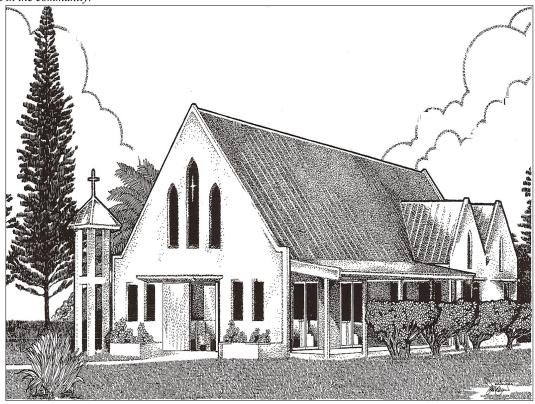
**VISION** 

Our <u>vision</u> for Kapa'a First Hawaiian Church is a church 'ohana who is Christlike and grounded in the Word of God, perpetuating our Native Hawaiian culture in Christian traditions, and Serving as God's light in the community.

**MISSION** 

Because we are called together by God's love In Jesus Christ our <u>mission</u> as Kapa'a First Hawaiian Church is to love God, to love each other, and to love our neighbors.



The Queen's Church

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### KA HAIPULE 'ANA ~ The Worship Service December 24, 2025—7:00 P.M.

### 2025 CHURCH THEME: "Transformation"/Ka ho'opāha'oha'o 'ana"

#### Roma 12:2

<sup>22</sup> Mai noho 'oukou a ho'ohālike me ko ke ao nei; akā, e ho'opāha'oha'o 'oukou ma ke 'ano hou 'ana o ko 'oukou na'au, i ho'omaopopo 'oukou i ko ke Akua makemake, ka pono, ka hō'olu'olu, a me ka hemolele.

#### Romans 12:2

<sup>22</sup> Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

### SERVING THE KAPA'A COMMUNITY FOR 189 YEARS

### KA PŌ MA MUA O KALIKIMAKA CHRISTMAS EVE

\* All who are able, please stand

KA WEHE 'ANA:

The Prelude

Mary Lardizabal

Choir Director/Pianist

Nā Ho'olaha a me Nā Aloha **Greetings & Announcements** 

Keith Olsen Moderator

Ka Wehe 'Ana I Ka Pule

The Call to Worship

Edie DeFries **Deacon of the Month** 

Alaka'i: A Savior has appeared in a Bethlehem manger.

Hurry to recieve God's loving-kindness.

Anaina: Our God has called us a holy people.

God has gathered us to redeem us.

This is a time for renewal and rebirth. Alaka'i:

Dare to embrace the hope of eternal life.

Light is dawning; glory is revealed. Anaina:

Rejoice and give thanks to our God.

Let God's healing grace transform you. Alaka'i:

Receive the salvation God has promised.

We have come to receive God's gifts. Anaina.

We have come to worship and praise our God.

Advent Candle Lighting by Jotis Russell-Christian & Terri Russell

## Lighting of the Advent Candle Christmas Eve

### Jesus Christ Connects us to God in the Spirit of Ahonui

**Reader One:** "Christ, Light of the World, connects generations through time and space to God's unchanging, enduring aloha."

(Reader two relights 4 Advent Candles & then lights the Christ Candle)

**Reader Two:** "God's love endures forever - this we know! At this time we light the Christ candle. It reminds us that God's love never fails. God keeps God's promises. God's promise of a coming reign that has no end will be fulfilled. God's promise of a Savior has been fulfilled this night in the birth of that babe in Bethlehem's manger."

Congregation: "Glory of God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those who God favors."

**Reader One:** "God's ahonui, characterized by perseverance, has been manifested through the history of God's people who lived in expectation that the promise of the Messiah would be fulfilled in their day."

**Reader Two:** "May we have the same patience and perseverance to be faithful as we wait for the fulfillment of God's great promise to humankind that Christ will return to us again."

Congregation: "Glorious God, your faithfulness endures forever! Let the angelic songs ring in our hearts and inspire us to bring the good news of God's aloha to all people."

A Hawaiian Liturgy for Lighting the Candles of Advent and Christmas http://www.ucc.org/worship/worship-ways/year-c/ace/christ-gods-aloha-light-of.html

In the tradition of the early Christian Church, Advent was observed as a time of penitence and as a preparatory period for the joyful celebration of Christmas. Today, Advent is that time when our sense of expectation builds up. It is a joyous anticipation and hopeful waiting for the celebration of Christmas. In the season, many focus on families gathering together, a sense of reconnectedness to the larger community, a time for "one anothering." Thus, the liturgy for the lighting of the Advent candles for the year C is based on the Hawaiian concept of "Aloha." The word encompasses many different feelings: love, affection, gratitude, compassion, welcome, hospitality. In modern times, "Aloha" has become a common salutation for meeting and parting.

