



INTROIT

"This Christmas"

Inglewood First Jazz

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jessica Diaz
Liturgist

OPENING PRAYER

Eternal Creator, with you each moment of life is full of wonder and surprise. We pray you to make us watchful as we await the coming of Christ. Grant that we may not be found sleeping in sin, but awake and rejoicing in our newness of life. Through the same Jesus Christ our Savior, Amen.

OPENING HYMN

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Hymnal #211

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE: JOY

Diaz-Fister Family

Reader: No matter what troubles overwhelm us today, Isaiah reminds us that in all of our preparation and passionate pursuit of God's coming kin-dom, we must not forget that God's salvation has come and is coming. "With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation" (Isaiah 12:3). With joy you will remember that God's salvation is already present among us.

Congregation: Faced with the troubles and the suffering of the world, we choose to live in joyful presence to God and one another. We will not turn away from the pain and the hurt in our world, and we will not stop rejoicing in God, whose salvation fills us to overflowing that God's love might flow through us and flood our troubled world with hope, peace, and joy.

Reader: We light this candle of joy as a sign of our commitment to be present to ourselves, our friends, our families, and our neighbors that in sharing our vulnerable lives we might share in the glorious joy of God's salvation together.

Light the third (pink/rose) candle of the Advent wreath.

ADVENT CANDLE SONG

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*Light the Advent candle, three:
Think of heavenly harmony;
angels singing "Peace on earth"
at the blessed Savior's birth.*

*Candle candle burning bright
Shining in the cold winter night
Candle candle burning bright
Fill our hearts with joyous light*

DANCE

"Hollywood Swingin'"

The Eic Center Ole Skool Crew

SONG OF PREPARATION

"O, How I Love Jesus"

Hymnal #170

SCRIPTURE READING

*Luke 3:7-18
Common English Bible*

7 Then John said to the crowds who came to be baptized by him, "You children of snakes! Who warned you to escape from the angry judgment that is coming soon? 8 Produce fruit that shows you have changed your hearts and lives. And don't even think about saying to yourselves, Abraham is our father. I tell you that God is able to raise up Abraham's children from these stones. 9 The ax is already at the root of the trees. Therefore, every tree that doesn't produce good fruit will be chopped down and tossed into the fire." 10 The crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" 11 He answered, "Whoever has two shirts must share with the one who has none,

and whoever has food must do the same.” 12 Even tax collectors came to be baptized. They said to him, “Teacher, what should we do?” 13 He replied, “Collect no more than you are authorized to collect.” 14 Soldiers asked, “What about us? What should we do?” He answered, “Don’t cheat or harass anyone, and be satisfied with your pay.” 15 The people were filled with expectation, and everyone wondered whether John might be the Christ. 16 John replied to them all, “I baptize you with water, but the one who is more powerful than me is coming. I’m not worthy to loosen the strap of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 17 The shovel he uses to sift the wheat from the husks is in his hands. He will clean out his threshing area and bring the wheat into his barn. But he will burn the husks with a fire that can’t be put out.” 18 With many other words John appealed to them, proclaiming good news to the people.

MESSAGE

“Got To Give It Up”

Rev. Victor Cyrus-Franklin

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

INVITATIONAL SONG

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

Hymnal #234

PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE

Rev. Victor Cyrus-Franklin

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

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Announcements

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TODAY IN WORSHIP: Bravo Maintenance; Rev. Victor Cyrus-Franklin, *Supervising Pastor*; Risa Wheat, *Worship Chairperson*; Sam Reid, *Music Director*; Tre’ Cyrus-Franklin, *Percussion*; Max Weiner, *Bass*; Tony Greene, *Sound Tech*; Tuutanga Tuihalamaka, *Video Tech*; Diaz-Fister Family, *Liturgist & Readers*

4 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) **Download the Church App** at www.inglewoodfirst.org/app
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COMING UP @ INGLEWOOD FIRST UMC / inglewoodfirst.org/calendar

- **Worship Team Planning Meeting** | Tuesdays @ 10:00 am
 - **Zoom Bible Study** | Tuesdays @ 12 pm & 7 pm | Sign up at inglewoodfirst.org/biblestudy
 - **Virginia Beckett Food Pantry** | Thursday, December 19, 2024 @ 9:45 am - 12:00 pm
 - **Holiday Housing & Mental Wellness Pilot Program** | Thursday, December 19 @ 11 am - 2 pm
 - **Celebration of Life Service for “Blanche Smith”** | **Friday, December 20 @ 10:30 am-2 pm**
 - **Selah Sunday** | Sunday, December 29, 2024
 - **Choir Rehearsal** | 3rd & 4th Sundays after worship service
 - We’re on our journey to Build Affordable Housing! Updates @ inglewoodfirst.org/housing
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CONGREGATIONAL CARE | *Submit prayer requests at inglewoodfirst.org/prayer.*

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS | Rev. Victor Cyrus-Franklin 12/5, Tre Cyrus-Franklin 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, Rokyia Ferguson 12/26, Charlene Bright 12/28

PRAYER LIST | Smith Family • Dozier Family • Jimmie Woods-Gray • Quinn Jones • Mary Collins • John Cohill • Rokyia Ferguson • Soto-Mack Family • Houseless Neighbors • Elizabeth Payne • Elva Herrera • Affordable Housing Project • Della Greene & Anthony Greene • Blanche Smith • Stephannie Starr