



December 1, 2019

Order of Worship

Sunday Gathering 10:30 a.m.

@ Arctic Rec. Center
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FOR REFLECTION

The claim that Jesus is God also gives us the greatest possible hope. This means that our world is not all there is, that there is life and love after death, and that evil and suffering will one day end. And it means not just hope for the world, despite all its unending problems, but hope for you and me, despite all our unending failings. A God who was only holy would not have come down to us in Jesus Christ... He knows we could never climb up to him, so he has come down to us. God had to come himself and do what we couldn't do. He doesn't send someone; he doesn't send a committee report or a preacher to tell you how to save yourself. He comes himself to fetch us. Christmas means, then, that for you and me there is all the hope in the world.

~ Tim Keller, Hidden Christmas

PRELUDE

Good morning! Please use this time of instrumental music to settle in and prepare for worship.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 33:20-22

Our soul waits for the LORD; he is our help and our shield. For our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name. Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

PRAYER & SONGS

CONFESSION

Psalm 130:1-3

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD! O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy! If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?

(Let us reflect on our need for a Savior.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Psalm 130:4-7

But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared. I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning. O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption.

Please silence all phones and electronic devices for the duration of the worship service.

Text in bold italics is read aloud together by the entire congregation.

Call To Worship:

Our worship begins each week with a call to worship. We are gathered here today because God, our Creator, desires to have a relationship with us. Whether we realize it or not, He is the one calling us to himself-today and every day. "Lectio Sacra" means "sacred reading." It has been the practice of the church for thousands of years to have portions of the Bible read during worship services. The assumption behind this practice is that we are people who need to be shaped by all of God's word.

Confession & Assurance

Confession of sin happens within the context of relationship, both with God and each other. We confess together, in community, before a gracious God who has given us himself. Confession both acknowledges our need for mercy and celebrates its abundance in Christ.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9)

NEW CITY CATECHISM Q48

What is the church?

God chooses and preserves for himself a community elected for eternal life and united by faith, who love, follow, learn from, and worship God together. God sends out this community to proclaim the gospel and prefigure Christ's kingdom by the quality of their life together and their love for one another.

2 Thessalonians 2:13

But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth.

www.newcitycatechism.com

ADVENT CANDLE

We light the first candle in reflection that Jesus is our only *hope* in life and death.

SONGS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEND KIDS

Faith & Repentance

...as it is written: None is righteous, no, not one... for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God... For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord... if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved... For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved... For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life... And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved. (Romans 3:10, 23; 6:23; 10:9-10, 13. John 3:16. Acts 4:12.)

New City Catechism

is a joint adult and children's catechism, adapted by Timothy Keller and Sam Shammas from the Reformation catechisms. One question and answer for each week of the year. Adults and children are asked the same questions. **The** children's answer is shortened and appears in blue. See the online app.

SCRIPTURE

1 John 2:12-17

SERMON

"The Letters of John: Remember the Real Jesus" Pastor Chris Cha, Kaleo Church

COMMUNION

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

SONGS

BLESSING & SENDING

Proverbs 3:1-4

My son, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments, for length of days and years of life and peace they will add to you. Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you; bind them around your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart. So you will find favor and good success in the sight of God and man.

Amen.

Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from *my sins and receive* you as Savior and Lord. Amen.

Communion

also called the Lord's Supper is the family meal of Christians. We invite all followers of Jesus Christ who acknowledge their sins against God and their neighbors and confess their need for the grace of Christ to partake of this meal. Please also use this as a time of reflection, application, and prayer.