A Hawaiian woman noted for her wisdom, Pilahi Paki, best interpreted ALOHA by using each letter of the word to describe the values espoused by the expression:

- A is akahai (ah-kah-high), which means gentleness, kindness, caring.
- L is lokahi (loh-kah-hee), meaning unity, harmony, oneness, being of one mind.
- O is 'olu'olu (oh-luh-oh-luh), an expression of cheerfulness brought about by a feeling of pleasantness, kindness, comfort and a positive attitude.
- H is ha'aha'a (hah-ah hah-ah), a word expressing humility and meekness.
- A is ahonui (ah-ho-nuh-wee), which expresses patience, endurance, perseverance

Aloha is best practiced within the context of community where people interact closely with one another. In the Hawaiian culture, the 'ohana (oh-hah-nah) or family, is the arena where aloha can be initially experienced by the younger members of the family. The 'ohana (oh-hah-nah) is not only the typical nuclear family, but includes grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, spouses, sons and daughters, as well as hanai (hanh-nigh) or adopted children. The nurturing qualities of aloha are strong bonds that connect each member of the ohana (oh-hah-nah) to the other.

Ka Hīmeni Hoʻomaikaʻi ʻAna - *Verses 1 & 3* 

# "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Ka Wā Kamali'i a me Nā Po'e i Makemake

Opening Poem #1: Readers: Jaslyn Aquias

Liam Emery & Jetsen "Elua" Wakuta

### "The Christmas Gift!"

(by Barbara D. MacAdam)

Liam: In the twilight of a silent night near Christmas you may hear, the fluttering of angel's wings, as they spread news of good cheer.

Jaslyn: While Heaven and Earth anticipate the coming of a king, who could have known, in Bethlehem-a baby He would bring.

Jetson: This Baby known as Jesus, would one day give His life, so that each of us could have the gift of a glorious afterlife.

Liam: And so a great tradition began that Christmas morn, when God's wish was turned to answered prayer, as His only Son was born.

Jaslyn: The angels celebrated-flying wildly to and fro-while tossing up confetti, which kept turning into snow!

Jetson: At first it started slowly, with a shepherd and three kings, but soon the Earth was covered, and all Heaven began to sing.

Liam: Today somewhere around the world a snowflake falls to Earth, reminding us of God's Christmas gift, and this tiny Baby's birth.

Jaslyn: So don't waste one more minute wishing for presents under the tree. Accept His gift with an open heart-it will last for eternity!

Song:

(Black Hymnal) #125

# "Angels We Have Heard On High"

Poem #2:

Readers: Jaslyn Aquias, Liam Emery & Jetsen "Elua" Wakuta

# "The Angels"

Jetson: The angels came down from the heavens above To spread the wondrous tidings The shepherds they listened for miles around Found the angels mesmerizing

Jaslyn: But more Awesome still than their mighty wings Than their thousand staring eyes Was the news they brought of miraculous things In a stable begun that night

Liam: A Son was born to God that night A Savior to us all The greatest gift, of eternal life Of Salvation from the fall

Song:

(Black Hymnal) #139

"The First Nowell"

KA HA'I 'ŌLELO PENEKANIA

Jotis Russell-Christian

"CHRISTmas Eve"

## "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." Philippians 4:6

### The Prayer for Family ~ Silent Prayer

### The Lord's Prayer

sung in Hawaiian

E kō mākou Makua

i loko o ka lani.

e hoāno 'ia kou Inoa.

E hiki mai Kou aupuni;

e mālama 'ia Kou makemake ma ka honua

nei,

e like me ia i mālama 'ia ma ka lani la.

E hā'awi mai iā mākou i kēia lā,

i 'aina mākou no kēia lā.

E kala mai ho'i iā mākou i kā mākou

lawehala 'ana,

me mākou e kala nei i ka po'e i lawehala i kā

mākou.

Mai ho'oku'u 'oe iā mākou i ka

ho'owalewale 'ia mai.

E ho'opakele nō na'e iā mākou i ka 'ino.

No ka mea,

Nou ke aupuni

a me ka mana,

a me ka ho'onani 'ia, a mau loa aku, 'Āmene, '

### spoken in English

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. Amen.

The Offertory~The Presentation of our Gifts: Jaslyn Aquias - soloist

## "Love Came Down at Christmas

(arranged by John F. Wilson)

### \*HO'ONANI I KA MAKUA MAU

The Doxology

### "Hoʻonani I Ka Makua Mau"

NHOE #1

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Ho'onani I ka Makua mau, Ke Keiki me ka 'Uhane no, Ke Akua Mau ho'omaika'i pu Ko keia ao, ko kela ao. Amene

### **Closing Poem:**

Congregation (Led by Jotis Russell-Christian

### "Practice Jesus"

(by Joanna Fuchs)

If we practiced Jesus every way,
It'd be like Christmas every day;
If we, like Him, were meek and mild
And loved each woman, man, and child.,
If we'd read the Bible, it'd remind us,
So that every single day would find us
More and more in sweet accord
With our sweet Jesus—Master, Lord.
Then every day that we're alive
Would be like December

**Closing Song:** 

Hawaiian & English NHOE #42 & Black Hymnal #134

"Po La `I e" "Silent Night, Holy Night"