

Waves of Faith

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THE SEASON OF ADVENT is a four-week season in the Christian liturgical calendar dedicated to preparing for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ at

Christmas and anticipating His second coming.

Advent, derived from the Latin word *adventus*, meaning “coming,” marks the beginning of the Christian liturgical year. It is a time of reflection, anticipation, and preparation for the arrival of Jesus, both in His birth and His promised return. The season emphasizes themes of hope, peace, joy, and love, which are often represented by the lighting of candles on an Advent wreath.

Advent lasts for four weeks, beginning on the Sunday closest to November 30 and concluding on December 24, Christmas Eve. Each of the four Sundays of Advent focuses on a different theme, allowing Christians to reflect on various aspects of their faith and the significance of Christ’s coming.

The Meaning of Each Advent Candle

The lighting of Advent candles holds profound symbolism, with each candle representing a distinct aspect of the spiritual journey towards Christmas. As the weeks of Advent unfold, the illumination of these candles serves as a poignant reminder of the timeless themes of hope, peace, joy, and love.

1. **The First Candle: Hope**

The first Advent candle, often referred to as the "Prophet's Candle," symbolizes hope. This candle embodies the anticipation of the Messiah's coming, echoing the hope and longing of the Old Testament prophets who foretold the birth of Jesus. As it is lit on the first Sunday of Advent, it serves as a beacon of hope, illuminating the path for believers as they embark on the journey of anticipation and spiritual preparation.

2. **The Second Candle: Peace**

The second Advent candle represents peace and is commonly known as the "Bethlehem Candle." This candle embodies the tranquil anticipation of the Prince of Peace, whose birth was foretold in the town of Bethlehem. As it is lit on the second Sunday of Advent, it serves as a gentle reminder of the profound peace that Jesus brings to the hearts of believers, fostering a sense of serenity amidst the busyness of the season.

3. **The Third Candle: Joy**

The third Advent candle symbolizes joy and is often referred to as the "Shepherd's Candle." This candle encapsulates the jubilant anticipation of the shepherds who received the joyous news of the Savior's birth. As it is lit on the third Sunday of Advent, it radiates the infectious joy that permeates the hearts of believers, inspiring a spirit of celebration and exultation as Christmas draws near.

4. **The Fourth Candle: Love**

The fourth Advent candle embodies love and is commonly known as the "Angel's Candle." This candle represents the boundless love of God, manifested through the sending of His Son to redeem humanity. As it is lit on the fourth Sunday of Advent, it serves as a poignant expression of divine love, igniting a profound sense of compassion and goodwill as believers prepare to celebrate the ultimate expression of love in the birth of Jesus Christ.

The progression of lighting these candles throughout the Advent season reflects the deepening sense of anticipation and illumination as Christmas approaches. Each candle, with its unique symbolism, weaves a narrative of spiritual preparation, culminating in the joyous celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ.

Finally, on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day, a center white candle is lit. The light of Christ is fully present. Jesus is born.



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“Then the angels said to (the Shepherds) “Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy and which will be to all people.” Luke 2:10

Christmas can be the hardest time of the year. In fact, some people fear the Christmas season. Perhaps it’s the first Christmas after the death of a loved one. Maybe there are financial pressures made worse by Christmas bills. If you are single and without friends or family nearby, Christmas can be a lonely time.

There was fear at the very first Christmas. Zacharias and Elizabeth feared never having a child (Luke 1:13). Mary feared the future and becoming a new bride (Luke 1:30). And the shepherds in the Bethlehem field feared encounter with the supernatural (Luke 2:10). The Christmas message to them is the same message to us: “Fear not. This is a season of good news and great joy! A Savior has been born who is Christ, the Lord of all.” There is no fearful circumstances that cannot be defused by the reality of the Christmas presence of Christ and his spirit.

Whatever your circumstances this Christmas, let joy and celebration be your theme, Trust that the God of the first Christmas is the God of your Christmas as well.

Florence Miyashiro, Deacon

Please note that beginning 2026, refreshments after worship will be encouraged the first Sunday, (Communion Sunday) only. Refreshments for the remainder of this year 2025 will continue weekly. Mahalo!



REASONS TO CELEBRATE!

December Birthdays

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| Myra Y. | Jackie O. |
| Jean M. | Jennifer Y. |
| Myrtle T. | Pat O. |
| Paul G. | Jesus Christ |
| Sandra S. | Michelle M. |
| Carol S. | |



Anniversaries

- Dean & Maureen W.
- Matt & Pie Pie W.