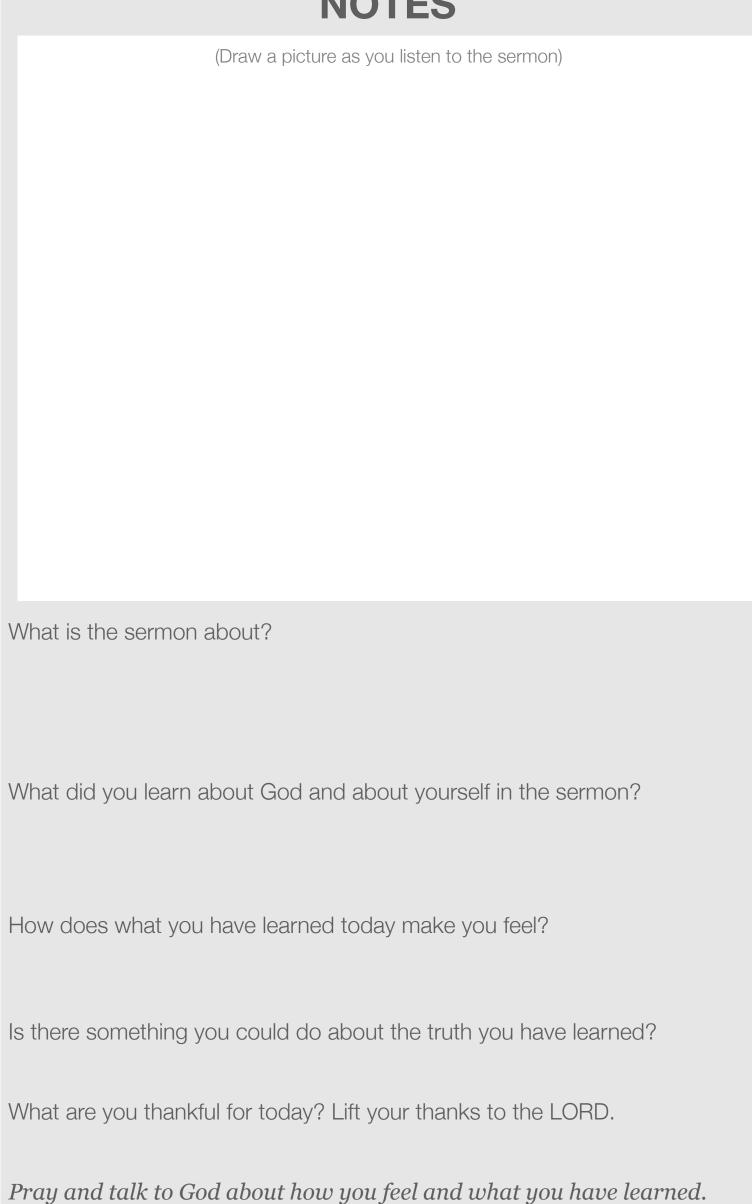
Baptism

If you are a Christian and haven't been baptized, please talk with an elder. We would be honored to baptize you.

Seeking

We hope this time has been helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with his people, the church. Our pastors and elders are available for any questions you might have.

NOTES





Name:	
Phone: Email:	
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I would like to Meet with a pastor Be baptized Find a K-Group (small group) Learn more about serving Join this church family Please drop this card in the offering both	I'm a First time guest Returning guest Regular attendee
NOTE OR PRAYE	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DONUTS WITH LEADERS NEXT SUNDAY

December 8th - Meet our missionaries Derek and Tess Yampradit. Learn about CRU and its impact at UAA. K-2nd Room 9:30-10:00 a.m.

CHRISTMAS POTLUCK

Sunday, December 22nd - Join us for lasagna and salad after service.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

December 24th @ Faith Christian (4240 Wisconsin) 6:00-7:00 p.m. Join us for carols and scripture reading.

SCRIPTURE JOURNALS

Now available for the letters of John. You can pay via credit card online at our website *kaleoalaska.org* or just drop \$6 cash or check in the offering box (please use a memo "scripture journal"). Once you've paid, please pickup your journal at the main table in the lobby.

FIND YOUR GROUP

K-Groups meet during the week throughout the city. You are welcome to attend them all as you look for a good fit for you or your family. Please see Pastor Cody with any questions. More information can be found at *kaleoalaska.org.*

NEED TO GET BAPTIZED?

Please talk to Pastor Chris or Pastor Cody. We would be honored to baptize you! Baptism is symbolic of what happens to the believer when they are saved. Dead in sin and then risen to new life in Christ. It is the first step of obedience to Jesus after one becomes a Christian.

FREE BIBLES & OFFERING BOXES ON BACK TABLES

Pick up a Bible if you need one. If you are our guest, we are glad you're here, please feel no obligation to give. Boxes are available for giving or you may give via *Pushpay* by texting "Kaleo" to 77977 to get the free app. Online giving is also available at *kaleoalaska.org*.