

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

**THE CHURCH AT STUDY**  
December 21, 2019      9:30–10:45 AM

Song Service	Alvin Jackson
Mission Story	Corky Hinman
Lesson Study	“Dealing With Bad Decisions”
Teacher	Elios Pierre

**TODAY’S PROGRAM**

Elder in Charge	Luke Moss, Jr.
Deacon in Charge	Donald Cratsley
Pianist/Organist	Sharon Reynolds
Greeter	Donald Cratsley
Sunset tonight:	4:39 PM

**SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK**

Elder in Charge	Luke Moss, Jr.
Deacon in Charge	Donald Cratsley
Greeter	Alvin Jackson
Offering	New York Excel
Sunset Next Friday	4:44 PM



*And said, O my God,  
I am ashamed and blush to lift up my face to thee, my God:  
for our iniquities are increased over our head,  
and our trespass is grown up unto the heavens.  
Ezra 9:6*

**THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP**  
December 21, 2019      10:50 AM

Song Service	Alvin Jackson
Announcements	Luke Moss, Jr.

**PRELUDE**

Scripture Meditation	Isaiah 9:6	Donald Cratsley
Chimes		Organist
Introit	“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus” (refrain only)	#290
Invocation		Luke Moss, Jr.

**DEDICATION AND PREPARATION OF HEART**

Opening Hymn		#119
	“Angels From the Realms of Glory”	
Pastoral Prayer		Alvin Jackson
Response		Organist

**DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

Tithes & Offerings	Local Church Budget	Corky Hinman
Offertory		Organist

**MINISTRATION OF THE WORD**

Children’s Story		Virginia Miller
Scripture Reading	Isaiah 7:14	James Eames
Christmas Program		
Narrator		James Reynolds
Song Leader		Ann Pierre

**BENEDICTION**

Closing Hymn		#214
	“We Have This Hope”	
Benediction		James Reynolds
Response		Organist
Postlude		Organist

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas Program -- Please join us in our worship service today as we remember the birth of our Lord and Savior with a program of scripture reading and music. *“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.*

Afternoon Study – today following the worship service. The first, third, and fifth Sabbaths of the month, we are studying “Last Day Events.”

In Sympathy – We extend our condolences to the Moss family on the loss of Luke’s sister, Mary Simpson, who passed away last Sunday at the age of 92. We look forward to the resurrection when we will be reunited with our loved ones.

Vision 2020: Each One Reach One for Christ – Our goal is: to individually, be used of God to lead at least one person to surrender their lives to Jesus Christ.

Holiday Dinner – next Sabbath. This is a planned meal. Please bring the same dish that you were asked to bring in November. Everyone is invited.

Adventist Youth – next Sabbath. We will sing for the residents at Woodbrook at 1:30, to be followed by AY at the church.

No Bible Study – There will be no Bible Study December 24 and 31. We will resume Tuesday, January 7.

Final Empire – January 23-25, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings, as well as, Sabbath morning worship service. Speaker for the series will be Shawn Boonstra, via DVD. Plan to come and invite your family and friends

*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*

## 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 21	Christmas Program Spirit of Prophecy Study
Next Sabbath	Speaker–Elios Pierre Holiday Dinner Singing at Woodbrook – 1:30 followed by AY at the church

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Church Website	elmirasda.com
Church Phone	734-1560
Bulletin	<b>By Wednesday, 8:00 PM</b>

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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*