



304 E Spruce Ave Inglewood, CA 90301

December 28, 2025

Soul Care Sunday

Christmas Sunday · 9:00 am

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INTROIT

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Inglewood First Music

Risa Wheat

Liturgist

WELCOME + GREETINGS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed be the Holy One, who looks upon us with love and mercy.

Blessed be the Holy One, who sent us a Savior to rescue us from despair.

Blessed be the Holy One and God's beloved Child, who rules in a realm of forgiveness and peace.

Blessed be the Holy One, who is worthy of our worship.

OPENING PRAYER

We come this day, rejoicing, in the presence of the King of Kings, Jesus Christ. At his birth the angels proclaimed his name to be Emmanuel, God with us. Today in this place, in this time of worship, may we truly feel the power and presence of Jesus Christ in our lives. May our hearts and spirits be warmed and challenged to proclaim with our lives, "Christ is Lord!". AMEN.

OPENING HYMN

"Joy to the World"

Hymnal #246

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

"We Are Not Alone"

Hymnal #883

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God: who has created and is creating,

*who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God.*

We are called to be the Church:

to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation,

to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil,

to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God. AMEN!

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

"The First Noel"

Hymnal #245

INVITATION TO SOUL CARE PRACTICE

Rev. Neema Cyrus-Franklin

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 2:7-12
Common English Bible

7 Then Herod secretly called for the magi and found out from them the time when the star had first appeared. 8 He sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search carefully for the child. When you've found him, report to me so that I too may go and honor him." 9 When they heard the king, they went; and look, the

star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stood over the place where the child was. **10** When they saw the star, they were filled with joy. **11** They entered the house and saw the child with Mary, his mother. Falling to their knees, they honored him. Then they opened their treasure chests and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. **12** Because they were warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they went back to their own country by another route.

BREATHING THE BREATH OF LIFE

Rev. Neema Cyrus Franklin

*MEDITATION & PRACTICE

*“Guiding Light:
Following Jesus into Our Future”*

SONG OF INVITATION

“We Three Kings”

Hymnal #254

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

COMMUNITY SONG

“Go Tell it on the Mountain”

Hymnal #251

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Risa Wheat

BENEDICTION

Rev. Neema Cyrus Franklin

POSTLUDE

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(1) **Mail:** 304 E Spruce Ave, Inglewood, CA 90301

(3) **Text-to-Give:** Text (833) 785-0863

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

(4) **Church App** | inglewoodfirst.org/app

*CHURCH VISION BOARD LINK & INSTRUCTIONS:

<https://tinyurl.com/Vision-SoulCareSunday>

COMING UP @ INGLEWOOD FIRST UMC / inglewoodfirst.org/calendar

- **Zoom Bible Study | Will resume in January 2026** - Tuesdays @ 7 pm & Thursdays @ 1 pm.
- We're on our journey to Build **Affordable Housing!** Updates @ inglewoodfirst.org/housing

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, Rokiya Ferguson 12/26, Charlene Bright 12/28

PRAYER LIST | J'Slolo Siosiuva Tava Tu'uholoaki • Cisco Rose • Ellis Melendez • Anthony Greene & Family • Family of Lilye Harbison • Quinn Jones & Jonathan Jones • Michelle Taylor Greene • Annie Webb & Monica Webb • Jean H. Pryor • Mary Anne Swayne & son Paul • Elva Herrera & son Daniel • Jennifer Blannon • Patricia Thomas • Jimmie Woods-Gray • Mary Collins • John Cohill • Rokiya Ferguson • Elizabeth Payne • Stephannie Starr • Affordable Housing Project