

# CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

December 24, 2023

7:00 pm

PRELUDE KUMC Tongan Choir  
Siaki Lapa, Director

WELCOME / GREETINGS Marjorie Winfough, Liturgist

GATHERING CAROL UMH 211 (vs. 1)  
**O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, / and ransom captive Israel, /  
that mourns in lonely exile here / until the Son of God appear. /  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel / shall come to thee, O Israel.**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE [Faith]  
Advent Family: The Barrett Family

PASSING THE FAITH

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Pastor Lavaka  
Leader: All through this season of Advent, we have  
encountered God of Peace, Hope, Love, and Joy.  
People: **Tonight, we will declare our faith in the God of  
Peace, Hope, Love, and Joy.**  
Leader: Emmanuel God, we come to You.  
People: **Jesus born to us tonight, we declare You as our  
Messiah!**

\*CAROL "It Came upon the Midnight Clear" UMH 218 (vs. 1)  
1. **It came upon the midnight clear, / that glorious song of  
old, / from angels bending near the earth, / to touch  
their harps of gold: / "Peace on the earth, good will to  
all, / from heaven's all gracious King." / The world in  
solemn stillness lay, / to hear the angels sing.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Luke 2:1-5 Finau Mateaki

CAROL "O Come, All Ye Faithful" UMH 234  
[English]  
**O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.  
Come and behold him, born the King of angels;  
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.**

[Samoan]  
**Ou-tou fa'a-ma-o-ni, O mai fi-a-fi-a.  
O mai, ia o mai ia I Pe-te-le-'e-ma.  
O mai ma va-'ai Le tu-pu ua fa-nau mai.  
O mai ta-tou vi-vi-'I; O mai ta-tou vi-vi-'I;  
O mai ta-tou vi-'ia Ie-su, le A-li'i.**

[Tongan]  
**Mou ha-'u kā-i-nga, Ke tau fi-e-fi-a,  
Kuo 'a-lo-'I mai 'I Pē-te-li-he-má.  
Ha'u 'o ma-ma-ta, He Tu-'I 'oe ma-a-má.  
Mou o-mi ke tau lo-tu, Mou o-mi ke tau lo-tu,  
Mou o-mi ke tau hū ki he 'E-i-kí.**

[English]  
**Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;  
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;  
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.**

\*CHRISTMAS AFFIRMATION Marjorie Winfough  
**We believe in God, the creator and giver of life, who  
brought all creation to birth, who mothers us and fathers  
us, protecting, nurturing, and cherishing us.  
We believe in Jesus Christ: God born among us as a  
fragile baby, embodying both love and the need for love,  
and calling us to rest in God as trustingly as a tiny child.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, breathed into us at our  
birth, always drawing us on to be born again,  
encouraging, exhorting, comforting, nourishing our  
growth and inspiring our living.  
And we believe that each new child is a glimpse of the  
face of God, a sign of the life to come, and a call to live in  
peace and celebrate living together. Glory to God in the  
highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Amen.**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Luke 2:6-7  
Nancy Wright

CAROL "What Child Is This" UMH 219 (vs. 1 & 3)  
1. **What child is this who, laid to rest, / on Mary's lap is  
sleeping? / Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, /  
while shepherds watch are keeping?**

(Refrain) **This, this is Christ the King, / whom shepherds  
guard and angels sing; / haste, haste to bring him laud, /  
the babe, the son of Mary.**

3. **So, bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, / come, peasant,  
king, to own him; / the King of kings salvation brings, /  
let loving hearts enthrone him. (Refrain)**

THIRD SCRIPTURE READING Luke 2:8-15 Raka Barrett

CAROL "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" UMH 240 (vs. 1)  
1. **Hark! the herald angels sing, / "Glory to the newborn  
King; / peace on earth, and mercy mild, / God and  
sinners reconciled!" / Joyful, all ye nations rise, / join  
the triumph of the skies; / with th' angelic host  
proclaim, / "Christ is born in Bethlehem!" / Hark! the  
herald angels sing, / "Glory to the newborn King!"**

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER Pastor Lavaka  
**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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,  
for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory  
forever. Amen.**

