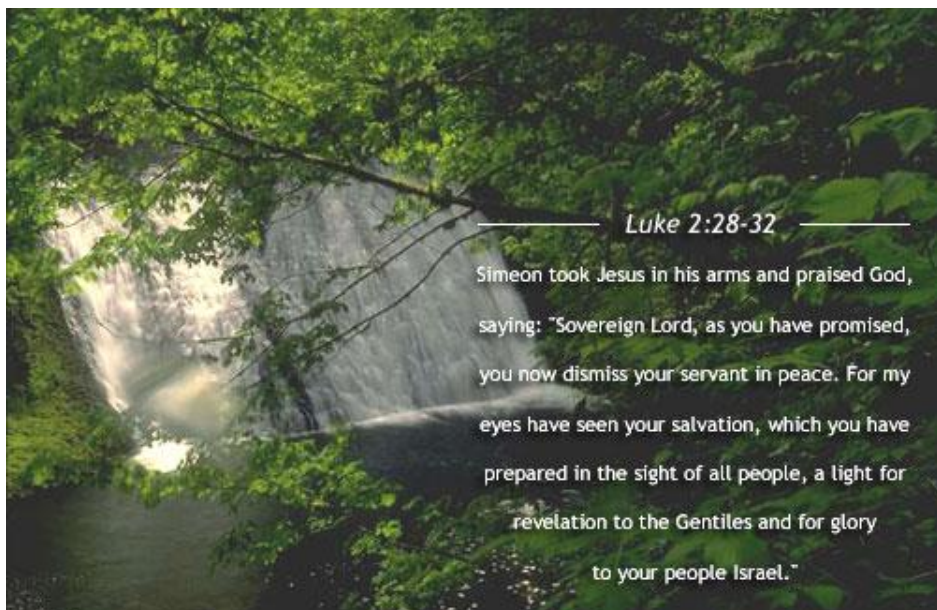


ELIM COVENANT CHURCH

December 31, 2023



————— *Luke 2:28-32* —————

Simeon took Jesus in his arms and praised God, saying: "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all people, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

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WORSHIP CELEBRATION
December 31, 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)*

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, p. 147

"Away in a Manger"

Blue Hymnal, p. 164

"God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen"

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 61:10-62:3

MESSAGE

“The Gift”

by Elizabeth 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: Peggy Burkeybile and Tabatha Estes

December Birthdays

31 – Kristen Burns

January Birthdays

6 – Christopher Whipple

6 – Stephen Whipple

January Birthdays

9 – James Benjamin Le

1 – Kinsey Knary

9 – Sandy McNeal

5 – Eliana Henderson

January Anniversaries

8 – Jeff and Mary Parrott

Daily Bible Reading Guide 2024

December 31	Revelation 22:1-21
January 1	Colossians 1:1-14
January 2	Colossians 1:15-23
January 3	Colossians 1:24-2:5
January 4	Colossians 2:6-19
January 5	Colossians 2:20-3:4
January 6	Psalm 72

Sermon Notes
ay, December 31,
"The Gift"
Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Key text: "For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all nations:" Luke 2:30-31

Key thought/prayer: May we have eyes to see Christ for the Gift that He is and the courage to live our lives out of that understanding.

Notes

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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 31 – January 6

Please pray for this week's

Covenant missionaries and ministries:

Former Global Personnel
Jeff and Darlene Anderson,
MENA (Middle East/North
Africa)
Hannah & Jared Baker, MENA
(Middle East/North Africa)
Randy and Cheryl Bevis (Special
Assignment)

Patrick and Tip Boonrang
(Asia)
Grant and Miho Buchholtz
(Japan)
Cathy Campobello (Colombia)
Heather Caraway and Esau
Vega (USA, Nicaragua)

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 the church at (309) 764-6920 Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. with your request.

Thank You!

We are so grateful to God for our wonderful Elim family! And your Christmas cards and generous gifts were an amazing expression of love towards us. Thank you all! God bless you!!

Thank
you ❤️

Love in Him,
Pastor Steve and family



Poinsettias

Thank you to everyone who purchased a poinsettia this year. The sanctuary is beautiful. If you purchased one, you may take it home today.

2024 Daily Bible Reading Guide

You can pick up your copy of the Daily Bible Reading Guide for 2024. Copies are on the table in the gathering area. The weekly readings will once again be in the bulletin for your convenience. Let's make God's Word a priority as we move into a new year.



I love to read ❤️
the Scriptures

Mission Trip to Monterrey, Mexico



The dates for the mission trip to Monterrey Mexico, have been set for March 8-15, 2024. Anyone interested may contact Mary Turnbaugh. More details will follow soon.

Elim Family Night

Sundays – 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.



Don't miss out on our weekly, multi-generational evenings filled with food, laughter and sharing God's Word in discussion and prayer.

Our 2024 Elim Family Nights are for *everyone*, both inside and outside Elim. We will gather next **Sunday, January 7** around dinner at 5:30.

Hymn Sing

The weather outside may be frightful but it's always worth it to come out and be together to enjoy our favorite hymns. I wonder what Pastor Steve will have up his sleeve this time. Come and find out.



Join us next Sunday,
January 14, at 4:00 p.m.
Everyone is welcome, so grab your family, friends, and neighbors and come.

"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

Looking Ahead

Sunday	December 31	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		10:30 a.m.	Worship Celebration Service
Monday	January 1	<i>Office Closed for New Year's</i>	
Tuesday	January 2	9:30 a.m.	SAS Bible Study
Wednesday	January 3	9:00 a.m.	"AMPED" Prayer Meeting
		3:45 p.m.	Prayer Meeting
Sunday	January 7	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		10:30 a.m.	Worship Celebration Service
		5:30 p.m.	Elim Family Night

Attendance Last Week

Sunday Worship = 65 Views on YouTube = 17
 Sunday School/Children's Church/Confirmation = 14

CHILDCARE SCHEDULE

TODAY, December 31:

No Children's Church, Children Stay in Service
 Nursery: Amy Hennings and Kristen Burns

NEXT WEEK, January 7:

Children's Church: Elizabeth Peterson and Kim Shuda
 Nursery: Cheryl Bear and Lauran Schmidt

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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