



The Banyan Tree

Like the Banyan Tree, our parish community is broadening and deepening its spiritual roots.

Holy Nativity Church Update November 25, 2016



The Episcopal Church of the Holy Nativity

Nov 28, Christmas trees for sale

Dec 2, IHS cooking for homeless, 1-3 pm in kitchen next to gym

Dec 11, Service at 5 pm (Honolulu Marathon Day)

Dec 21, Longest Night Service, 6 pm

Dec 24, Services at 5 pm and 10 pm

Dec 25, 10 am Christmas service

Aloha,

We hope you enjoyed your Thanksgiving yesterday with family and friends. Now that the meals have settled in your stomachs, we want to fill your hearts with gratitude :



Thank you- *our greeters, ushers, readers, altar guild, Sunday school teachers, EMs, and vestry*- for serving.

Thank you- *our passionate congregation*- for your generosity during the offerings.

Thank you- *faces we have known for years*- for sticking with the church through thick and thin.

Thank you- *new members*- for inviting your family and friends to the service.

Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

Yours Faithfully,

The church office

Worship Schedule:

Wednesday 10 am
Sunday 7:30 and 9:30 am
Sunday School 9:30 am

The Rev. Alison Dingley,
Supply Priest

The Vestry

Sr. Warden: Austin Nakoa
Jr. Warden: Eva Eglinton
Treasurer: Wendy Yu
David Callies, Justin Donahue, Lila Johnson, Louisa Le Roux, Rich Miller, Ed Moore, Bill Seeley, Mike Sen

Office Hours

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Parish Bookkeeper

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Serving December 4

7:30 am service

Lector - Shauna Nakmura
 Prayers/EM - Mike Sen
 Ushers - Austin Nakoa, David Callies

9:30 am service

Lectors - Jeff Taylor, Natalie Okeson
 Prayers - Jeanne Nelson
 EMs - Wyn Aubrey Child, Louisa Le Roux

**The Rev.
 Alison
 Dingley,
 Holy Nativity's
 Supply Priest**



Advent -Christ is Coming

This Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent, the first of four Sundays before Christmas. Since Christmas is on a Sunday this year, Advent is as long as it can be.

Advent is one of the most counter-cultural things we have in our Church life. It is a time to prepare our hearts, our lives and our souls to welcome the Incarnation of Christ as we celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmas.

It is a time of quiet, introspection, and anticipation. You can see how counter-cultural that is. The rest of the world, at least in America, is busy shopping and stressing out as they attempt to do too much at once. If we are faithful to what Advent calls us toward, we are quietly and prayerfully preparing.

I invite you to take time this Advent to consider how you can become more open to the birth of Christ within you. I also invite you to welcome the coming of Christ in your family, friends, and in all whom you encounter in the hustle and bustle of this time. As we become attuned to the incarnation of Christ in those around us and in ourselves, we can joyfully celebrate Christ's incarnation in Jesus of Nazareth.

May you have a peaceful Advent season.

Aloha ke Akua,
 Pastor Alison

Ushers - Justin Donahue, Mark Slovak

Altar Guild - Nina Livingston's Team

Serving December 11

5:00 pm service

Lectors -Lorraine Mau, Justin Donahue

Prayers - Mark Slovak

EMs - Sandra Braham, Linda Sayegusa

Ushers - Justin Donahue, Mark Slovak

Altar Guild - Sandra Braham's Team

Serving December 18

7:30 am service

Lector - Shauna Nakamura

Prayers/EM - Mike Sen

Ushers - Austin Nakoa, Arne Phillips

9:30 am service

Lectors - Cindy Ramirez, Ed Moore

Prayers - Natalie Okeson

EMs - Wyn Aubrey Child, Lila Johnson

Ushers - Justin Donahue, Rich Miller

Altar Guild - Delia Moore's Team

Serving December 21

6:00 pm service

Lectors -Bob Nelson, Lila Johnson

Prayers - Jeff Taylor

EMs - Wyn Aubrey Child, Lila Johnson

Ushers - Arne Phillips, Mike Sen

Altar Guild - Delia Moore's Team

Serving December 24

Christmas Trees arrive on Sunday and will be ready for sale on Monday, 11/28!



Rich and Kim Miller's son, Robbie, a longtime HNC acolyte, and his wife Chelsie welcomed twin sons Hokupa'a and Keaolewa on October 17th. They join big brother La'akea (age 1!). All are doing well. Robbie is a Captain in the Air Force JAG Corps, stationed at Andersen AFB, Guam.

5:00 pm service

Lectors- Bob Nelson, Mark Slovak
Prayers- Jeanne Nelson
EMs - Linda Sayegusa, Michelle Cockett
Ushers - Mark Slovak Arne Phillips

10:00 pm service

Lectors - Ed Moore, Lorraine Mau
Prayers - Wyn Aubrey Child
EMs - Wyn Aubrey Child, **TBA**
Ushers - David Callies, Austin Nakoa

Altar Guild - Lorraine Mau and Nina Livingston's Teams

Serving December 25

10:00 am service

Lectors -Sumner Howard, Lila Johnson
Prayers - Jeff Taylor
EMs - Lila Johnson, Kathy Otani
Ushers - Austin Nakoa, Rich Miller

Altar Guild - Lorraine Mau and Nina Livingston's Teams

Thank you all for serving!

Readings

Sunday, December 4

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10
Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19
Second Reading: Romans 15:4-13
Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

Last Sunday's Attendance

7:30 am service - 20
9:30 am service - 41

There are now many ways to get involved!

At the end of every service, there are sign-up sheets for:

- 1. IHS cooking for the homeless, 1-3 pm on December 2nd**
- 2. Sponsoring altar flowers**
- 3. Bringing snacks for coffee hour**
- 4. Joining the worship schedule (greeters, readers, ushers, etc!)**



Looking for ways to give service during the week, also?

St. Francis Hospice is in need of volunteers.

Requirements:

1. Minimum 2 year commitment
2. Commit at least 2-4 hours a week
3. Complete classroom training and orientation
4. Be at least 18 years of age (16 and below with parental consent)

Average Attendance Year to Date

7:30 am service - 24

9:30 am service - 65

Prayer List

Greg and Denisse Kwan, Murray Grune, Joyce and family, Shirley, Joshua and family, Coralie Vellis, Heather Jones, Frank Young, Chuck McCrary, Fr. George Clifford

Holy Nativity School

**Tim Spurrier, Head of School
(808) 373-3232**

Holy Nativity School is dedicated to excellence in education within a small and personalized environment. Built upon the qualities of respect and inclusion, as exemplified in the Episcopal tradition, Holy Nativity School values each child's individuality as it develops principled citizens who recognize their role in a global community.

Click [here](#) to visit the School website.

Holy Nativity Thrift Shop

**Caroline Bond Davis, Manager
(808) 373-3744**

Wednesdays and Fridays

9 am - 3 pm

Saturdays

9 am - 12 noon

5. Current TB clearance (2 step or chest x-ray)

6 Successfully complete Reference and Criminal Background checks

Please contact:

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