



Saturday, November 27, 2021 • First Weekend of Advent • 10:00 am Online
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INTROIT

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WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

Sheila Clayborn
Liturgist

*Holy Source of life and hope, as we come together this day,
open our ears to hear, open our eyes to see,
and open our hearts to love, that we may come to know your ways
and follow your paths.
Help us grow in love for one another, and for all creation,
as we prepare for the coming of the one
who calls us to turn from our false gods to you, Holy One,
the true source of our salvation. Amen.*

OPENING HYMN

*“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”
by Coffin/Helmore*

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LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE: HOPE

Michael Wright & Amara Zyonne Wright

The days are surely coming when the promises will be fulfilled, and the powers of heaven will be shaken. Watch out! Be on your guard! At any moment, all things will change. Tables will overturn. The world will turn upside down. The powerful will become powerless, and the weak will be made strong. The hungry will be filled with good things and the rich sent away empty. In this season of Advent, we are ready for God’s work to transform the world, to bring heaven to earth. A new, righteous branch is planted, and we are rooted, ready to grow into God’s new creation.

Lighting of the first Advent candle

Prayer: Make haste, O God, and transform our world! Help us to be ready, for Christ is entering our world and our lives in a new way. Prepare us for our world to be turned upside down this Advent season. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

*Luke 21:25-36
(Common English Bible)*

25 “There will be signs in the sun, moon, and stars. On the earth, there will be dismay among nations in their confusion over the roaring of the sea and surging waves. 26 The planets and other heavenly bodies will be shaken, causing people to faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world. 27 Then they will see the Human One[a] coming on a cloud with power and great splendor. 28 Now when these things begin to happen, stand up straight and raise your heads, because your redemption is near.”

29 Jesus told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees. 30 When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is near. 31 In the same way, when you see these things happening, you know that God’s kingdom is near. 32 I assure you that this generation won’t pass away until everything has happened. 33 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will certainly not pass away.

34 "Take care that your hearts aren't dulled by drinking parties, drunkenness, and the anxieties of day-to-day life. Don't let that day fall upon you unexpectedly, 35 like a trap. It will come upon everyone who lives on the face of the whole earth. 36 Stay alert at all times, praying that you are strong enough to escape everything that is about to happen and to stand before the Human One."

MESSAGE

"Look for the Signs"

Pastor Lesa Smith

SONG OF INVITATION

"I Have A God Who Never Fails"

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PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE

Risa Wheat

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOING FORTH

TODAY IN WORSHIP :: Nell Walker, *Director of Music & Arts*; Michael Wright, *Assistant Director*; Tre' Cyrus-Franklin, *Percussion*, Tony Greene, *Sound Technician*, Marlon Baker, *Audio/Visual Assistant*

Announcements

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• 3 Ways to Give!

- (1) **Mail:** Send to *Inglewood First UMC, 304 E Spruce Ave, Inglewood, CA 90301*
- (2) **Online:** www.inglewoodfirst.org/give or
- (3) **Text-to-Give:** Text an amount to **84321!**
- (4) **You can give your \$116 to commemorate the 116th Church Anniversary** online as well!

- Get updates COVID-19 testing and vaccinations @ covid19.lacounty.gov.
- Zoom Bible Study | **Tuesdays @ 1pm and 7 pm**
- The Listening. (music sharing group) | www.inglewoodfirst.org/thelistening
- Monthly Men's Check-In | Thursday, December 2 @ 7:00 pm
- **Tentative: Church Council Meeting (Charge Conference Prep)** | Saturday, Dec 11 @ 12 pm
- **Virginia Beckett Food Pantry** | Thursday, December 16 @ 9:45 am
- **Joint Charge Conference with Grace UMC-LA** | Thursday, Dec 16 @ 6:30 pm (Zoom)

We're on our Journey to Build Affordable Housing! Updates @ inglewoodfirst.org/housing.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS | Elizabeth Payne 11/02 • Eugene Collins 11/04 (*would have been 95th birthday*) • David Munch 11/13 • William Alex Howard 11/15 • Blanche (Kitty) Smith 11/16 • Elizabeth Baker 11/17 • Elva Herrera 11/17 • Della Greene 11/18 • Melody Ngaue-Tu'uholoaki 11/19 • Neita Tupe 11/23 • Phyllis Foster 11/23 • Marlon Baker 11/26 | **ANNIVERSARIES** | Manu Tu'uholoaki-Murrin & Jordan Murrin 11/11 • Ed & Risa Wheat 11/21

PRAYER LIST | Mary Collins & Family • Cuthkelvin/Reynolds Family • Elva Herrera • Mary Walker • Melisa Arnold • Elizabeth Payne • Annie & Monica Webb • Affordable Housing Project • Pastors & Lay Leadership • To submit a prayer request online, go to inglewoodfirst.org/prayer.

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