

Order of Worship  
January 15, 2023  
Second Sunday after Epiphany  
Elim Reformed Church – Kings, IL

**\*Please stand, if possible**

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Isaiah 60:1-3

Arise, shine, for your light has come!  
**And the glory of the Lord rises upon us.**  
See, the darkness covers the earth and thick  
darkness is over the peoples  
**But the Lord rises upon you.**  
And His glory appears over you.  
**Nations will come to your light, and kings to  
the brightness of your dawn.**

\*Hymn #524 “We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations”

Prayer of Confession

God of grace, You have given us Jesus, the light  
of the world! And Jesus calls us to be the light of  
the world, as well. Lord, we confess this morning  
our failure to be that light. There are times in fact  
when we prefer to be part of the darkness.  
Forgive us for those times when we hide our light  
under bushels. We want to be obedient to Jesus’  
call. So, help us let our light so shine before  
others, that they may see our good deeds and  
glorify you, our great God in heaven! In Jesus’  
name, we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Lamentations 3:21-23

Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope:  
Because of the Lord’s great love we are not  
consumed, for his compassions never fail. They  
are new every morning; great is your  
faithfulness.

Scripture: Numbers 22:21-35

Prayer

\*Hymn #174 “Open My Eyes, That I May See”

Sermon “Off Roding with Baalam”

\*Hymn #538 “I’ll Go Where You Want Me to Go”

Benediction

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Consistory will meet in the church office on Tuesday, January 17 at 6:30 p.m.

The Elim Post-High School Grant Guidelines and Applications are posted on the bulletin board in the narthex and on the church's website. The *deadline* to turn them in is Tuesday, January 17.

Need a New Years Resolution? Consider reading the Bible in 2023. The first 31 days of a **reading plan** you could follow are located on the table by the offering box.

### Prayer Concerns

(please remember these and others in your prayers!)

- † *Roger Bruns*- hospitalized with Guillain-Barre Syndrome at University of Iowa Hospital, Iowa City
- † *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

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