

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL  
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i  
December 06, 2015  
Second Sunday of Advent

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

**Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing together**

**Words of Greeting**

**Mary Ann Katayama**

**Pastoral Welcome**

**Rev. Choo Lak Yeow**

**Prelude: “Infant Holy” (Polish Carol) *By: Thygerson***

**Kayleen Yuda**

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given,

**All: And the government will be on his shoulders.**

Leader: And he will be called

**ALL: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

**Advent Reading and Candle Lighting**

**Stuart Mori & Family**

**Hymn: The Candle of Peace - Sung to Infant Holy, Infant Lowly**

**Lord we thank you and we praise you**

**For your gift to us divine.**

**As we celebrate this Advent**

**Fill our hearts with peace sublime.**

**Candles glowing, spirits growing,**

**As the Christ child comes to earth.**

**We rejoice his holy birth. We rejoice his holy birth.**

Candle Lighting Response and Prayer

Leader: The candle of peace prepares us for Christ’s coming.

**ALL: Our hearts glow with the light of peace.**

Leader: May the God of **hope** fill you with all joy and peace  
As you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope  
By the power of the Holy Spirit.

**ALL: We wait in peace, Come, Lord Jesus. Amen**

**\*Prayer of Invocation** [In unison]

**Holy God, we have a job to do this Advent season. You call us to prepare the way, as you called the prophets of old. You are doing new things with and through us. Like a refiner's fire that destroys the old so that the new may shine through, refine us and give us courage – the courage to be your messengers of justice and righteousness, and the courage to be the bearers of your grace and light. Ignite a fire within us so that we may carry that light in the world. Amene.**

**\*Gloria Patri**

### **WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD**

**Time with Children "Spider in the Jungle"**

**Rev. Choo Lak Yeow**

Please rise if you are able and join hands in a circle

**Lord's Prayer** (using "debts" and "debtors") [*in unison*]

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever, Amen.**

After the Lord's Prayer, please pass the peace of Christ to your neighbor on your left and right, after which, please be seated for the Ministry in Music and the children leave for Sunday School.

**Anthem: "Breath of Heaven"**

**Na Leo Ni'o Lani**

*By: Chris Eaton & Amy Grant Arr: Craig Courtney*

**Scripture:** Malachi 3: 1 – 4

**Scripture:** Philippians 1: 3 – 11

**Sermon: "I'm Coming! I'm Coming! I'm Coming!"**

**Rev. Choo Lak Yeow**

## WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

**Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People**

**Rev. Choo Lak Yeow**

**Hymn: #116, 'O Come, O Come, Emmanuel,'** verses 1, 3, and 5

**Every Member Canvass**

**Margaret Torigoe**

### **Invitation to the Offering:**

Holy God, we have a job to do this Advent season. You call us to prepare the way, as you called the prophets of old. You are doing a new thing through us. Zechariah saw God at work and proclaimed God's word for all to hear. God, may we bring hope where there is hurt and hope is lost. May we bring healing where there is harm and healing is missing. Help us to never stop working and offering to bring the light of your love to all we encounter.

**Offertory: "The Quiet Carol"** (German Carol) *By: Lorenz*

**Kayleen Yuda**

**\*Doxology: #780 or #781** [In Hawaiian]

Ho`onani i ka makua mau

*(Praise God from whom all blessings flow)*

Ke keiki me ka`uhane no

*(Praise Him, all creatures here below)*

Ke Akua mau ho`omaika`i pu

*(Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts)*

Ko keia ao, ko kela ao

*(Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost)*

'Amene

*(Amen)*

**\*Prayer of Dedication:** [Unison]

**God of abundance and grace, we offer these gifts as a sign of gratefulness for all that you have done in our lives. We offer our very selves to you and ask that you use us to be your hands and feet and voice in our communities and in the world – proclaiming your righteousness throughout the world. Amene.**

## THE LORD'S SUPPER

**Invitation**

**Rev. Choo Lak Yeow**

**Consecrating the Bread and Cup**

**Rev. Henry Wilson**

**Sharing the Bread and the Cup**

**Rev. Henry Wilson**

Please come forward, as you are able, to share in the bread of life and the cup of salvation. If you wish we will serve you in your seat. Following Holy Communion please form a fellowship circle around the sanctuary.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Henry Wilson

\*Closing Hymn: #117 'Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates,' vs 1

\*Benediction

Rev. Henry Wilson

\*Choral Benediction Response: #117 'Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates,' verse 4

\*Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

\*Postlude: "O Blessed Emmanuel" *By: Bach-Thompson*

Kayleen Yuda

**Ushers:** Moira Tanaka, Esther Kodani, Newton Chu & Karl Kawahara

**Flowers:** Beverly Dodo

**Interim Minister:** Rev. Choo Lak Yeow

**Moderator:** Woody Kita

**Minister Emeritus:** Susumu Yamane Sensei

**Office Manager:** Jodi Enriquez

**Choir Director:** Katherine Wilson

**Choir Accompanist:** Kanako Okita

**Organist:** Kayleen Yuda

**Childcare Coordinator:** Evonne Shiohita

**Childcare:** Joyce Nakamoto

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Today, December 6<sup>th</sup>**

Second Sunday of Advent

"Glowing with Advent"

**Today, December 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Communion Service**

Co-celebrated with Rev. Henry Wilson

**Today, December 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Congregational Meeting**

After worship to elect Congregational Officers and Boards for 2016

**Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**Care Partners Support Group Meeting**  
**Building of Faith from 10 am to 12 noon**

**Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**Christmas Caroling at 2 pm**

**Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**Council Meeting**  
After worship

**Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**Messenger**  
Please submit articles by December 11<sup>th</sup>

**Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**Trustees Meeting**  
5 pm in the Lounge

**Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**Children's Christmas Pageant during Worship**

**Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**  
**Christmas Eve Program at 7:00 p.m.**  
***"Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols"***

**Friday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**Merry Christmas**  
**CHC Office will be Closed**

**Sunday, December 27<sup>th</sup>**  
**J's Mini Mart**  
Before Worship

**Sunday, December 27<sup>th</sup>**  
**Deacons Meeting**  
After worship

## **This week at the Church of the Holy Cross**

- **Bible Study**, Monday at 6:30 pm and Wednesday at 9:30 am in Pastors Study
- **Choir Practice**, 8:30 a.m. Sunday in the Sanctuary & 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm on Tuesday in the Lounge
- **IYAA Bible Study** Wednesday at 7:30 pm in the Lounge. Mark Ch. 12
- **Rhythm & Life exercise class**, every Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. in the BF
- **Ballroom Dance** class meets every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the BF
- **Ron Fujiyoshi, Ohana Ho'opakele** meets every Thursday at 9:00 am in the Lounge
- **Qigong** meets every Friday at 9:00 am to 10:30 am in the Building of Faith.
- **Bell Choir** every Saturday at 1pm in J's Café
- **Muslim Community Group** meets every Friday at 1:00 p.m. in the Building of Faith Meeting Room

## **Other Congregations that Worship here Today**

- **The Free Wesleyan Church of Tonga** meets in the Sanctuary on Sunday from 2 pm to 4 pm and Wednesday from 6 pm to 7 pm  
**Rev. Stiven Pousima; Assistant to Pastor: Tevita Talanoa**
- **The United Church of Christ, Pohnpei** – worships 10am to noon in the Building of Faith.  
**Rev. Ichiro Annes**
- **Samoan Church** worships at 12pm in Sanctuary.  
**Rev. Take Sunia**
- **First Marshallese Assembly of God**, worships 4 pm in the Sanctuary.  
**Rev. Brandy Karben**