



**INTROIT**

*“Falling in Love With Jesus”*

Inglewood First Music

**GREETING AND WELCOME**

Melisa Arnold  
*Liturgist*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Leader: Children of God, we enter the new year as we ended the last: gathered together for worship!*

***People: We gather to seek, find, and follow the Light.***

*Leader: The prophet Isaiah calls to us from deep in the past: “Arise, shine; for your light has come.”*

***People: We gather to seek, find, and follow the Light.***

*Leader: The magi followed a star to find a small child who is the Light of the world.*

***People: We gather to seek, find, and follow the Light.***

*Leader: So, let us receive the call of Isaiah and follow the example of the magi as we begin this new year turning our faces to God whose glory shows up among us as a vulnerable child, a poor carpenter, and a foot-washing servant who is the salvation of the world.*

***People: We gather to seek, find, and follow the Light today and every day. Amen.***

**OPENING PRAYER**

*Gracious God,*

*we come into your presence with joy and praise, grateful for the gift of Christ Jesus in our lives.*

*As we celebrate this gift in our service of worship,*

*fill our hearts with Christmas joy*

*and our spirits with the gift of your Holy Spirit.*

*With joy and gratitude, we pray. Amen.*

**OPENING HYMN**

*“This Little Light of Mine”*

Hymnal #585

**SCRIPTURE READING**

*Matthew 2:1-12*

*New Revised Standard Version UE*

*In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the east came to Jerusalem, 2 asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east and have come to pay him homage.” 3 When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him, 4 and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. 5 They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet:*

*6 And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,*

*are by no means least among the rulers of Judah,*

*for from you shall come a ruler*

*who is to shepherd my people Israel.’ ”*

7 Then Herod secretly called for the magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. 8 Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." 9 When they had heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen in the east, until it stopped over the place where the child was. 10 When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. 11 On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary, his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. 12 And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

**MESSAGE**

***"Light of the World"***

Pastor Monalisa Lolohea

**SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**COMMUNION SONG**

*"Blessed Assurance"*

Hymnal #369

**PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE**

**BENEDICTION**

Pastor Monalisa Lolohea

**POSTLUDE**

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**Announcements**   
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**TODAY IN WORSHIP:** Melisa Arnold, *Liturgists*; Max Weiner, *Bass*; Tony Greene, *Sound Tech*;  
Tuutanga Tuihalamaka, *Video Tech*; Pastor Monalisa Siofele-Lolohea, *Site Pastor*; Bravo Maintenance

**4 WAYS TO GIVE:**

(1) **Mail:** Send to *Inglewood First UMC*,  
304 E Spruce Ave, Inglewood, CA 90301

(2) **Online:** [www.inglewoodfirst.org/give](http://www.inglewoodfirst.org/give)

(3) **Text-to-Give:** Text an amount to **84321!**

(4) **Download the Church App** at  
[www.inglewoodfirst.org/app](http://www.inglewoodfirst.org/app)

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**COMING UP @ INGLEWOOD FIRST UMC / [inglewoodfirst.org/calendar](http://inglewoodfirst.org/calendar)**

- **Worship Team Planning Meeting** | Tuesdays @ 10:00 am
- **Zoom Bible Study** | Tuesdays @ 12 pm & 7 pm | will resume January 14th
- **Virginia Beckett Food Pantry** | Thursday, January 16, 2025 @ 9:45 am - 12:00 pm
- **Choir Rehearsal** | 3rd & 4th Sundays after worship service
- We're on our journey to Build Affordable Housing! Updates @ [inglewoodfirst.org/housing](http://inglewoodfirst.org/housing)

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**CONGREGATIONAL CARE** | *Submit prayer requests at [inglewoodfirst.org/prayer](http://inglewoodfirst.org/prayer).*

**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS** | Sheila Clayborn 1/2 • Sara Diaz-Montejano 1/4 • Tony Lowe 1/7 • Nell Walker 1/8 • Zaneta Smith 01/10 • Salome Simpson 1/12 • Helen Jenkins 1/12 • Donald Perry 1/18 • Pastor Rey Guevara 1/23 • Victor Franklin, Sr. 1/27 • Meleane Baker 1/28

**PRAYER LIST** | Jimmie Woods-Gray • Quinn Jones • Pastor Rey Guevara's family • Mary Collins & Family • John Cohill & Family • Rokyia Ferguson • Toni Ravens & Candice Callins • Ceasefire in Gaza • Soto-Mack Family • Houseless Neighbors • Wendy Reynolds & Family • Elizabeth Payne • Elva Herrera • Affordable Housing Project • Della Greene & Anthony Greene • Blanche Smith • Stephannie Starr