

Order of Worship
January 1, 2023
New Year's Day
Elim Reformed Church – Kings, IL

***Please stand, if possible**

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (Psalm 90, selected verses)

Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.

From everlasting to everlasting you are God.

A thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by,

Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love, that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days. May the favor of the Lord rest upon us!

*Hymn #67 “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

Scripture: 2 Samuel 6:1-16

Special Music “There’s a New Kid in Town”
Dan Adamson

Preparation for the Lord’s Supper and Prayer

Beloved in the Lord Jesus Christ, we propose to celebrate next Sunday, with the help of God, the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper.

We come to the Table to commune with our Lord. We come in awe and reverence, for the place where we stand is holy ground. Here the Lord offers us the manna of life.

If we are to experience this celebration with our Lord and be nourished by the Spirit, let us examine ourselves first, then eat the bread and drink from the cup.

The benefit is great, if with penitent hearts and living faith, we receive the Lord’s Supper. Let’s confess our sins to Almighty God:

Father in Heaven, we come before you to confess our sins. We confess that while we have turned the page in our calendar, we have yet to fully turn our hearts to You. Rather than submit our lives to your perfect will, we prefer to chart our own course, and then complain to you when it leads to problems and frustrations. Gracious God, give us the courage and the wisdom to follow the path you would have us take. May this new year find us faithful as we seek your glory, rather than our own.

(Pastor finishes prayer)

*Hymn #613 “Another Year is Dawning”

Sermon “Christmas Has Me Stumped:
Celebrating God’s Presence”

*Hymn #219 “As with Gladness, Men of Old”

Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There is **NO COFFEE TIME** after worship this morning.

The Elim Waterfall newsletter is out. Check your church mailbox for your copy. Extra copies are available by the mailboxes.

Unless there are any scriptural objections, Rodney Hayenga and Bob Alderks will be installed into the offices of **Elder and Deacon** respectively next Sunday.

Next Sunday, January 8, we will also celebrate the **Lord's Supper**. All offerings will go towards the **Benevolent Fund** unless designated otherwise.

Once again, I am overwhelmed with gratitude and love for this church. Thank you for your generous Christmas gift of \$380. Wow! It is such a blessing to be your pastor. May God bless you in the same way as you have blessed me. I love and appreciate you all!

And thank you for your generosity towards those in need! I love how you care! Your donations to the Mitten Tree and the Christmas Gift Cards were much appreciated!

Pastor Marv

Prayer Concerns

(please remember these and others in your prayers!)

- ✝ *Audrey Brink*- recovering from Covid
- ✝ *John Swanson*- dealing with kidney & prostate cancer
- ✝ *Peggy Howe*- being monitored for breast cancer
- ✝ *Members* dealing with variety of pain issues
- ✝ *Marla Rozeboom, Jan Maas, and Diane Terviel*- dealing with chronic health issues

*He will strengthen and protect
you from the evil one.*

2 Thessalonians 3:3 (NIV)

