



Kunéix Hídi Northern Light United Church

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Sunday Worship

10:00 am in person and via Zoom

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Christ through
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and people-centered
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How to Proceed?

2026 has arrived. As with last year, this year is awash with possibilities both good and calamitous. Of course, there will be good news and there will be bad news. Our political landscape will likely keep shifting in seismic terms, influencing and challenging all of us in different ways. The world at large will face issues that were obvious as well as those unforeseen. Storms will devastate, the sun will shine, and the rain will fall. Wars and rumors of wars will continue, and we still must learn to get along with one another on this small planet hurtling through space around an old star.

Will we take the opportunity that we humans have collectively accepted as the beginning of a new year to both better ourselves and better our world? Will we seek deeper relationships with people – even with those who aren't in our particular political or theological bailiwick?

Will we work to draw our minds towards a disciplined encounter with God in prayer and conversation as we strive to draw closer to

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Sermon Series

As 2026 begins, I want us to begin by considering what we hang on to and what we might need to let go. Then, two reflections of God: one of a God who reaches over political borders and one of a God that can get fed up with people.

At the end of January, I will be beginning a series that will focus on Paul's letter to the Galatians which will carry us through February and into the season of Lent.

1/4 Isaiah 55:1-3a
Holding On and Letting Go

1/11 Epiphany Exodus 5:1-9
God Without Borders

1/18 Micah 6:1-8
The Angry God

1/25 Galatians 1:1-10
Pride and Prejudice

2/1 Galatians 3:28-29
Who Sits With Us?

2/8 Galatians 4:16-19
Family Ties

2/15 Galatians 5:13-26
The Galatian Mandate

2/22 1st Sunday in Lent

How to Proceed? continued

the Divine nature and the presence of the Holy Spirit?

Will we take the initiative to create places of learning, conversation, outreach, and hope?

Will we cease fostering animosity by regurgitating the hatred and divisive language that keeps people at shooting distance? Will we strive to make a difference, working with one another in community?

I do wonder.

With each new year, as with each new day, we have a choice as to how we will live. In anger? In frustration? In hope? In love? We have the choice to pick up where we left off and continue the same story from the previous day, or we can move in new and better directions. Routines beckon. But so does something more.

Dr. Peter Gomes wrote, "The world will not change until and unless we change; the spirit of Christmas cannot be borne out into the cold January air unless we are borne out by it and indeed born again by it. We may, we must, return from

whence we came, but we need not return as the same tired creatures, care-worn and spirit-lost, for we have seen wonderful things that have come to pass, strange and mighty sights that will never let us look at the skies in quite the same manner as before."

For newness to enter the world, we must allow newness to enter our lives. That may *sound* wonderful, but it is frightening and means making room by clearing out some old things. And yet it seems the more room we have for love, the more room we find for others.

Even ourselves.

So as the new year moves in, may our hearts be open and our choices clear to move into this year infused by love and the grace seen in Christmas that Christ might be our continued gift to the world.

Peace be with you.
Pastor Charles

Visitation Dates

Pastor Charles began a program of visitation with our homebound last October. If you would be interested in volunteering to go with him on visits, there is a sign-up sheet in Memorial Hall. The dates are on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays: January 13th, January 27th, February 10th, February 24th, March 10th and March 24th. We will meet at the church on these dates at 1:30.



*Sunday, January 4, 2026
Communion in the snowy New Year*

Community of Christian Women Meeting

Mark your calendar: CCW meeting on Saturday January 24, 2026, 1pm in Memorial Hall. Come to review the November 2025 bazaar success and make decisions about how best to divide up the nearly \$12,000 in net income. We typically approve funds to support women and children locally, elsewhere in Alaska, around the nation and globally. Hope to see you there.

Bobbe Palmer

Bobbe Palmer, former member of Northern Light, passed away in Pueblo, CO on November 9, 2025. Her husband Bob was a minister and worked as the Anna Jackman Minister and as the General Presbyter for the Alaska Presbytery. Bobbe was active in many programs in the life of the church. They moved to Colorado in 2005 after retirement and Bob died in 2009. Bobbe's obituary can be found on Dignity Memorial at this link: <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/pueblo-co/bobbe-palmer-12612018>

Her son John is checking her email at bobbepalmer@gmail.com.

In-Person and Online Study

In December's newsletter, I had said that we would be starting a new study in January. However, I need a little more time to prepare for that study, so we will be resuming our studies in February. Our topic will be a short study of the life and challenging theology of Dietrich Bonhoeffer. There will be information for the study sent out later this month.

