



Saturday, December 11, 2021 • 3rd Weekend of Advent • 10:00 am Online
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INTROIT

"Changed"

Inglewood First Music

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

Frank Baker
Liturgist

*God of our salvation, you bring victory to the righteous and comfort to the outcast.
As we come before you this day, lighten our hearts with laughter
and loosen our tongues to sing your praise.
For you alone are the source of our hope; you alone are the fountain of our joy.
Be with us now and always. Amen.*

OPENING HYMN

"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"

Inglewood First Music

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE: LOVE

Frank & Tauakitangata Baker

*Rejoice and Repent! Renew your commitment to God.
The ones who came before Jesus called us to turn back to God's ways. Our ancestors in the faith rejoiced when they returned to their home from exile, for God gathered the outcasts and oppressed and raised them up and loved them all. God is turning our world upside down, and we rejoice that the mighty will fall. Those who were rejected are now included, their shame turned to praise! Our lives have been transformed by God's love. In this season of Advent, we rejoice in our waiting, for we know God's love always has the last word.*

Let us light the third (pink) Advent candle, representing LOVE.

Make haste, O God, and may we rejoice! For we know You fulfill your covenant and Your steadfast love endures forever. May we sing Your praise, now and always. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Luke 3:7-18

(New Revised Standard Version)

7 John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? 8 Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. 9 Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

10 And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" 11 In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." 12 Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" 13 He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." 14 Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

15 As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, 16 John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the

Holy Spirit and fire. 17 His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

18 So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

MESSAGE

“Change of Heart”

Rev. Victor Cyrus Franklin

SONG OF INVITATION

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

Frank Baker, soloist

PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE

Pastor Lesa Smith

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!**

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- **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**
 - **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**
 - **Monthly Men's Check-In | Thursday, January 6 @ 7:00 pm**

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



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES | Pastor Victor & Victor III (Tre') 12/5 • Brenda Horne 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

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