

**INTROIT**

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**WELCOME**

Kirstie Baker  
*Liturgist*

**OPENING PRAYER**

*Holy God of Joy, We rejoice in the reality of who you are. We live within the joy of your love for us. Our contentment comes and goes. Our happiness ebbs and flows. Our feelings depend upon our circumstances, our physical health, our brain chemistry. But our joy is deeply rooted in our identity as your beloved children. And we give you thanks. Amen.*

**OPENING HYMN**

“O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing”

Hymnal #57

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE : JOY**

Baker Family & Beverly Puebla

*First Reader: In the midst of our waiting and longing for God to make the world right again, we cling to the truth that God has saved, God is saving, and God will save. So today, we join our voices with the prophet Isaiah, who calls us to live in the joy of the truth of God’s salvation.*

***All: We choose to believe that the day is coming when “the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away” (Isaiah 35:10).***

*Second Reader: We light this candle of joy as a sign of the Truth that sets us free to live in joy as we wait and work for the day when all creation will flourish together.*

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

**ADVENT CANDLE SONG**

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***Third Verse:***

*Light the Advent candle three  
Think of Heavenly harmony  
Angels signing, "Peace on Earth"  
At the blessed Savior's birth*

***Chorus:***

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

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

“We Are Not Alone”

Hymnal #883

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*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!*

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

### *English Version:*

*I am the church!  
You are the church!  
We are the church together!  
All who follow Jesus  
all around the world!  
Yes, we're the church together!*

*"We Are the Church"*

### *Spanish Version:*

*¡Yo soy la Iglesia!  
¡Tú eres la Iglesia!  
¡Somos la Iglesia juntos!  
¡Todos los que siguen a Jesús  
en todo el mundo!  
¡Si, somos la Iglesia juntos!*

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### *Tongan Version:*

*Koau koe temipale!  
Ko koe koe temipale!  
Tautolu koe temipale!  
Tau muimui kia Sisu  
Tautolu kotoa 'i mamani  
Io, ko tautolu koe temipale kakato*

## SONG OF PREPARATION

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## SCRIPTURE

*Luke 1:46b-55  
Common English Bible*

*"With all my heart I glorify the Lord! 47 In the depths of who I am I rejoice in God my savior. 48 He has looked with favor on the low status of his servant. Look! From now on, everyone will consider me highly favored 49 because the mighty one has done great things for me. Holy is his name. 50 He shows mercy to everyone, from one generation to the next, who honors him as God. 51 He has shown strength with his arm. He has scattered those with arrogant thoughts and proud inclinations. 52 He has pulled the powerful down from their thrones and lifted up the lowly. 53 He has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty-handed. 54 He has come to the aid of his servant Israel, remembering his mercy, 55 just as he promised to our ancestors, to Abraham and to Abraham's descendants forever."*

## MESSAGE

***"Room for Joy"***

Rev. Victor Cyrus-Franklin

## INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

*"I'm So Glad (Jesus Lifted Me)"*

AAHH #238

## INVITATIONAL SONG

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## MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kirstie Baker

## BENEDICTION

Rev. Victor Cyrus-Franklin

## POSTLUDE

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

- **Zoom Bible Study** | Tuesdays @ 7 pm & Thursdays @ 1 pm
- **Virginia Beckett Food Pantry** | Thursday, December 18, 2025 @ 9:45 am
- We're on our journey to Build Affordable Housing! Updates @ [inglewoodfirst.org/housing](https://inglewoodfirst.org/housing)

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