

ELIM COVENANT CHURCH
December 10, 2023



Elim Covenant Church

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WORSHIP CELEBRATION
December 10, 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elizabeth Peterson

OFFERING

MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

"Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things." (Philippians 4:8)

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

Jon and Tabatha Estes

ADORATION TO GOD

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

WORSHIP SONGS

"Away in the Manger"

"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"

"O Come All Ye Faithful"

SPECIAL MUSIC

Marty Bear

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

WORDS FROM GOD

Psalm 85:1-2,8-13

MESSAGE
“Real Peace”
by 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

“What Child is This?”

BENEDICTION

GREETERS TODAY: Karen Bowling and Mary Murphy

December Birthdays

*6 – Kelly Wood
10 – Nolan Cassini
11 – Danielle Ogden
12 – Karen Bowling
13 – Adam Hermann
13 – Tyler Spencer*

December Birthdays

*19 – Julie Wells
21 – Taryn Martin
22 – John Thompson
27 – Dave Parrott
31 – Kristen Burns*

Daily Bible Reading Guide 2023

God’s Saving Word:

Unity in Christ Jesus

December 10	Isaiah 7:1-25
December 11	Isaiah 9:2-7
December 12	Isaiah 12:1-6
December 13	Isaiah 54:1-17
December 14	Isaiah 55:1-13
December 15	Isaiah 60:1-22
December 16	Isaiah 61:1-11

Sermon Notes
Sunday, December 10, 2023
“Real Peace”
Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

Key Text: “... to guide our feet into **the path of peace**” (Lk. 1:79)

Key Thought: God directs us onto a path that leads to real peace

1) Intro & Context

2) The **WRONG** path (cf. Pr. 15:10; 22:5; Isa. 48:22; 59:8; 1 Jn. 1:6)

3) The path to peace

a. **CONFESSION** (cf. Ps. 32:5; 38:18; 51; Ja. 5:15; 1 Jn. 1:9)

b. **REPENTANCE** (cf. Isa. 30:15; 59:8; 2 Cor. 7:10; 2 Pt. 3:9)

c. **WALKING** with God (cf. Ps. 119:105; Mic. 4:2; 6:8; Mt. 16:24; 2 Jn. 6)

4) Conclusion

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- What path are you on?
- Are you experiencing real peace?
- How will you work to strengthen your relationship with God?

PRAYER PAGE

Those in Need of God's Strength and Healing:

Katie Clarke	Arlene Miller	Madeline Lumpkin
Don Neer	Wiley Barnes	Margaret Crandall
Tasha Munger	Felipe Cantu	Tabatha Estes
Gary and Julie Wells	Nathan Lyon	Sandy Winthurst
Jeff Parrott		

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

Covenant Prayer Calendar — December 10 – December 16

Please pray for this week's

Covenant missionaries and ministries:

Karl and Susan Peterson (Mexico)	Lisandro and Patty Restrepo (Mexico)
Josef and Rochelle Rasheed (Africa)	Robert and Rae Rife (Great Britain)
Eugenio Restrepo and Pia Peña Restrepo (Latin America)	Jonathan and Faith Ro (East Asia)

Prayer Opportunities

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

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

Prayer Gatherings: Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. and 3:45 p.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 through 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 2024 are posted on the bulletin board in the entryway for your review. They will be voted on at the meeting. See you there!

Christmas Hymn Sing

Do you long to sing the great hymns of this season? Come and join us **tonight at 4:00 p.m.** for a wonderful time of worshipping God, enjoying great fellowship, and singing time-tested, classic Christmas hymns.



Santa Lucia Celebration

First Covenant Church
3303 41st Street, Moline
Sunday, Dec. 10th, 5:30 pm

Elim Family Night

Sundays – 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Join us this Sunday night at **First Covenant Church for a Santa Lucia Celebration!** Potluck dinner begins at 5:30 and you are invited to bring your favorite Swedish or holiday dish to share. **ALSO**, please bring along non-perishable food items for the Youth Hope Food Pantry.

Christmas Caroling

On Saturday, December 23, we will be **CAROLING** from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.! Mark your calendars! More details to come!



Sign-up Sheet for Greeters

We have a sign-up sheet on the table in the gathering area for greeters for 2024. You may sign up with someone or we can put you with another greeter. Thanks for serving!



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.



Advent Devotionals

Joy to the World! That's the title of our Advent devotional book. You can pick up a copy as you leave today. They are on the table just outside the sanctuary doors. There is a devotional for each day of Advent, that starts December 1.



Covenant World Relief & Development

Have you picked up your CWR&D offering labels and lids? They are in a basket on the table just outside the sanctuary doors. Covenant World Relief & Development works through local partners around the world to reduce human suffering for the most vulnerable people and support healthy communities. Please join us in supporting our denomination's worldwide outreach.



Looking Ahead

Sunday	December 10	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		10:30 a.m.	Worship Celebration Service
		11:45 a.m.	Congregational Meeting
		4:00 p.m.	Christmas Hymn Sing
		5:30 p.m.	Santa Lucia Celebration at First Covenant
Tuesday	December 12	9:30 a.m.	SAS Bible Study
		11:00 a.m.	Daytime Trivia
		6:00 p.m.	GriefShare
Wednesday	December 13	9:00 a.m.	"AMPED" Prayer Meeting
		3:45 p.m.	Prayer Meeting
Thursday	December 14	9:30 a.m.	Keenagers
		6:00 p.m.	MLT Meeting
Saturday	December 16	12:00 p.m.	CIU Thompsons

Attendance Last Week

Sunday Worship = 58 Views on YouTube = 13
Sunday School/Children's Church/Confirmation = 16

CHILDCARE SCHEDULE

TODAY, December 10:

Children's Church: Natalie Hermann and Mary Parrott

Nursery: Meagan Bear and Mariah Richardson

NEXT WEEK, December 17:

Children's Church: Amy Hennings and Diane Snipes

Nursery: Karen Bagatelas and Sandy McNeal

Christian Care Current Needs

33- and 39-gallon Garbage Bags

Kitchen Garbage Bags; Laundry Soap

Toilet Bowl Cleaner; All-purpose Cleaners

Clothing

Hats, Gloves, Jackets

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