

The top half of the image features four lit purple candles of varying heights. The background is a dark, bokeh-filled space with warm, golden light spots, suggesting a festive or spiritual atmosphere. The word "Advent" is written in a large, elegant, white cursive font in the upper right corner.

Advent

CHRISTMAS MEANS THAT GOD
CAME TO BE WITH US.
HE DIDN'T LEAVE
US ALL ALONE.

December 3, 2023

Order of Worship

Welcome! We hope you find this time meaningful and life giving.
Please silence your devices for the duration of the service.
Join us in the responsive readings written in **bold text**.
May the LORD bless you!

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C H U R C H

Sunday Gathering 11:45 a.m.
1301 W. 100th Ave, Anchorage, AK 99515
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Call to Worship

We gather today because God desires a relationship with us. It has been the practice of the church for thousands of years to have portions of the Bible read corporately during worship services.

Confession & Assurance

Confession both acknowledges our need for mercy and celebrates its abundance in Christ. We are assured in the scriptures that our penalty was paid completely by Christ.

Faith & Repentance

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 ...

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.***

SONG

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.***

ADVENT CANDLE & SONGS

Jesus is our HOPE.

SENDING OF KIDS

SERMON

That You May Believe and Have Life in Jesus
John 15:1-17, “I Am the True Vine”
Danilo Guzman

COMMUNION

Also called the Lord’s Supper is the family meal of Christians. We invite all followers of Jesus Christ who have examined their lives and confessed their sins to partake of this meal. This is a time of reflection, application, and prayer.

Prayer for Receiving Communion

Lord Jesus, your perfect life, death, and resurrection are the source of all blessing in this life and the life to come. As I eat this bread and drink this cup, renew me in the joy and glory of knowing and serving you. I come to this table on the basis of your merit only and not my own. As you have completely and fully offered yourself for me, I now completely and fully offer myself to you as a living sacrifice. Amen.

SONG

SENDING

Psalms 33:16-18
The king is not saved by his great army; a warrior is not delivered by his great strength. The war horse is a false hope for salvation, and by its great might it cannot rescue. Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love...

Amen.

Faith & Repentance Continued

...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.)

WELCOME

We are glad you're here! Visitors text "Hello" to (907) 312-2000 and pick up a complimentary coffee card at the Welcome Table.

Text "KGroup" to (907) 312-2000 for community groups info.

If you call Kaleo home, an offering box is on the wall in the back of the auditorium. You can also give online by texting any dollar amount to 84321.

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REFLECT

"The Christmas story is the worst news ever. I'm going to ask you to humbly open your heart to this second part, the bad news part of the Christmas story. God has to invade our world in the person of Jesus because there was simply no other way. And why was there no other way? Prepare for the bad news. There was no other way because our big problem in life is not familial or historical or societal or political or relational or ecclesiastical or financial. The biggest, darkest thing that all of us have to face, and that somehow, someday influences everything we think, say, and do, isn't outside us; it's inside. If you had none of the above problems in your life, you would still be in grave danger, because of the danger you are to yourself. If the only thing human beings needed were a little external tweaking of their life circumstances, then the coming of Jesus to earth wouldn't make any sense. But if the greatest danger to all of us lives inside us and not outside us, then the radical intervention of the incarnation of Jesus is our only hope."

— Paul David Tripp, Come, Let Us Adore Him: A Daily Advent Devotional

CONNECT

Advent Resources available at kaleoalaska.org.

KSM Schedule

- Thursdays,
7:00-8:30 p.m.
- Sunday Mornings
9:15 a.m.

Prayer of Belief

*Lord Jesus, I admit
that I am more
sinful than I ever
before believed, but
through the cross, I
am more loved and
accepted than I
ever hoped. 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.*

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 and your
relationship with
Jesus Christ.*