

December 31, 2023 — January 6, 2023



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Sunday, December 31, Bible Through the Year: Malachi; Luke 24:36-53

10:00 AM Worship Service
3:00 PM Next Step food Prep

Monday, January 1, Bible Through the Year: Genesis 1-3; Romans 1

Church office closed in observance of the New Year

Tuesday, January 2, Bible Through the Year: Genesis 4-6; Romans 2

Wednesday, January 3, Bible Through the Year: Zechariah 1-4; Luke 22:47-71

5:00 PM Children & Youth Activities (Fellowship Hall)
6:30 PM Wednesday Night Bible Study (Choir Room or via Zoom)

Thursday, January 4, Bible Through the Year: Genesis 7-9; Romans 3

Friday, January 5, Bible Through the Year: Genesis 13-15; Romans 5

Saturday, January 6, Bible Through the Year: Genesis 16-17; Romans 6

5:00 PM Mochi Pounding and Potluck Dinner

Sunday in-person Bible studies

Median Adults class (Jennifer Watanabe leading) — 8:30 a.m. A206 room
Sunday School for Toddlers to 5th Grade — 8:30 a.m. Preschool room
Middle School & High School Sermon Discussion— 8:30 a.m. Youth room

Sunday In-person/online Bible studies

Interactive Adults Class (Eric Dissinger leading) - 8:30 a.m. Choir room
Mixed Adults Class (Pastor Matt leading)- 8:30 a.m. Fellowship Hall

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In Service of our Savior and King



Colossians 1:15-23

Welcome!

Wai'alaie Baptist Church | Sunday, December 31, 2023

We believe our church should be a reflection of the love and glory of God that is given to us from God through faith in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who is our Savior and Lord, and by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit who unites as one body in Christ and empowers us to obey God and serve others.

The Mission of our church is:

Fulfill the Great Commission | Saving Souls: Making disciples in all nations bringing glory to God (Mt. 28:18-20)

Obey the Greatest Commandment | Walk in Love: To love God and to love all people (Mt. 22:37-40)

Be United in the Spirit | Change The World: Reveal that Jesus is the Son of God sent by the Father to be the Lord and Savior of the world. (Jn. 17:20-21)

WELCOME, GUESTS!

Please connect with us by filling out a Welcome form located in the back of the pews. You may place it in the offering bowl or send it to our office. Our contact info is on the back of the bulletin.

WELCOME TEAM

After the worship service, our welcome team serves refreshments in the foyer area. Please stay and get to know us.

DEACON OF THE WEEK (Ted Chinn 808-551-5828)

The deacons assist the pastor in caring for the needs of our church family. Each of our members and regular attendees is included in a deacon family. If you would like to be assigned a deacon, please contact the church office.

KIDS WORSHIP

Kids in grades 1-5 remain in service until they are excused just before the sermon to meet Kids Worship leaders at the back of the sanctuary. They will go downstairs for a Bible lesson and activities.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers were donated by an anonymous donor. Happy New Years!

Opportunities

Translation Ministry— Please contact pastormatt@waialaebaptist.com if you are interested.

Churchwide Mochi Pounding and Potluck Dinner January 6 at 5:00 PM— We will once again pound in the new year as we make mochi at the church. We will also have a potluck dinner. If you have a New Year's tradition or activity to share, please contact Pastor Matt.

Invitation cards to hand out to family, friends, and neighbors are available in the sanctuary foyer. Please join us in inviting our neighbors on Saturday, December 30 from 9 a.m.—11 a.m. and/or Saturday, January 6 from 9 a.m.—11 a.m. See Stacy if you have questions.

Nepal Mission Trip Presentation by May Kealoha— Sunday January 7 after worship service. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to stacy@waialaebaptist.com. After the presentation and time for Q&A, we will spend 10-15 minutes debriefing and praying over outreach efforts to invite neighbors, family, and friends to the New Year's Celebration.

Next Step Food Prep: Today at 3 PM and Sunday, January 14 Keahou Shelter Meal donation. See Bill for more information.

Joy Café: Saturday, January 13, 2024, at 9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. See Chey for more information.

The 2024 Truth for Life Daily Devotional Book— Now available in the foyer. Scan the QR code for an online version.

IMB Missionary Philip Irwin and his family will join us on Sunday, January 28: Lunch will be provided after the worship service, but cash donations will be accepted to pass on to Mr. Irwin and his family to help them as they relocate. Please RSVP to stacy@waialaebaptist.com for lunch. If you have not watched Mr. Irwin's presentation at our Missions Conference in October 2023, please watch it on our website: <https://waialaebaptist.org/2023missions-live/>

Gospel-Centered Discipleship on Mondays at 6:30 p.m.— Join us for Phase 2 of our Monday Night study. Videos and handouts from past classes are available. For more information, please scan the QR code or contact Pastor John at pastorjohn@waialaebaptist.com.

Growth Group— If you are interested in joining a small group fellowship (Growth Group) or leading a small group fellowship, please contact Pastor John for more information.



WORSHIP CELEBRATION

A Romans 12 Church

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

**Surrendered ♥ Discipling ♥ Humble ♥ Diverse ♥ Serving
♥ Loving ♥ Fruitful ♥ Relational ♥ Good**

Why We Listen to Sermons

To know God who is Trinity more

Knowledge that leads to a greater love for the Father, Son, and Spirit, and a deeper worship of God

To know more about what God has done and is doing through Jesus

Knowledge that leads to a greater understanding of God's kingdom and His church

To know more about God's plan to use us

Knowledge that leads to a greater understanding of and commitment to do God's will

To know our sin and understand the power of God's grace in Christ

Knowledge that leads to repentance and a saving faith in Christ.

Truly listening to God's Word leads to a greater hunger to know more about God and His Word

Call To Worship

Joy Has Dawned

Welcome

Opening Prayer

In Christ Alone

Scripture Reading—John 1:19-34

Offering

And Can It Be (Sagina)

In Service of our Savior and King (Colossians 1:15-23)

Prayer and Response

King of Kings

Announcements

Closing Prayer

Dismissal

Our mission is to fulfill the Great Commission and obey the Great Commandment all for the glory of God.



Our Great Savior



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In Service of our Savior and King

Colossians 1:15-23

Where we live

Many people do not believe the world needs _____ help from God.

Where the text lives

Paul is writing to the church at Colosse, which like most churches was facing the problem of changing Christianity to fit in their already held beliefs, value systems, and practices.

What the text says

Jesus is the Lord of _____. (vv. 15-17)

Jesus is the _____ and the Lord of the _____. (vv. 18-20)

Jesus _____ all believers with God and with each other. (vv. 21-22)

Our response to so great a Savior should be to faithfully _____ Him in a manner of _____ so great a Savior. (v. 23)

ACTION:

Our response

Lord, help us to _____ You more as we _____ the _____ to this world in Your name and in Your love.