



COME LET US ADORE HIM

# CHRIST THE LORD



December 8, 2019

## Order of Worship

Sunday Gathering 10:30 a.m.

@ Arctic Rec. Center

4855 Arctic Blvd. Anchorage, AK 99503

[www.kaleoalaska.org](http://www.kaleoalaska.org)



# WELCOME!

We are glad you're here. We hope you find this time to be beneficial, informative, and meaningful.

May the LORD bless you.

## ***FOR REFLECTION***

"The first step toward peace with God is to recognize that there has been a conflict. One way to do that is to say: "Not only have I done bad things, but even the good things I have done have been done to be my own savior, to assert my independence from my Creator and Redeemer. So I need to be saved by sheer grace, because even the right things I do have been done for the wrong reasons. I need to rest wholly on Jesus' saving work on my behalf." When you say that, you have finally admitted the full extent of your resistance to the Lord's sovereignty. You have confessed that you can't save yourself. You rest in what the Lord Jesus Christ has done, and you turn away from your old way of living. That is making peace with God...

Christmas means that, through the grace of God and the incarnation, peace with God is available; and if you make peace with God, then you can go out and make peace with everybody else. And the more people who embrace the Gospel and do that, the better off the world is. Christmas, therefore, means the increase of peace—both with God and between people—across the face of 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

*Isaiah 9:6-7*

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
***Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.***

# PRAYER & SONGS

# CONFESSION

*Ephesians 2:11-12*

Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh... ***remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.***

*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)*

# ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Ephesians 2:13-15*

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

***For he himself is our peace.***

# NEW CITY CATECHISM Q49

*Where is Christ now?*

***Christ rose bodily from the grave on the third day after his death and is seated at the right hand of the Father, ruling his kingdom and interceding for us, until he returns to judge and renew the whole world.***

*Ephesians 1:20–21*

He raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.

[www.newcitycatechism.com](http://www.newcitycatechism.com)

# SONGS

# ADVENT CANDLE

We light the second candle in reflection that Jesus is our PEACE.

# 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  
Shamas 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 2:18-27

# 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

Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.  
**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

(Draw a picture as you listen to the sermon)

What is the sermon about?

What did you learn about God and about yourself in the sermon?

How does what you have learned today make you feel?

Is there something you could do about the truth you have learned?

What are you thankful for today? Lift your thanks to the LORD.

*Pray and talk to God about how you feel and what you have learned.*



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CONNECT

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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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

I'm a...

- ☐ First time guest
- ☐ Returning guest
- ☐ Regular attendee

*Please drop this card in the offering boxes located on the back tables.*

NOTE OR PRAYER REQUEST

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 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\*\*](http://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 A 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\*\*](http://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\*\*](http://kaleoalaska.org).