

Saturday, December 4, 2021 • 2nd Weekend of Advent • 10:00 am Online
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INTROIT

“Ev’ry Valley Shall Be Exalted”
by G.F. Handel/adapted Walker

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WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

Gina Williams
Liturgist

*Redeeming Keeper of Promises,
your messengers remind us
that you are the source of peace, justice, mercy,
and loving kindness.
As we prepare for your coming in your Son Jesus,
help us shine as the radiant body of Christ,
that we may be light for a gloomy, broken world. Amen.*

OPENING HYMN

“Siyahamba (We Are Marching)”
South African Folksong

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LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE: PEACE

Marjorie Porchia & Gina Williams

Listen! Prepare the Way. God sent messengers to prepare the way, messages that we have received as prophecy and prayer, hopes and dreams for a better world, one in which the reign of God is on earth as it is in heaven. Listen! Search! Be ready for what is to come. Not everyone will be happy when God makes all things new. There are those who cling to worldly power and privilege. To find true peace, they must be willing to let go and lose it.

In this season of Advent, we light the candle of peace for the coming Prince of Peace and the reign of God, which is at hand, by listening to the prophets of old and the wise among us.

Let us light the second Advent candle, representing PEACE.

Let us pray. Make haste, O God, and open our minds to listen! May we be inspired by the words of the prophets and all Your messengers. May John the Baptist’s charge move us to action, in this Advent season and all year long. Let us “prepare the way of the Lord!” Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Luke 3:1-6
(Common English Bible)

In the fifteenth year of the rule of the emperor Tiberius—when Pontius Pilate was governor over Judea and Herod was ruler over Galilee, his brother Philip was ruler over Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was ruler over Abilene, 2 during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas—God’s word came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. 3 John went throughout the region of the Jordan River, calling for people to be baptized to show that they were changing their hearts and lives and wanted God to forgive their sins. 4 This is just as it was written in the scroll of the words of Isaiah the prophet,

A voice crying out in the wilderness:

“Prepare the way for the Lord; make his paths straight.
5 Every valley will be filled, and every mountain and hill will be leveled.
The crooked will be made straight and the rough places made smooth.
6 All humanity will see God’s salvation.”

MESSAGE

“Prepare the Way”

Rev. Victor Cyrus Franklin

SONG OF INVITATION

“We Remember”
by K. Dearman

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SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION ([LINK](#))

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*



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- (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, January 6 @ 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, December 16 @ 6:30 pm (Zoom)**
- **Online Christmas Eve Worship Service | Friday, December 24 @ 6:00 pm**

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



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS | | ANNIVERSARIES | Pastor Victor & Victor III (Tre’) 12/5 • Manu Tu’uholoaki - Murrin 12/7 • Frank Baker 12/8 • Marjorie Porchia 12/14 • Gina Williams 12/15 • Melisa Arnold 12/20 • Halaevalu Tu’uholoaki 12/20 • Patricia Thomas 12/23 • Delmas Arnold II 12/25 • Rokiya Ferguson 12/26 • Charlene Bright 12/28

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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