Visioning Together

At our Annual Meeting, January 18th, I will be sharing not only the collective wisdom of our visioning conversations over the past year, I will be sharing something of an outline for where we will be heading in the future. It is an exciting time for the church and there is plenty we can and will be able to do. I look forward to it and I hope you do as well.

Sunday Volunteers Sought

Liturgists are sought for January 18. If you can help, please sign up on the sheet hanging in the Memorial Hall or let Christina in the office know. Flower providers are also needed for all of January. If you can help, please sign up on the church website, www.khnluc.org or let Christina in the office know (907)586-3131 or office@khnluc.org.

Chancel Choir singing during Advent



Camels in the Christmas Pageant



Pastor Charles offering communion on Christmas Eve candlelight service



Tlingit Gospel Singers on Christmas Eve



Christmas Eve



Celebrating January birthdays with a cake made by Jane's niece, Kelly Kuiken of Vert Kitchen



Clearing Snow Near the Church



Thank you

Many people and groups are involved in making sure things happen at KHNLUC. Each month we would like to recognize some of those individuals and groups for their special services. Special thanks to:

*those who served as Liturgists: Sherrie Myers, Bob Coghill, Dori Germain, David Brabaw

*those who served as Greeters/ushers: Patsy Wright, Nico & Susan Bus, Jane Ginter, Don & Janet Kussart, Karen Lipson

*Those who provided flowers: Rachel & Tenor Galambush and the Congregation for providing Poinsettias

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If you have a suggestion for a thank you, call Christina at the church office, 586-3131 or e-mail her at office@khnLuc.org.

Sign Up!

You can be an important part of what makes our worship together a good experience.

Our web site, <https://khnLuc.org/>, offers a section where you can help with worship. You can also tell Christina to sign you up if you prefer not to use the computer.

Everyone is invited to be part of our worship service.

The liturgist reads the scripture and helps lead the service with the pastor. Sign up to be a liturgist on the sign-up sheet in Memorial Hall or call the office. You can serve as liturgist even if you worship with us via Zoom.

The ushers greet people before the service, pass out bulletins, pass the offering plate, and assist with the prayers and announcements from the congregation. [Sign up to be an usher.](#)

The altar flowers are provided by the congregation. [Sign up to provide flowers for worship.](#)

You can provide flowers even if you worship via Zoom. Flowers can be brought to the church before Sunday if that is more convenient for you. Ask Christina for the new key code to enter the side door on A Street.

We encourage you to think ahead and plan to help out. Pick a special day for providing flowers to honor a loved one. Maybe sign up once a month to be liturgist or usher.



5	Milian Mitchell
6	Yanakeen See
11	Jenny Pursell
19	Jacque Farnsworth
	Nathalia Miller
21	Nola Lamken
22	Neil Standerwick
27	Thea Brown
29	Margaret MacKinnon
30	Gail Coenraad
	Jamie Wilson
31	Roselina "LiJo" Wilson

JANUARY 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 Church office closed in observance of New Year's Day	2 7:30 Men's Breakfast	3 8:00 Vets for Peace 9:00 League of Women Voters
4 10:00 Worship 5:15 Youth Group	5	6 12:00 Al-Anon 2:30 Violin Lessons	7 5:30 Chancel Choir	8 5:30 Church Council	9 7:30 Men's Breakfast 2:30 Violin Lessons	10
11 10:00 Worship 3:00 Mudrooms Workshop 5:15 Youth Group	12	13 10:00 Finance Committee via Zoom 12:00 Al-Anon 2:30 Violin Lessons Glory Hall Chili	14 5:30 Chancel Choir	15 5:00 Committee on Property Management	16 7:30 Men's Breakfast 2:30 Violin Lessons 7:00 Thrush Hill Music Rehearsal	17 7:00 Thrush Hill Music Concert
18 10:00 Worship Annual Meeting 5:15 Youth Group	19 Church Office Closed in Observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day 10:00 Juneau Bar Association	20 12:00 Al-Anon 2:30 Violin Lessons	21 5:30 Chancel Choir	22	23 7:30 Men's Breakfast 10:00 Healing Task Force 2:30 Violin Lessons	24 1:00 Community of Christian Women
25 10:00 Worship 11:15 Worship Committee 5:15 Youth Group	26 5:00 Theater Alaska	27 Newsletter Deadline 12:00 Al-Anon 2:30 Violin Lessons Glory Hall Spaghetti	28 5:30 Chancel Choir	29	30 7:30 Men's Breakfast 2:30 Violin Lessons 7:00 Con Brio Concert	31