80) (cf. Ps. 14:7; Isa. 49:8)

- 3) The **ULTIMATE** restoration (Isa. 7:14; Mt. 1:23) (cf. Acts 13:39; Rom. 3:24)

- 4) **CALLED** & restored (Rom. 1:5-7) (cf. Jn. 14:23; Rom. 7:4; 2 Tim. 1:9)

- 5) Restored to **LOVE** (cf. Jn. 15:12; Eph. 5:2; 1 Pt. 1:22; 1 Jn. 4:10-11)

- 6) Conclusion

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- Are you anchoring down your hope in God’s promises, found in God’s Word?
- Have you been restored to love through Jesus?
- Are you loving as God has loved you?

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: Those separated from loved ones over the holidays.

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:

Becci Swearingen

Becci serves in Kenya. Her ministry is in Education and Healing Arts.

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

Selflessness, humor, and hospitality.



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.



CHURCH LUNCHEON

Mary Turnbaugh, Linda Gilmour and their crew are hosting a luncheon after today's service. They will be serving homemade soups, salads, and bread. Please plan on staying and enjoying some delicious food and fellowship!

LAUNDRY MINISTRY

Juanita Arellanos would like to thank all of you who have supported the laundry ministry. It's a blessing to be a blessing and to share our resources, especially this time of year. She hopes to continue with this ministry a few times a year, so save your quarters for her! Thanks!

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!



Christmas Eve Worship Service
Saturday, December 24th at 4:30 p.m.

Love Offering

Elim Church will be taking our love offering for Pastor Steve and his family at our Christmas Eve service. If you can't make the service give your gift to Mike, L.J. or Leonna prior to Christmas Eve.



You can also send it directly to them. Praise God for the Peterson family.

Janitorial Help Needed

We were notified that our current janitorial service will not be continuing after December 16. We are looking for a new person/team to hire. If you know of a good service, please let Mike Hermann know. Mike is looking for volunteers to help him clean our church on Friday, December 23 and December 30 at 10:00 a.m. Many hands will make light work. Let Mike know if you can help.

“Loss of a Spouse” and “GriefShare”

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.

Navigator Bible Reading Plans

	New Testament	Book-at-a-Time Bible Reading Plan
December 18	Revelation 14	Revelation 3-4; Isaiah 57
December 19	Revelation 15	Revelation 5-6; Isaiah 58
December 20	Revelation 16	Revelation 7-8; Isaiah 59
December 21	Revelation 17	<i>Reflection</i>
December 22	<i>Reflection</i>	Revelation 9-10; Isaiah 60
December 23	<i>Reflection</i>	Revelation 11-12; Isaiah 61
December 24	Revelation 18	Revelation 13-14; Isaiah 62

Looking Ahead

Sunday	December 18	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School/Confirmation
		10:30 a.m.	Worship Celebration Service
		11:45 a.m.	Church Luncheon
Monday	December 19	3:45 p.m.	Prayer Team Gathering
Wednesday	December 21	9:00 a.m.	"AMPED" Prayer Meeting
		6:00 p.m.	Children's Christmas Party
Thursday	December 22	12:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.	CIU E. Peterson
Saturday	December 24	4:30 p.m.	Christmas Eve Service
Sunday	December 25		<i>No Sunday School Today</i>
		10:30 a.m.	Worship Celebration Service

GREETERS TODAY: Sandy Parrott and Dave Parrott

Attendance Last Week

Sunday Worship = 83 Views on YouTube = 23

Sunday School/Confirmation = 35 Children's Church = 6

CHILD CARE SCHEDULE

TODAY, December 18:

Children's Church: Amy Hennings and Kristen Burns

Nursery: Sandy Parrott and Meagan Bear

NEXT WEEK, December 25:

Children's Church: Natalie Hermann and Kim Shuda

Nursery: Sheila Yoeckel and Jamie Cespedes

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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