

The top half of the image features a photograph of four lit purple candles. The candles are of varying heights and are lit, with bright yellow flames. The background is dark with a bokeh effect of out-of-focus light spots in shades of purple, blue, and white, creating a festive and warm atmosphere.

Advent

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

December 17, 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

John 15:11-13

These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. ***"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends."***

SONG

CONFESSION

John 3:19-21

And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. ***For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God."***

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

John 3:16-18

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only So, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ***For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.***

ADVENT CANDLE & SONGS

Jesus is our LOVE.

SENDING OF KIDS

SERMON

That You May Believe and Have Life in Jesus
John 16:4B-15, “The Work of the Holy Spirit”
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

Romans 8:37-39

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

A fool is a fool because he hears his foolishness and thinks it's wisdom. So it's true of you and me and everyone else who has ever lived that sin turns us into fools. We see the world upside down and inside out. We have the sad ability to hear foolishness and think it's wisdom, to mistake falsehood for the truth, and to confuse right and wrong.... Every time you buy into the delusion of independent wisdom, righteousness, and strength, you are telling yourself that you can live quite well without the presence, power, and grace of the One who made you. Every day you live without God in your thoughts and his glory as your motivation, you functionally deny the existence of God."

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.*