

ELIM COVENANT CHURCH
December 17, 2023



Elim Covenant Church

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WORSHIP CELEBRATION

December 17, 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 THIRD ADVENT CANDLE

L.J., Rachel, and Haley Cunningham

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, p. 188

"The First Noel"

Blue Hymnal, p. 167

"O Holy Night"

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

Isaiah 61:1-11

MESSAGE

“Real Joy”

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

“Joy to the World”

Blue Hymnal, p. 146

BENEDICTION

GREETERS TODAY: John and Pam Thompson

December Birthdays

19 – Julie Wells

21 – Taryn Martin

22 – John Thompson

December Birthdays

27 – Dave Parrott

31 – Kristen Burns

Daily Bible Reading Guide 2023

God’s Saving Word:

Unity in Christ Jesus

December 17	Isaiah 62:1-12
December 18	Isaiah 63:1-14
December 19	Isaiah 65:17-25
December 20	Isaiah 66:1-24
December 21	Luke 1:1-25
December 22	Luke 1:26-56
December 23	Luke 1:57-80

Sermon Notes
Sunday, December 17, 2023
“Real Joy”
Isaiah 61:1-11

Key Text: “The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy”
(Ps. 126:3)

Key Thought: God’s desire is to establish us in His great joy

- 1) Intro & Context

- 2) The **WELL** of joy (Ps. 126:3; Isa. 61:7b,9b-10; Rom. 14:17; Gal. 5:22)

- 3) Where to **FOCUS** (cf. Ps. 5:11; Isa. 61:10; 1 Ths. 5:16; 1 Pt. 1:8)

- 4) **OBSTACLES** to joy (cf. Ps. 88; Pr. 10:28; 13:20; 1 Ths. 5:19)

- 5) The **EFFECTS** of joy (cf. Ps. 16; Neh. 8:10; Isa. 61:4c)

- 6) Conclusion

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- Where are you drawing from as your SOURCE of joy?
- Do you have the right FOCUS for obtaining God’s joy?
- What are you doing—or not doing—that might be quenching the flow of God’s joy in your life?

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 17 – December 23

Please pray for this week's

Covenant missionaries and ministries:

Gary and Mary Lou Sander (Colombia)	Bonnie & Eric Sparrman (Sweden)
Adrienne Low Satterberg and Ken Satterberg (France)	Barbara and Steven Swanson (Sweden)
Joshua and Lori Shinar (Cameroon)	Becci Swearingen (Kenya)

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.

Elim Family Night

Sundays – 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.



Elim Family Night Christmas Party is **this evening!** We kick off with dinner at 5:30 before beginning our activities for **ALL AGES!** Invite someone outside of Elim to share in this **REAL** experience of Christmas!

Christmas Caroling

Saturday, December 23 we will be **CAROLING** from 1:00 to 4:00 We will gather at 12:45 and leave from Elim. Please join us!



CAROLING

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Christmas Eve Services



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

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.

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 **Marty** prior to Christmas Eve.

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

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!



Greetings from the FOD Corner



It has been five months since I embraced the Family Outreach Director position at Elim. With God's guidance and the support of everyone, I am cheerfully navigating this important role. As I continue in my work, I want to give a big THANK YOU and Merry Christmas to each one of you! I am excited to be a part of the Elim family and look forward to serving you into the New Year.

~Kim Shuda

Looking Ahead

Sunday	December 17	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		10:30 a.m.	Worship Celebration Service
		5:30 p.m.	Elim's Family Night Christmas Celebration
Tuesday	December 19	9:30 a.m.	SAS Bible Study
Wednesday	December 20	9:00 a.m.	"AMPED" Prayer Meeting
Sunday	December 24	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		10:30 a.m.	Worship Celebration Service
		4:30 p.m.	Christmas Eve Service
Monday	December 25	<i>Office Closed for Christmas</i>	

Attendance Last Week

Sunday Worship = 67 Views on YouTube = 23
Sunday School/Children's Church/Confirmation = 28

CHILDCARE SCHEDULE

TODAY, December 17:

Children's Church: Amy Hennings and Diane Snipes
Nursery: Karen Bagatelas and Sandy McNeal

NEXT WEEK, December 24:

Children's Church: Christ's Birthday Party
Nursery: Sheila Yoeckel and Jamie Cespedes

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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