

ELIM COVENANT CHURCH
December 25, 2022



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WORSHIP CELEBRATION

December 25, 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)

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 Little Town of Bethlehem"

Blue Hymnal, No. 154

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 2:1-20

MESSAGE

“Great 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

“The First Noel”

Blue Hymnal No. 167

BENEDICTION

December Birthdays

27 – Dave Parrott

30 – Belva VanNorman

31 – Kristen Burns

January Birthdays

1 – Kinsey Knary

3 – Eliana Henderson

6 – Christopher Whipple

6 – Stephen Whipple

December Anniversaries

30 – Tom and Diane Wirtz

January Anniversaries

8 – Jeff and Mary Parrott

Navigator Bible Reading Plans

	New Testament	Book-at-a-Time Bible Reading Plan
December 25	Revelation 19	Revelation 15-16; Isaiah 63
December 26	Revelation 20	Revelation 17-18; Isaiah 64
December 27	Revelation 21	Revelation 19-20; Isaiah 65
December 28	Revelation 22	Revelation 21-22; Isaiah 66
December 29	<i>Reflection</i>	<i>Reflection</i>
December 30	<i>Reflection</i>	<i>Reflection</i>
December 31	<i>Reflection</i>	<i>Reflection</i>

Sermon Notes
December 25, 2022
“Great Joy”
Luke 2:1-20

Key Text: *“Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel among you”* (Isaiah 12:6)

Key Thought: As the angel declared, the coming of Christ brought **great joy**, to the earth and to all the heavens!

- 1) Intro & Context

- 2) The great **ANTICIPATION** (cf. Ps. 38; Isa. 61:1-3; Jer. 8:21-22)

- 3) The great **INVASION** (cf. Isa. 7:14; Isa. 9:6-7; Lk. 1:31-33)

- 4) The great **IMPACT** (cf. 2 Cor. 5:17; Col. 1:21-23; Rev. 21:4)

- 5) Conclusion

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- How great is your joy as you celebrate the birth of your Savior?
How great is your anticipation of His second coming?
- Have His light and grace truly filled your life?
- How greatly has Jesus impacted your life?

PRAYER PAGE

Praises: God the Father sent and sacrificed His only begotten Son, Jesus, to come to earth to save sinners like us from the depths of hell.

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:

James Tang

James serves in South Sudan and Ethiopia. His ministries include Sudanese Ministries, Christian Formation, and Community Development.



I felt at home in my country of service

when... Sharing sadness and joy with the people I am serving.

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.

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!



“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.

“For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.” Isaiah 9:6

The poinsettias that are brightening our sanctuary are to bless those we love and to honor those who are gone this Christmas season. Thank you.



Provided by

In Honor or Memory of

Dale and Linda Gilmour	Our Parents
Deanna Newton	Parents
Don and Sheila Yoeckel	Our Parents
Terry and Diane Snipes	Our Parents
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Rodney and Judy Ouderkirk	Tommy, Evan, and Our Parents
Julie and Gary Wells	Our Parents
Pennie Knary	Dad, Mom, and Brother
Karen Bowling	Daughter, Lori
Orlin and Karen Johnson	Our Parents
Kristen and Damien Burns	Grandparents/great grandparents Cecil and Betty Grimes
Kristen and Damian Burns	Grandparents/great grandparents Clark and Juna Wortz
Jim and Danielle Ogden	Christy, Maurine and Lyle
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Mary Murphy	Don and Kelly Murphy
Bill and Cindy Minard	Shirley Anderson, Lynette Marr
The Les	Grandma Rhonda's father and brother
Rollie Potts, Becky and Byron Reynolds	Joann Potts
Katie and John Clarke	Bob and Parents
Sandy Parrott	Steve and Jamie Parrott
Peterson Family	Bob Telfer

Looking Ahead

Sunday	December 25		No Sunday School Today
		10:30 a.m.	Worship Celebration Service
Monday	December 26		Office Closed
		2:00 p.m.	CIU Cespedes
		3:45 p.m.	Prayer Team Gathering
Wednesday	December 27	9:00 a.m.	"AMPED" Prayer Meeting
Sunday	January 1	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School/Confirmation
		10:30 a.m.	Worship Celebration Service

GREETERS TODAY: Sandy Parrott and Jean Russell

Attendance Last Week

Sunday Worship = 96 Views on YouTube = 30
Sunday School/Confirmation = 44 Children's Church = 9

CHILD CARE SCHEDULE

TODAY, December 25:

No Children's Church Today

Nursery: Sheila Yoeckel and Jamie Cespedes

NEXT WEEK, January 1:

Children's Church: Kelly Wood and Meagan Bear

Nursery: Cheryl Bear and Rachel Cunningham

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.

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