



**Elim Church**

December 18, 2022, 10:00 am

# **“God is the Giver of Good Gifts”**

*“...how much more will your Father in heaven  
give good gifts to those who ask Him!” Matthew 7:11b*

## **Welcome to Worship!**

*Good Christians, All Rejoice*

### **Announcements and Offering**

*Christmas Offering*

**Lighting of the 4th Advent Candle: Harley and Janice Schreck**

**Kids Bells:** *Away In A Manger*

*O Come, All Ye Faithful \**

### **“God is the Giver of Good Gifts” (SOTM, Part 14)**

Pastor Becky Hanson

**Scripture Reading:** Virginia Thompson

*Glory (Let There Be Peace)*

**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](https://facebook.com/elimchurchmple/live)

Check out audio sermons from past weeks

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# 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 Join us in the Sanctuary for the congregational meeting and vote regarding the Better Together proposal. Congregation members will 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 the official ballot were distributed last week but will be provided again this morning for members to review.

Children will be cared for by teens in the Children's Ministry area.

## UPCOMING EVENTS and NEWS

**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](mailto: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!

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**Noon Prayer Time Holiday Schedule:** No noon prayer time on the following dates

- December 26, 2022, through January 2, 2023 – for the Christmas Holiday
- Prayer time begins again on January 3

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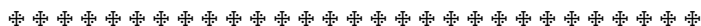
**MerryMakers January Breakfast:** January 10, 2023, 9 am at Fat Nat's Eggs, 2700 39th Ave NE. RSVP by Jan 6 [ruthtyberg@icloud.com](mailto:ruthtyberg@icloud.com) or 612-718-8949

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Logan Park is reminding the neighbors and churches that the **Logan Park parking lot** is for use by the Logan Park patrons. Parking citations will be issued for people parking in the lot who are not there using the park.

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**Thank you to our leadership team** for their investment in the Better Together proposal. You gave long hours to the process of discernment and your work projects and modeled to us hearts committed to seeking God.

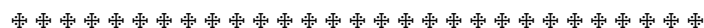


**Hope Avenue Twin Cities is a Christ-centered shelter** that brings hope/health/healing. We are blessed and grateful for the many ways Elim received financial donations for the shelter and ensured they were transferred to HATC for deposit in a timely manner. However, as of December 31, Elim will no longer serve in this role. You may continue to give to HATC in one of three ways:

1. To give electronically, please go to [www.hope-avenue.org](http://www.hope-avenue.org) and click the link under the Donate tab;
2. To pay by check you may make it out to Hope Ave Twin Cities and mail it to PO Box 18478, Minneapolis 55418;
3. Or you may place your donation in Pastor Becky's mailbox in the office.
4. Please change any other platforms you donate electronically through.

We have the opportunity to receive a \$25,000 anonymous donation when we raise that amount in matching dollars. In a short time we have raised \$5600 and anticipate raising the rest by the end of December. This money will be used for 1) ongoing operational and programming work, and 2) addiction recovery work.

The costs to run the shelter are great but we trust in our God who called us to do this work for His people. Because we do not receive federal or county funds to support the shelter, we look to God's people to partner with us. But most of all, we covet your prayer.



Please help **the Kidz Klozet** serve with excellence:

- We are accepting all clothing now for any season
- We particularly need girls' clothing: 9 and 12-month and sizes 4, 5, and 6
- Volunteers are needed to process donations on Wednesdays, Dec 21 and Jan 1.
- We need workers on Thursday, January 2, when the Klozet is open for the giveaway.

Please connect with Janice about your availability or any questions at [hjschrecks@msn.com](mailto:hjschrecks@msn.com)

<b>Mon-Fri:</b>	12 noon	Noon Online Prayer Meeting URL: <a href="https://meet.google.com/ast-cxmh-ykk">https://meet.google.com/ast-cxmh-ykk</a> Phone: +1 401-684-3085    PIN: 724 649 481#
<b>Mon:</b>		NO Women's Bible Study on Mark (will resume January 9)
<b>Wed:</b>	6-7 pm	<i>Re-Covering in God</i> Bible Study
	6:30-8 pm	Youth Group meeting
<b>Fri:</b>		NO Men's Bible Study online (will resume January 6)
<b>Sat:</b>	3 pm	Christmas Eve Service at Mill City (Las Estrellas School, 1201 University Ave NE, w/childcare for 5 & under.)
<b>Sun:</b>	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!)

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

~~ Mon-Fri, 12/26-30, 12 pm	No Noon Prayer Time this week
~~ Mon, 12/26	Women's Bible Study on Mark canceled this week
~~ Sun, 1/1, 10 am	New Year's 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.

*Do you trust that God wants to bless you?*  
*Do you trust the Lord to give you what you need?*

## SERMON NOTES

### **“God is the Giver of Good Gifts” (SOTM, Part 14)**

Pastor Becky Hanson. MDiv

**Text:** Matthew 2:8-14 and Luke 2:8-14 – Fourth Sunday of Advent: Candle of Love

#### **Read Matthew 7:7-11 – “Ask, Seek, Knock”**

Be persistent in prayer.

Praying continually

Trusting constantly

How are the motive, manner and reward of each activity described?

Ask ~ the upward look

Seek ~ go to God

Knock ~ outward reach

Praying

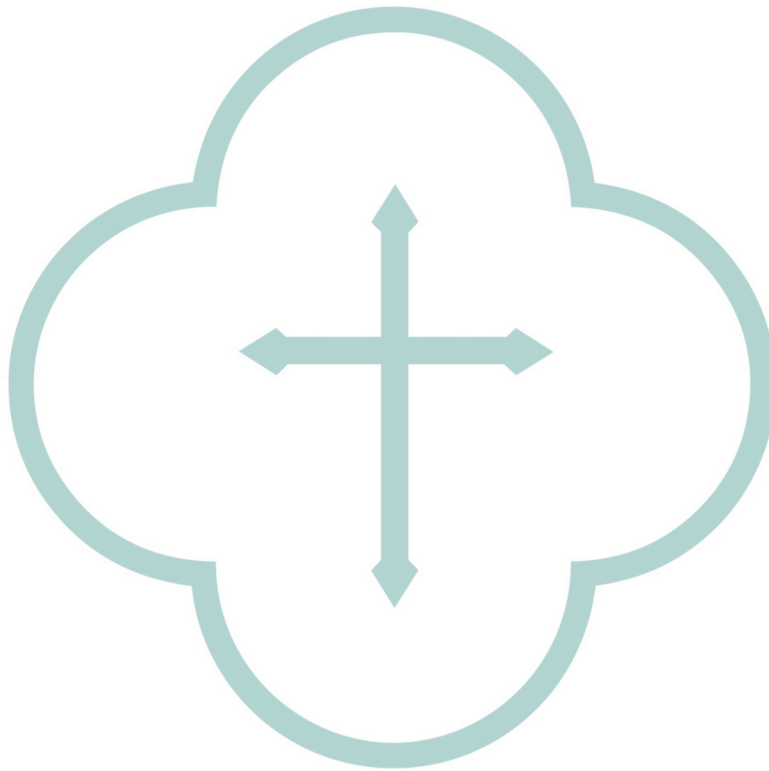
- What are the practical truths taught here?
- What are the various contrasts that are noted?

#### **John 18:1-5 – ‘Jesus pushes repeat’**

#### **God is the giver of good gifts**

**Luke 2:8-14** (as read by Virginia Thompson)

- **God gave us the good gifts of peace and love**



### 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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