



Elim Church

December 25, 2022, 10:00 am

“Come and Worship the Small One”

“Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.” Matt 7:13-14

Welcome to Worship!

*Angels From The Realms Of Glory
Angels We Have Heard On High*

Announcements and [Offering](#)

It Came Upon The Midnight Clear

Reading of *The Nativity*: Kari Nelson

Children’s Moment: Pastor Steph O’Brien

Away In A Manger

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Special: *O Come, All Ye UnFaithful* (Kristin Wilson)

“Come and Worship the Small One” (SOTM, Part 15)

Pastor Paul Stephen Olson

Joy To The World

Benediction

Postlude



SERMON
ON THE
MOUNT
SERMON SERIES

* Children will remain in the service.

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

Check out audio sermons from past weeks
at www.elimchurch.com/sermon-archive

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

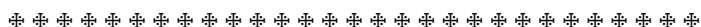
WELCOME TO ELIM THIS MORNING!

- TODAY:** 9:30 am The Gathering with Bagels and Beverages (Dining Room)
- 9:45 am Prayer Room for anyone needing prayer with the pastors
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- 10 am **Christmas Worship Service** (in person and on Facebook)
<https://www.facebook.com/ElimChurchMpls/live>
 with Pastors Paul and Becky (Pastor Stephanie O'Brien, Jonathan (JD) O'Brien, & Pastor Adaobi Nduka from MCC will also join us!)

UPCOMING EVENTS and NEWS

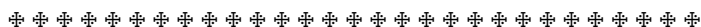
Keep praying for your CHRISTMAS BUDDY!

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 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!

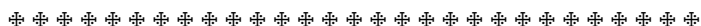


Noon Prayer Time Holiday Schedule: No noon prayer time on the following dates

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



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



Logan Park reminds 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.



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.



SERMON NOTES

“Come and Worship the Small One” (SOTM, Part 15)

Pastor Paul Stephen Olson, MDiv

Text: Matthew 7:12-14 – Christmas Day: Candle of Adoration

Matthew 7:12 - The Two “Do’s”

“So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.”

Matthew 7:13 - The Two “Gates”

“Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it.”*

‘Broad’ → ‘narrow’
‘spacious’ → ‘constricted’,

(*greek: *apoleia*, ruin, perdition, or at the city gate: financial waste or loss)

Matthew 7:14 “The Two Ways”.

“But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.”

‘destruction’ → ‘life’,
‘many’ → ‘few’,
‘those entering’ → ‘those finding’.

The Christmas Connection: Luke 2:8-20: Angels appear in the fields. Little Baby Jesus is swaddled in a manger and some unnamed shepherds come to adore the newborn messiah.

Next Week: SOTM, Part 16: Bearing Good Fruit, Watch out for False Prophets!

This Week (Dec. 25, 2022-January 1, 2023)

Mon-Fri: 12 noon NO Noon Online Prayer Meeting This Week
Mon: NO Women's Bible study on Mark (will resume January 9)
Wed: 6-7 pm *Re-Covering in God* Bible Study
6:30-8 pm Youth Group meeting
Fri: NO Men's Bible Study this week (will resume January 6)
Sun: 10 am New Year's Day Worship at Elim
11 am 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.



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

January 1: Regular Sunday Activities

January 8: Last Worship Service at Elim until later in the Spring

January 15: 10 am, Sunday Worship with Mill City

Las Estrellas School, 1201 University Ave NE,
w/children's church and care for 5th grade & under.





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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