



November 29, 2020
The First Sunday of Advent

WELCOME BACK!

REMINDERS:

- Please wear your masks.
- Every other pew is being used to maintain social distancing. Only families of the same household can sit close to each other. Only two non-family members can sit on each pew (one on each end)
- No procession or recession by priest.
- No service booklet except for the priest, acolyte and/or appointed response person.
- The Offering collection plate will not be passed around during the service. It is in the back of church. Please try to place your offering there before the service or at the end if you missed it.
- Communion will be bread only. It will be given closer to the pews. Single file down the aisle and exit to the left or right to walk back to your seat.
- No contact during the peace (just turn and acknowledge each other with a bow, wave, etc.)
- No coffee hour after the service.
- If you are feeling sick or feverish, please stay home.

IMPORTANT: No singing or responses out loud. The congregation will prayerfully listen during the service and silently respond in their heads and hearts. One person will be appointed to say the people's responses for the congregation.

READINGS FOR TODAY:

The Collect

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Old Testament

Isaiah 64:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence--
as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil--
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

The Gospel

Mark 13:24-37

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,

and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

Prayers of the People - Form II

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world;
for our Bishop(s) Bishop Curry & Bishop Fitzpatrick; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations;
and for the well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the
oppressed, and those in prison.

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper
knowledge of him.

Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed.

Pray for those who have died.

Silence

I ask your prayers for those on our prayer list.

For the healing and care of: Celine Niau Nelson, Jan Motoshige, Sumie Mizushima, Amy Fiandach, Steve Kai, Blaise Napu'unoa, Jonathan Lee, Mildred Ogai, Rei Hamano, Aki Shitagi, David Lee, Lori Maunalanga, & Janine LeGrande.

For the birthdays of: Jodi Towata

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.
Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence



Weekly Announcements

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Good Samaritan is an open and inclusive community, all are welcome.

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Welcome to Good Samaritan Church!

We want to thank you for being with us today. Your presence is a gift to our community, and your prayers enhance our worship. We look forward to your return!

Please also hold the following people in your prayers

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: All Saints', Kapa'a: The Rev. David Jackson (Priest-in-Charge) & Mrs. Muriel Jackson

Announcements (new)

Update on Jan Motoshige: Testing Continues

Journal entry by Joni Kohama — 11/27/2020

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Since my last update, Mom is encountering a rapid progression of weakness and pain in her legs. Her knees and ankles keep “giving out”, she has started feeling “pins and needles” in her feet and she is often unable to feel her legs. We have consulted her oncologist and this is not a usual side effect of the chemotherapy nor a usual presentation of neuropathy.

As of today, mom has been admitted to Kuakini Hospital as her weakness has become unmanageable at home. Although we had limited her to a section of the house without stairs, she has had falls - most recently this morning when she fell and broke a bone in her foot. To go to every doctor’s appointment or medical test, the stairs from their front door to the car has become physically impossible for mom, to the point that Dad and I had to carry her in her wheelchair up the stairs today. The “good” news is that being there, in the hospital, they can run the tests needed to diagnose the weakness and pain and it will be a safer environment for her.

We know the hospital is not the safest place for her at this time due to COVID, however, we feel it’s the best option compared to bringing a nurse into their home or putting her temporarily into a care home. The good news is that Kuakini Hospital has fewer COVID patients than other hospitals on Oahu.

Despite the weakness in her legs, mom remains positive. Two times a week for the last 2 weeks we have been running through seated chair exercises with her. (see attached picture) She tries her best to complete the reps and sets and does not complain. She has

been compliant, understanding why she can not and why she needs to be admitted. She chose to stay home instead of coming to my house for Thanksgiving dinner as she knew it would be too much for her, physically, but was happy and content after eating the leftovers Dad brought home for her to eat. Her appetite has returned as her nausea has disappeared.

Mom is expected to be in the hospital at least 2 days – possibly more days depending on the results of her tests. Due to COVID, visitors are limited and no flowers, plants or balloons are allowed. At this time she does not have access to her cell phone or email however if you would like to send her a message, feel free to post something on her CaringBridge site or email me at joni@gigaisland.com and I will relay the message to her.

