

## Missionary Highlight: Roy & Elvia Sprague

In his beautiful song “We Are God’s People,” Bryan Leach wrote the words

“We are God’s temple, the Spirit’s dwelling place  
Formed in great weakness, a cup to hold God’s grace  
We die alone, for on its own each ember loses fire:  
Yet joined in one the flame burns on  
To give warmth and light and to inspire.”

Elvia and I are so blessed to be “a cup to hold God’s grace” as we serve with Northwest Independent Church Extension throughout the Pacific Northwest to provide care, encouragement, and counsel to Church Planters and Missionary Pastors in these 6 states. During 2017 we’ve had the privilege to minister God’s Word in 21 different churches, preaching 34 times, teaching the Bible Study at Laurel Oaks Senior Community 33 times, and driving 18,070 miles in order to do so. We thank God for His grace!

Elvia and I continue to be overwhelmed at the goodness of the Lord to us as we’ve served Him together 61 years. What a privilege to be “cups of His grace.” You, our friends and supporters at Keyport, have been partners in this ministry for 46 years. You have joined with us prayerfully and financially as united “embers joined in one” to enable the warmth, light and inspiration of the Gospel to reach into hearts and lives for the glory of the Lord. We thank God for your partnership!

- Please pray for us as we minister the Word in Northwest churches each week.
- Please pray for protection as we travel each week.
- Please pray for continued health and strength for both of us.
- Please pray for spiritual growth of those who attend the weekly Bible Study at Laurel Oaks.

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Order of Worship  
December 3, 2017

Prelude

Congregational Singing  
“O Come, All Ye Faithful” Hymn # 145

Welcome/Opening Prayer: Pastor Mike Chinn

Advent Candle

Congregational Singing  
“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” Hymn # 124  
“O Come, O Come Emmanuel” Hymn # 123

Choir: “Offering”

Communion

Scripture Reading: Elder Kevin Kirchner  
Luke 1:26-38 (Pew Bible, p. 855)

Offertory: Mike Maddox

Message: Pastor Justin Guy  
“The Coming of the King”

Closing Song  
“Joy to the World” Hymn # 125

Postlude

## Announcements

- 1) Volunteers Needed for the Christmas Banquet!  
Set up tables and Chairs: Help Linda Reynolds Friday, 8 Dec. at 11 a.m.  
Decorate: Help Cindy Brown Saturday, 9 Dec. at 11 a.m.  
Clean up (put tables/chairs away, wash dishes, sweep): Saturday, 9 Dec. at 8 p.m.  
Children: We want them to have fun too! We just need a few volunteers to help oversee this - talk to Pastor Justin Guy
- 2) Baptisms - We will be holding a baptism on January 7th. If you would like to be baptized at that time, please contact any of the pastors or the church office as soon as possible.

## Sunday Servers

Greeters:

December 3: 1st: Steve & Louise K / 2nd: Tom S

Ushers (December):

1st: Ron Z, Gabe S, Tom J, Alt. Ken M

2nd: Tom S, Mike W, Pat B, Alt. Mark Z

Children's Church:

December 3: 1st: Louise K / 2nd: Louise K

Nursery:

December 3:

1st: Krista V & Nicole H

SS: Krista V & Cindy B

2nd: Elizabeth G (Brielle) & Heather H

Claremont East:

December 3: Jim E / Steve A

## Prayer Requests

- Please pray for Sylvia Koplen as she recovers from hip replacement surgery.
- Donna Jensen is in hospice care at Claremont East for untreatable heart failure. Please pray for Donna and her family in this time.
- Jim Zimmers has been diagnosed with cancer and will be undergoing chemotherapy treatment. Please pray for strength, healing, and peace.
- Please pray for all of the marriages in our church.
- Please pray for unity and ongoing spiritual growth in the Body of Christ.
- Please pray for our nation, and our military serving around the world.
- Please pray for our missionaries and our persecuted brothers and sisters in Christ around the world.
- Please pray for the ongoing health problems of: Danna Bailey, Lisa Boston, Reita Collins, Myra Doles, Gene & Stella Dunlap, Nick Garguile, Daisy Godwin, Violet Godwin, Ednamay Kennedy, Elaine Kennedy, Marlene Kennedy, and Roxanne Moye.

## Looking Ahead

December 9, 5:00 p.m. - Christmas Banquet

December 24, 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship Services

December 24, 6:00 p.m. - Christmas Eve Evening Service

December 30 - Youth New Year's Party

January 7 - Baptism