



Elim Church

December 11, 2022, 10:00 am

““Seeing and Savoring Joy””

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.” John 3:16-17

Welcome to Worship!

Joyful Joyful / Advent Hymn

Announcements and [Offering](#)

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Lighting of the 3rd Advent Candle: The Champion Family

*Infant Holy, Infant Lowly
What Child Is This **

“Seeing and Savoring Joy” (SOTM, Part 13)

Pastor Paul Stephen Olson

Communion

One Small Child

Benevolence Offering and Benediction

Postlude



SERMON
ON THE
MOUNT

SERMON SERIES

** Children, ages 3-5th grade,
will be dismissed to Children’s Church.*

Join us next week in-person or online at 10 am
at facebook.com/elimchurchmple/live

EVENTS Today Masks are not required for attendees at Elim. As always, please take any precautions to protect your health and the health of others

WELCOME TO ELIM THIS MORNING!

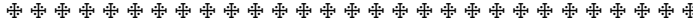
- TODAY:** 9:30 am The Gathering with Bagels and Beverages (Dining Room)
- 9:45 am Prayer Room for anyone needing prayer with the pastors
- 10 am **Worship Service** (in person and on Facebook)
<https://www.facebook.com/ElimChurchMpls/live>
- 11 am During Sunday Connections we are going to be celebrating Advent together as a church family in the dining room. These times are for all ages and will be fun and appropriate for all ages.

UPCOMING EVENTS and NEWS

Church Meeting 12/18: We are glad to announce that we will hold a meeting on December 18, 2022, to vote on the “Better Together” proposal. We are asking congregation members to vote on two resolutions that work in tandem to complete the merger which calls for a ministry and assets transfer and the official dissolution of Elim Church in order to join with Mill City Church as one entity. Details on the agreement and an official ballot will be provided early this week for members to see.



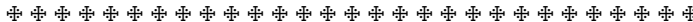
12/14: MerryMakers Pot Luck Christmas Lunch will take place on December 14th at 12:30 pm at Clayton & Doris Nolby’s home: 2800 105th Avenue NE in Blaine. Bring some cookies!
A-M last names bring salads or side dishes
N-Z last names bring a main dish



New Members: We welcome the following new members at Elim: Ann Bremer, Chad Eslinger, Melanie Eslinger, Andy Johnson, Adam Klein, and Renee Klein. We are blessed by your presence at Elim!



Keep praying for your CHRISTMAS BUDDY!
All of the names have been claimed! Thank you for continuing to pray for your Elim kid/youth! There have already been several emails exchanged anonymously through the ElimChristmasBuddies@gmail.com email address. Feel free to utilize that to send a message, or you can bring notes or cards to the Christmas box on the stage in the sanctuary each Sunday. We’ll be excited to reveal the names after Christmas!



SERMON NOTES

Seeing and Savoring Joy (SOTM, Part 13)

Pastor Paul Stephen Olson, M.Div

Text: Matthew 7:1-6 and Third Sunday of Advent: Candle of Joy

Advent Verses: Isaiah 35:1-10, John 3:16-19, Luke 2:1-7

This week: Jesus addresses universal blindness, the Christ child arrives incognito, and the joy of life with others is key to experiencing the coming of Christ in its fullest!

1 “Do not judge, or you too will be judged. 2 For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

3 “Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? 4 How can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? 5 You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.

6 “Do not give dogs what is sacred; do not throw your pearls to pigs. If you do, they may trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces.

Next Week: SOTM, Part 14: Matt 7:7-11, Isaiah 7:10-14 – "The Candle of Love"– Good Gifts

This Week (Dec. 11-18)

- Mon-Fri:** 12 noon Noon Online Prayer Meeting
URL: <https://meet.google.com/ast-cxmh-ykk>
Phone: +1 401-684-3085 PIN: 724 649 481#
- Mon:** 10 am Women's Bible Study on Mark at the online link above
- Tues:** 6:30 pm Leadership Team meeting
- Wed:** 12:30 pm MerryMakers Pot Luck Christmas Lunch
- 6 pm Wednesday Night Live w/supper by Hot Wok and
a Better Together discussion with the Leadership
Team.
- 6-7 pm *Re-Covering in God* Bible Study
- 6:30-8 pm Youth Group meeting
- Fri:** 8-9:30 am Men's Bible Study online

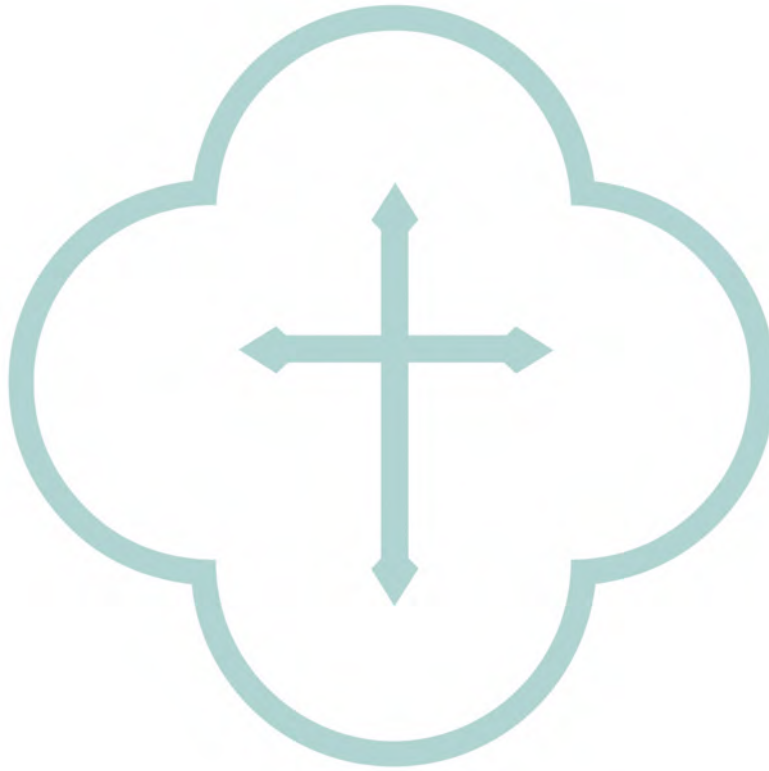
Save The date (check the events page for information that may be available):

- ~~ Sat, 12/24, 3 pm Christmas Eve Service at Mill City (Las Estrellas School,
1201 University Ave NE, w/childcare for 5 & under.)
- ~~ Sun, 12/25, 10 am Christmas Day Worship at Elim with Pastors Paul and Becky
(Pastor Stephanie O'Brien, Jonathan (JD) O'Brien, & Pastor
Adaobi Nduka from MCC will also join us!)
- ~~ Sun, 1/1, 10 am New Years Day Worship Service at Elim – Dr. Pat, of News
Service 2000 will be here during the Sunday Connections
time to give an update on the global church movement
that is experiencing persecution.

Prayerful Pause

*Nehemiah 8:10 reminds us, "...the joy of the Lord is our strength." You are invited
to read the entire passage and consider whether that is true for you today.*

Where do you seek growth in applying this Scripture?



Giving at a Glance

November Giving:

Needed – \$ 39,500
Received – \$ 27,429

Fiscal Year-to-Date:

Needed – \$ 316,000
Received – \$ 304,788

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