

**WELCOME TO  
THE ELMIRA SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH  
813 Maple Avenue  
Elmira, New York 14904**

***THE CHURCH AT STUDY***  
December 23, 2017 9:30–10:45 AM

Song Service Sharon Reynolds  
Mission SONlight “Euro-Asia Division: Rostov Center of Influence”  
Lesson Study “Overcoming Evil With Good”  
Teacher Kevin Wahl

***TODAY’S PROGRAM***

Elder in Charge James Reynolds  
Deacon in Charge Alvin Jackson  
Pianist Patty Greenleaf  
Organist Sharon Reynolds  
Greeter Derek Colaw  
Sunset tonight: 4:40 PM

***SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK***

Elder in Charge James Reynolds  
Deacon in Charge Alvin Jackson  
Greeter Cameron Macdonell  
Offering Local Church Budget  
Sunset Next Friday 4:44 PM



*And be not conformed to this world:  
but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind,  
that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable,  
and perfect, will of God.  
Romans 12:2*

***THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP***  
December 23, 2017 10:50 AM

Song Service Sharon Reynolds  
Announcements James Reynolds

***PRELUDE***

Scripture Meditation Matthew 1:21 James Eames  
Chimes Organist  
Introit “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus” (refrain only) #290  
Invocation James Reynolds

***DEDICATION AND PREPARATION OF HEART***

Opening Hymn #132  
“O Come, All Ye Faithful”  
Pastoral Prayer Corky Hinman  
Response Organist

***DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS***

Tithes & Offerings New York Advance Debby Montopoli  
Offertory Organist

***MINISTRATION OF THE WORD***

Children’s Story Brittany Miller  
Violin Solo “In the Bleak Midwinter” Brittany Miller  
Scripture Reading Isaiah 9:6 Joan Van Galder  
Hymn Sing Malcolm Dwyer  
Sermonette Malcolm Dwyer

***BENEDICTION***

Closing Hymn #214  
“We Have This Hope”  
Benediction Malcolm Dwyer  
Response Organist  
Postlude Organist

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*“It is through Christ that we receive every blessing . . . Come, brethren and sisters, come with your children, even the babes in your arms, and bring your offerings to God according to your ability. Make melody to Him in your hearts, and let His praise be upon your lips.” The Adventist Home, p. 480.* Malcolm Dwyer will be bringing us today’s sermonette and leading out in some favorite hymns during our worship service.

Holiday Dinner – today following the worship service. Everyone is invited.

Bible Study – There will be no study December 26. We plan to resume Tuesday, January 2, 7:00 PM at the church. Our current study is the gospel of Matthew with Kevin Wahl leading out.

A Time for Renewal – There will be a New Year’s Eve Fellowship put on by Single’s Ministry, beginning at 6:30 PM on December 31. This will include dinner, devotional, games, and fellowship. All are welcome. For more information, contact Debby Montopoli at 483-4064.

Lawnmower Fund – An anonymous donor has offered to match your donation to the lawnmower fund.

Drink Water! – please refrain from bringing any beverages other than water into the sanctuary. Thank you.

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*Heaven and earth are no wider apart today  
than when shepherds listened to the angel’s song.  
Humanity is still as much the object of heaven’s solicitude  
as when common men of common occupations  
met angels at noonday, and talked with the heavenly messengers  
in the vineyards and the fields. To us in the common walks of life,  
heaven may be very near.  
Angels from the courts above will attend the steps  
of those who come and go at God’s command.  
The Desire of Ages, p. 48*

## CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

“To seek and to save the lost by uplifting Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord, inviting people into God’s family, and promoting gospel order and discipleship in an atmosphere of peace, love, and unity.”

## CHURCH CALENDAR

TODAY December 23	Sermon–Malcolm Dwyer/Hymn Sing Holiday Luncheon
Tuesday December 26	No Bible Study
Next Sabbath	Sermon–Doug Batchelor, DVD

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Church Website	elmirasda.com
Church Phone	734-1560
District Pastor	Waren Muir 530-434-1533
Head Elder	Malcolm Dwyer 739-7748
Head Deacon	Derek Colaw 426-2317
Head Deaconess	Joan Van Galder 732-8775
Church Treasurer	James Reynolds 732-9629
Church Clerk & Bulletin	Sharon Reynolds 732-9629
By Wednesday, 8:00 PM	



*Christmas– a Time to Honor God  
It is our privilege to depart  
from the customs and practices of this degenerate age;  
and instead of expending means merely  
for the gratification of the appetite  
or for needless ornaments or articles of clothing,  
we may make the coming holidays  
an occasion in which to honor and glorify God.”  
The Adventist Home, p. 480*