PRAYERS & PRAISES**Please keep in your prayers**

~ Stan and Chris H. for healing
 ~ Nancy A. on the loss of her daughter, Carol.
 ~ Joe F palliative cancer care ~ Kevin L.
 ~ Family of Riley Y. ~ Reggie's healing
 ~ Jennie L health condition ~ Grace O
 ~ Dean's co-worker's muscle damage
 ~ Eric M. healing ~ Dennis F.
 ~ Julia who has cancer ~ Lia & Curtis L.
 ~ Susan H. ~ Sandra U.
 ~ Val A. & sister, Claire S.'s healing
 ~ John S. and daughters
 ~ Gary & Susan M. ~ Nani O.
 ~ Alicia & Cooper on loss of Wilson
 ~ Rev. Howard Y. & relatives from fire
 ~ Nathan K. ~ Jean K.
 ~ Myrtle & Lowell T. ~ Saeko Y..
 ~ Matt, Pie Pie, & Nora W. ~ Kathe W.
 ~ Mai's mom w/cancer & father w/ dementia
 ~ Bill C. hip surgery coming up
 ~ Diane & John M. cont. healing.
 ~ Joe w/ brain tumor, cancer & Sue w/ cancer
 ~ Caitlin H., loss of both grandparents
 ~ Dean's friends, Gary & Greg's recoveries
 ~ Sharon N. ~ Steve H.
 ~ Lisa battling cancer ~ Duane M.
 ~ Winchell & Lily L., ~ Richard T.,
 ~ Darby's grandpa dealing with health concerns
 ~ Jean M., Alice E., Nani O., Annie S., Harry I.,
 Carl N., Sharon M., Dot S., Harrison L., Hazel
 M., Jean S., and everyone traveling.

**TRUSTEES NOTES**

Members and Friends of KCC,

KCC Financial Information:

(Balances through 10/31/25)

Income: \$ 163,872.73 (Total Gross Income)

Expenses: \$ 177,292.28 (Total Expenses)

Total Cash: \$ 207,032.26 (Total Resources in the savings and checking accounts)

General Fund: \$ 173,108.88 (Avail. Resources, excluding special funds and grants)

Month of October:

- \$9,577.00 were received primarily from pledges, offerings, facility leasing.
- \$17,518.51 were expended, primarily for salaries, utilities, sound system upgrade.
- Difference: (\$7,941.51)

Based on the above, the Total Expenses exceeded the Total Gross Income, resulting in a deficit of \$13,419.55. This shortfall was covered mostly by the General Fund (Available Resources). Our Resources will eventually be depleted unless we generate sufficient income via pledges and offerings to at least cover our major operating expenses. We have been diligently attempting to reduce our operating expenses via our annual budget to a point where if we reduce any further, it will jeopardize the church operations and services it provides.

Stewardship:

November was Stewardship month, a time to reflect on our responsibility to God as stewards of our time, talents and resources. We asked for your support in making financial contributions (pledges) and volunteering your time and talent which would help in fulfilling our church



**Please join Pastor Chris Eng and our KCC
 ohana on Wednesday, Dec. 24th at
 5:00 p.m.**

mission, vision and the call God has placed on us. To date, we have received \$37,500 in pledges. Although the due date for the pledge card and time and talent sheet was November 23rd, you may still send in your pledge cards and time and talent sheets. Your contribution is the lifeblood that keeps KCC moving forward. Mahalo!

Church Work Day:

The Church Work Day went very well. Twenty (20) volunteers showed up, most of them brought their own cleaning items and equipment. Due to the number of volunteers, we were able to clean the sanctuary, library, restrooms, Classrooms 3 & 4, yard work (weeding), power washing the walkways, moving furnishings from the library and Classrooms 3 & 4 to Classroom 5, and checking and adjusting the sanctuary and stage lighting. Thank you to all who participated in the Church Work Day. A Special thank you goes to Lynne N., Grace Christian Community Church, who volunteered again this year to help with the church cleanup.

Happy Holiday:

We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas! May the glory of our Savior's birth fill your heart with peace and love this Christmas.

Isaiah 9:6 – “For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” NIV

God Bless You All!
Board of Trustees



NA ANELA I KA HANA A KE AKUA (Angels in the Works for God) **Wellness Support Group**

LEARNING IS LIFELONG!