FOURTH SCRIPTURE READING & HOMILY Luke 2:16-19  
Rev. Dr. Ahn

SHARING OUR GIFTS Rev. Dr. Ahn  
Offering Invitation  
The Offertory Carol "Away in a Manger" UMH 217  
1. **Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, / the little Lord  
Jesus laid down his sweet head. / The stars in the sky  
looked down where he lay, / the little Lord Jesus, asleep  
on the hay.**  
2. **The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes, / but little Lord  
Jesus, no crying he makes; / I love thee, Lord Jesus, look  
down from the sky / and stay by my cradle till morning  
is nigh.**  
3. **Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay / close by  
me forever, and love me, I pray; / bless all the dear  
children in thy tender care, / and fit us for heaven  
to live with thee there.**

**\*Doxology** UMH 95  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him,  
all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly  
host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*Offertory Prayer

SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST Rev. Dr. Ahn

**Carol** **“Silent Night, Holy Night”** UMH 239

*When passing the “Light,” keep the candle with  
the flame upright & put the unlit candle to the flame.*

*Hold your lighted candle upright  
as you share the light with others and sing.*

*[English]* **Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is  
bright, round yon virgin mother and child. Holy infant,  
so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in  
heavenly peace.**

*[Samoan]* **Po filemu, po paia / Filemu, susulu / Na le iloa  
ai e I latou / A o Iosefa ma le Taupou / Moe filemu ia oe /  
Moe filemu ia oe**

*[Tongan]* **Po malu ko sii po / Hifo ai he alo / Mele mo  
siosifa naa na mata / Fanau tama a tangata / Ko siene  
totofa / Ko siene totofa**

*[English]* **Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is  
bright, round yon virgin mother and child. Holy infant,  
so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in  
heavenly peace.**

\*CHRISTMAS BLESSING Rev. Dr. Ahn

\*POSTLUDE

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*Thank you for worshiping with us. E Komo Mai & Mahalo!  
Merry Christmas! Mele Kalikimaka!*

## NEWS & MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

**“Care-O-Ling” Service of Affirmation (Sunday, 12/31):** Kona UMC closes its year with a “Care-O-Ling” Service of Affirmation emphasizing caring and affirming our faith.

**In 2024,** we will focus on getting familiar with the Bible. For this, you are asked to bring your Bible each Sunday. Please let Pastor Sunny know if you don’t have a Bible. We will also read the Bible in a year.

### **CPR “Hands Only” Training (Saturday, 1/13, 1pm-2:30pm):**

This training is for all volunteers who work with the Children/Youth Ministry and all other leaders of our church to meet the requirement of Ministry Safe Policies. Mr. Franz Weber, the President of “Paying It Forward” Company, graciously brings this training to Kona UMC at no cost. Please let Vern Lowrey, SPRC Chairperson, know by Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, if you will take this training.

**2024 Kona UMC Scholarships:** A limited scholarship is available for the graduating high school seniors who are members of Kona UMC and seek higher education. If any eligible youth wants to apply for the scholarship, please obtain the scholarship application form from the church office. The application must be received in the church office no later than January 28, 2024. Applications will not be accepted past this deadline.

For those of you who would like to support our graduating high school seniors, you can give your scholarship donations by making a check payable to “KUMC” with a memo indicating “Scholarship Fund” and mail it to the Church Office or donate online at [KonaUMC.com](http://KonaUMC.com) with a memo indicating “Scholarship Fund.” Please contact Neo Mateaki, Gloria Juan, or Pastor Sunny if you have any questions.

**Online Giving:** You may visit our church website ([konaumc.com](http://konaumc.com)) OR contact Bill Jaeger ([bjaegerhawaii@gmail.com](mailto:bjaegerhawaii@gmail.com)) to set up online giving or simply scan the image you see here using your phone’s Quick Response (QR) Code Reader!



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## *Christmas Eve Candlelight Service December 24, 2023*



*The Kona United Methodist Church welcomes ALL people  
with no judgments of your history or place in life.*

*The Mission of the United Methodist Church is  
to make disciples of Jesus Christ  
for the transformation of the world.*

*The Vision of Kona United Methodist Church is  
growing disciples through worship, outreach,  
and living the gospel.*