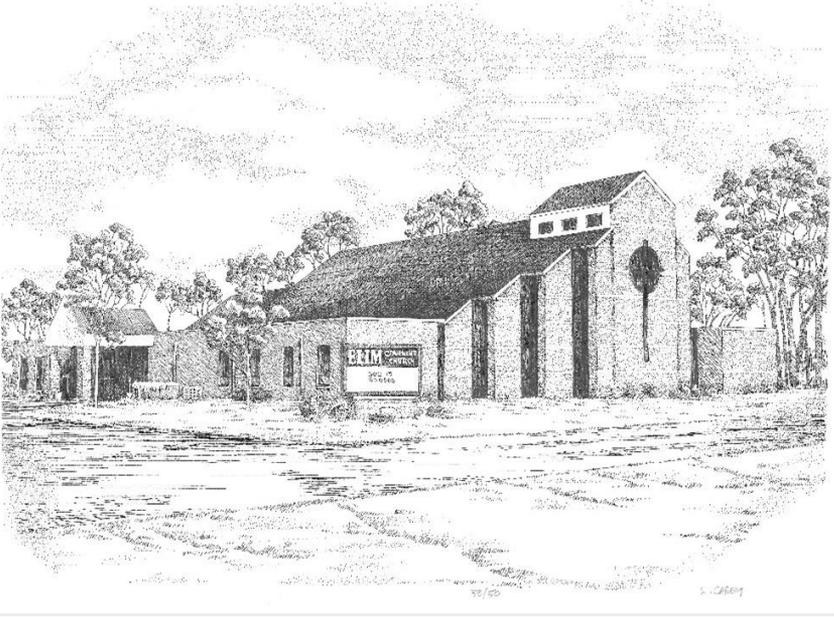


# **ELIM COVENANT CHURCH**

## **December 21, 2025**



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**WORSHIP CELEBRATION**  
**December 21, 2025**  
**10:30 a.m.**

*Elim's mission statement:*

*"To develop leaders who will impact the world for Christ."*

**GATHERING BEFORE GOD**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Mike Hermann**

**OFFERING**

**MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH**

*"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth." (John 1:14)*

**LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE**

*Parrott and Ricail Families*

**WORSHIP SONGS**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**The Kids**

**WORDS FROM GOD**

**MESSAGE**

**Pastor Steve Peterson**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**WORSHIP SONG**

**BENEDICTION**

**GREETERS TODAY** Karen Bowling & Kathy Plein

**Sermon Notes**  
**December 21, 2025**  
**“About This Love”**  
**1 John 4:7-12**

**Key Text:** “Follow God’s example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us...” (Eph. 5:1-2)

**Key Thought:** As Jesus came in love, and loved us so greatly, we are called to love others.

- 1) Intro & Context
  
- 2) Love **GIVEN** (cf. Jn. 3:16; Rom. 5:5; Eph. 5:1-2; 1 Jn. 3:1)
  
- 3) Love **COMMANDED** (cf. Mk. 12:30-31; Jn. 13:34; 15:10-13,17; Rom. 13:9; Gal. 5:14; 1 Jn. 3:23; 4:21)
  
- 4) **WHO** to love (cf. Lk. 6:27-36; 10:27; 1 Tim. 5:8; Ja. 1:27; 2:8)
  
- 5) **SIMPLY** love (cf. 1 Cor. 16:14; Ja. 2:14-17; 1 Jn. 3:18)
  
- 6) Conclusion

**QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:**

1. Do you know God loves you? Truly? Deeply?
2. Will you incarnate God’s love through your words and actions toward others?
3. In love, is there someone you need to forgive?

## **Looking Ahead**

Sunday	December 21	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		10:30 a.m.	Worship Celebration Service
Wednesday	December 24		<b>Office Closed</b>
		4:30 p.m.	<b>Christmas Eve Service</b>
Thursday	December 25		<b>Christmas Day - Office Closed</b>
Sunday	December 28	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		10:30 a.m.	Worship Celebration Service
Wednesday	December 31	9:00 a.m.	"Amped" Prayer Meeting

### **December Birthdays**

22 - John Thompson    27 - Dave Parrott    31 - Kristen Burns

### **January Birthdays**

1 - Kinsey Knary    5 - Eliana Henderson  
6 - Christopher Whipple    6 Stephen Whipple

### **January Anniversaries**

8 - Jeff and Mary Parrott

### **Attendance Last Week**

Sunday Worship = 56/ Views on YouTube = 21  
Sunday School/Children's Church = 21

## **CHILDCARE SCHEDULE**

### **TODAY, December 21**

Children's Church: Natalie Hermann & Kathy Plein

Nursery: Kristen Burns & Mary Parrott

### **NEXT WEEK, December 28**

Children's Church: Meagan Bear & Diane Snipes

Nursery: Sheila Yoeckel & Amy Hennings