Glorifying God through Caring for Health on Saturday, November 15, was a God-send presentation by Rita Madden, Master of Public Health and Registered Dietician (RDN). Rita had fifteen of us (in-person and Zoom), mesmerized with her 8hr. workshop, condensed and simplified into a 90-minute interactive presentation that included Q&A. She did an amazing job of educating with scripture and inspiring us to begin fasting 10 hours, after a balanced dinner which means eliminating snacks when your body is not hungry; there's an easy test to find out if you are truly hungry! Many purchased her book, Food Faith and Fasting, A Sacred Journey to Better Health. Let me know if you'd like to order one (\$15).

THANK YOU to the 2025 team efforts of our members, friends and relatives, who make it possible to Zoom as well as open the sanctuary for our bi-monthly wellness events. THANK YOU for your valuable presence (time, energy and commitment), enthusiastic support and your generous donations to the speakers' Mahalo basket and healthy refreshments!





The Altar Flower Sign up Calendar is now posted on the back bulletin board. Please consider signing up to provide flowers for the worship service. Mahalo! Details on sign up sheet.



If you would like to dedicate this floral donation in Memory or in honor of someone, please inform the office with the details. We can post it in the newsletter and on powerpoint announcements.

Special thanks to all who have supported the altar flowers ministry in 2025 - A extra big MAHALO to Annie S., Susan & Gary M., Myra and Reggie Y. and Jennie L. for filling in in the extra empty spots on the Altar flower calendar.



CAN YOU HELP?

A request has been made by a friend of KCC regarding National Geographic Magazines he is collecting for himself and for King Intermediate School. If you do have magazines to donate, please let the church office know. Mahalo. Pick up is available. Thank you for your kind consideration.

Helpers to water plants on church grounds. Be a part of the team that signs up on designated days to help regularly or when we have emergencies or people are away on trips. Please contact the church office for more details and to sign up. MAHALO!

Please review the 2026 Time and Talent form (available in the back of the sanctuary if you did not receive one personally), and pray about how God might be asking you to serving Him with the gifts he has given you. Got some free time, set up a time with the church office on where you can be a answer to prayer for your place of worship. MAHALO!

Save the date: January 24, 2026; Alzheimer’s Association on Ten Healthy Habits for Your Brain and Latest Updates. Speakers will be Mr. Calvin Hara and Ms, Valerie Takahashi. More details to be provided in the January’s Waves of Faith newsletter.

St. Francis Healthcare System’s program for Wellness classes has dwindled down to one course, Tai Chi. You can register online for Tai Chi (Zoom) by clicking on <https://www.stfranchawaii.org/classes>. For questions, please contact the Call Center @ (808) 547-6500 (select 0), listen and choose an option.

2025 Free Weekly Classes: Tai Chi (Zoom) classes are held every Tuesday of each month, from 9 – 10 am.

Sign up for: 12/2, 12/9, 12/16, 12/23, 12/30

Participation in a variety of “wellness” classes will enhance your health journey! Be Well and have fun learning!

God Bless you all!
Mahalo, Myra



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SPECIAL THANKSGIVING OFFERING

As we highlight Stewardship during this time of the year, we welcome any last minute considerations of support for our annual special offering for our mission partners. Help us encourage and thank them as they dedicate their lives to serve our wider community with the-message of love and hope of Jesus.

MAHALO FOR YOUR KIND CONSIDERATION

IMPORTANT NOTES

Informational Meeting following worship on Sun. Nov. 30th.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
Sunday, Dec. 7th – members will vote on Budget and slate of officers for 2026

Installation of Officers – Sun. Dec. 28th
During worship

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Worship Service - Sundays at 10:00 a.m.
 Communion on the First Sun. of each month.

King's Company – Jr. Church

2nd Sun. through last Sun. of each month.
 Children stay in service on Communion Sun.

Official E-Mail for KCC & Office is

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If you would like to receive a monthly newsletter via email – please contact the office and give us your current email address. Otherwise you can view it on the website at www.kailuachristian-church.org. Request for a hard copy in the mail can also be arranged by contacting the office.

Council Meeting normally is held on the 3rd Wed. night via Zoom. Please keep participants in your prayers during this time.

Deacons Meeting normally held on the 2nd Sun. after Service.

SPECIAL NOTE;

Church secretary is available in the office
 Monday, Thursday, and Fridays
 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
 Ph: 808-261-0125

Please call the church office before visiting so you will be sure to connect with someone who could assist you as needed.

In case of an emergency, please feel free to contact your Deacons or call the church number.
MAHALO.