

Advent

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



December 10, 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

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.***

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CONFESSION

Ephesians 2:11-12

Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called "the uncircumcision" by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands - ***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.***

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

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, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace...***

ADVENT CANDLE & SONGS

Jesus is our PEACE.

SENDING OF KIDS

SERMON

That You May Believe and Have Life in Jesus
John 15:18-16:4a, “Hated by the World”
Pastor Chris Cha, Kaleo Church

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

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.

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

"You and I are very skilled and committed self-swindlers. Now I know that this is not how you would expect a Christmas devotional to begin. You would expect talk of angels, shepherds, a star in the sky, wise men, and a baby in the manger. But all of these story elements, which are so familiar to us, would not have been necessary without the single, dark reality we all work so hard to deny. From the moment of the very first sin in the garden of Eden, human beings have worked to deny what is true about them, that is, that we all desperately need what only God's grace can give us. We all swindle ourselves into believing that we are wiser, stronger, and more righteous than we actually are. We all walk around with an inner law firm that mounts a defense whenever we are accused of a wrong. And when we do this, we are denying our need for what the baby in the manger came to do for us."

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

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.*