

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL  
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai'i  
Candle Light Service, December 24, 2024  
Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

*Please note that audio and video of this service are being live streamed on the Internet and will be recorded. The right rear section of the sanctuary will not be captured by any cameras. Please be aware that in other sections you may be visible at times.*

**Prelude:** Hark! The Herald Angels Sing/Angels from the Realms of Glory  
Kayleen Yuda

**Introit:** Venite Adoremus/Tell Me, Gentle Shepherd (Children's Choir)

**Opening Carol #135:** O Come All Ye Faithful (v. 1-4)

**Lighting of the Christ Candle:** Peng Family

Family Member: The waiting ends, and the festival arrives.

Family Member: The delivery comes, and the child is born.

Family Member: Our Advent season passes to Christmas.

Family Member: Our hearts awake to sing our Savior's praise!

**All Sing:**

**O come, O come Emmanuel  
The shadows of our hopelessness dispel  
Let peace take root within every frame:  
With joy we now your love and grace proclaim.  
Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Emmanuel has come to us, O Israel.**

*Tune: VENI EMMANUEL*

Family Member: In the first candle of Advent, we declare our Hope. In the second candle of Advent, we declare our commitment to Peace. In the third candle of Advent, we proclaim our Joy. In the fourth candle of Advent, we celebrate the Love of God. And now we light the candle in the center, the one which glows for Christ, in the center of our wreath as Christ lives at the center of our hearts. This candle glows

for Hope. This candle glows for Peace. This candle glows for Joy. This candle glows for Love. This candle glows for all the world.

**Unison Prayer: In Hope we raise our prayers, O God. May we ever worship you, and ever live among our neighbors, in your Peace. Let Joy lend ardor to our singing. Let Love soothe our wounded hearts and then open our hearts to share generously with the world. You have come to us in Jesus Christ, a wonder and a marvel. Bless our worship tonight with Christ's spirit. Amen.**

## **Service of Lessons and Carols**

*Please remain seated while singing these carols*

<b>Anthem:</b> Noel Festival	Holy Cross Singers
<b>First Lesson:</b> Isaiah 9:2, 6-7	Jane Kawazoe
<b>Carol #116:</b> O Come, O Come Emmanuel (v. 1-2)	
<b>Second Lesson:</b> Luke 1:26-35, 38	Gloria Kobayashi
<b>Anthem:</b> Away in a Manger	Bell Choir
<b>Third Lesson:</b> Luke 2:1, 3-7	Mace Peng
<b>Anthem:</b> O Holy Night	Kanako Okita Tom Mirenda
<b>Fourth Lesson:</b> Luke 2:8-16	John Narruhn
<b>Carol #144:</b> Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (v. 1-2)	
<b>Fifth Lesson:</b> Matthew 2:1-12	Joyce Nakamoto
<b>Carol #139:</b> The First Nowell (v. 1-3)	
<b>Sixth Lesson:</b> John 1:1-5, 14	Stefan Tanouye
<b>Carol #132:</b> Joy to the World	
<b>Meditation</b>	Rev. Eric S. Anderson
<b>Christmas Prayer</b>	Rev. Eric S. Anderson
<b>Service of Candlelight</b>	
<b>Carol #134:</b> Silent Night (v. 1-3)	
<b>Benediction</b>	Rev. Eric S. Anderson
<b>Postlude:</b> Joy to the World/Hallelujah Chorus	Kayleen Yuda

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O Come All Ye Faithful

Text: Latin attrib. to John Francis Wade, 18<sup>th</sup> cent.  
Trans. by Frederick Oakeley, 1841  
Tune ADESTE FIDELES 18<sup>th</sup> cent. English melody  
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He Shall Feed His Flock

by George Friedrich Handel  
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O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Text from Psalterium Canticum Catholicarum, 1710  
Trans. by John Mason Neale, 1852  
Tune VENI EMMANUEL, 15<sup>th</sup> cent. French melody  
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Away in a Manger

Text Anon., 1885  
Tune MULLER attrib. to James R. Murray, 1887  
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O Holy Night

by Adolphe Adam, 1847  
trans. by John Sullivan Dwight, 1855  
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Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Text by Charles Wesley, 1739  
Tune MENDELSSOHN by Felix Mendelssohn, 1840  
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The First Nowell

Trad. English text  
Tune THE FIRST NOWELL trad. English melody  
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Joy to the World!

Text by Isaac Watts, 1719  
Tune ANTIOCH by Lowell Mason, 1836  
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Silent Night

Text by Joseph Mohr, 1818

Trans. by John F. Young, 1863

Tune STILLE NACHT by Franz Gruber, 1818

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Joy to the World/Hallelujah Chorus, arr. Albin Whitworth

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### **Chapel Decorations**

Mahalo nui to the following people who donated our Poinsettias for the Christmas season. Please take your flowers home after the Christmas Eve service.

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