Dad and I are relieved mom is getting the care she needs and we are looking forward to finding out what is really going on with her legs. We are anxious to get her stronger and cleared for surgery as we know that if we wait too long after chemo, the cancer could start growing back. We are taking it one day at a time and appreciate all of your care and concern.



Veggie/Fruit bags (update):

Our next door neighbor, Michelle Gorham, delivers pre-packed packages of veggies and fruits (items vary) from the Farm to Family program with the Hawaii Agriculture Research Center. Basically the extras are divided between our church and another one. Usually I get them late Monday night so they are ready late Monday night or on Tuesday morning. I have been delivering it to our kupuna and those that could use it. If you would like to get a bag for someone, let Deb know and it will be set aside for pick up or

delivery. Michelle will sadly be moving to Switzerland in mid-December but will have the program coordinator deliver bags for the last few weeks.

Rock Wall Repair Needed:

The rock wall next to the church is in need of repair. Is there anyone that has done masonry work or have recommendations? We need to get it fixed before the problem gets worse.

City and County Grant Received:

We were fortunate to recently receive \$8,720.58 from a grant through the City and County during their 2nd round of applications. Last Spring we also got the PPP grant. Although it can only be used for payroll (we only have our office clerk/bookkeeper Roxane) and utilities it helps a lot to with this year's budget. I'm grateful Roxane has been able to fill out all the paperwork required for these grants when asked.

Announcements (repeat)

Bishop's Committee Meeting:

We will try to schedule a zoom meeting soon. If you have church related items you want the committee to discuss, please let Deb know.

Kadomatsu Day - Mark your calendars:

This year's kadomatsu making will be the day after Christmas on Saturday, December 26th! We will be cutting bamboo at a new location on a private residence that Chris is in contact with and will bring it back to church to cut and decorate. Pre-order flyers will go out sometime after Thanksgiving. A kadomatsu and lunch will be provided for volunteers.

A Reminder on Phishing Scams: Online scams are here to stay and we need to remain vigilant. The Diocesan Support Center continues to receive messages about questionable emails from the Bishop, and also from their own clergy. It's always good to double-check if you are not sure after taking some precautionary steps. Here are a few reminders to help identify whether an email is legit:

- Check the return email address. If the address doesn't match the name of the sender, that's a red flag. (Some emails may use similar addresses to legit ones - check closely.)
- Look for grammatical or spelling errors in the text of the email.
- Never open attachments from unknown sources, especially those with an ".exe" extension that could launch an unwelcome virus or malware onto your device
- Check the address at the bottom of the email. If it says "Pastor Tom" and Tom never goes by "Pastor," it's fake.

Finally, if the email appears safe and the sender is asking for money, goods or personal data, contact the person directly to verify.

Two By Two Crafts - Gail and Ariel Lee have many other craft products available online. You can check out their website at <https://twobytwocrafts.com> if you're interested!

Piano Lessons: Anyone interested in learning to play the piano? See Ben for his business card, he'd love to receive referrals!

Feel free to take the readings and announcements home with you today.

It can also be viewed on our church website at:

<http://www.goodsamaritanhawaii.org/weekly-announcements.html>

Thank You to Our Worship Team!	
November 29, 2020	
Supply Clergy:	Rev. Imelda Padasdao
Music:	Ben Trusnovec
Altar Guild:	Chris Omuro
Acolytes:	Gavin Nishihira
Lector:	Gavin Nishihira
Alms Bearer:	Youth
Counters:	Les Hata & Myrtle Kaneshiro

<i>Looking Ahead</i>	
<i>NEXT WEEK SUNDAY – DECEMBER 06, 2020</i>	
Supply Clergy:	Rev. Imelda Padasdao
Music:	Ben Trusnovec
Altar Guild:	Melissa Morinishi
Acolytes:	Gavin Nishihira
Lector:	Gavin Nishihira
Alms Bearer:	Youth
Counters:	Chris Omura & Pat Lum