



December 4, 2022

Second Sunday of Advent · 10:45 am
4112 W Slauson Ave · Los Angeles, CA 90043

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PRELUDE

Voices of Grace

WELCOME

Rev. Victor Cyrus-Franklin

CALL TO WORSHIP

Charles McWells

Worship Leader

ONE: Prepare the way of the Lord.

ALL: God's Kingdom has drawn near.

ONE: Prepare the way of peace.

ALL: God's salvation is at hand.

ONE: Prepare the way of righteousness.

ALL: God's Spirit moves among us.

ONE: Prepare the way of the Lord.

ALL: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

OPENING PRAYER

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE: PEACE

The Boyd Family

Reader One: *"They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious" (Isaiah 11:9-10 NRSV).*

Reader Two: *We are the followers of that root of Jesse Isaiah spoke of. We are the ones who are now called to stand as a signal to the world, to all of creation, that peace is the will of the one who created us. Peace is the knowledge of the Lord that we proclaim from sea to shining sea.*

Reader One: *"In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea proclaiming. "Repent for the kingdom of heaven has come near." And "bear fruit worthy of repentance" (Matthew 3:1,2, 8 NRSV).*

Reader Two: *We light these candles, the candle of joyful **hope** and the candle of proclaimed **peace**, in part to remind ourselves that we are a people rising toward God's promise. But we also light them as a sign to the world, an announcement there are some who hold on to hope and there are some who work the ways of peace. We stand as a sign that Emmanuel is still our fervent prayer.*

Light two candles of the Advent wreath.

THEME SCRIPTURE

Philippians 4:6-7, 19

Brittney Boyd-Dix

SCRIPTURE READING

*Matthew 3:1-6
(Common English Bible)*

Charles McWells

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the desert of Judea announcing, 2 "Change your hearts and lives! Here comes the kingdom of heaven!" 3 He was the one of whom Isaiah the prophet spoke when he said:

The voice of one shouting in the wilderness,

*"Prepare the way for the Lord;
make his paths straight." [a]*

4 John wore clothes made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He ate locusts and wild honey.

5 People from Jerusalem, throughout Judea, and all around the Jordan River came to him. 6 As they confessed their sins, he baptized them in the Jordan River.

MUSICAL SELECTION

Voices of Grace

PROCLAMATION

"From the Inside Out"

Rev. Victor Cyrus-Franklin

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Announcements

Grace United Methodist Church of LA



TODAY IN WORSHIP: Metriese Wayne, *Worship Chairperson*; Diana Andrews, *Director of Music*; Antoinette Brown, *Audio/Video Tech*; Erroll McMillan, *Assistant Audio/Video Tech*; Kwame Gibson, *Sound Tech*; Charles McWells, *Worship Leader*

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- **Mobile App:** Download REALM CONNECT from App store or Google play
- **Bank Draft:** Have your bank send your gift from your checking or savings account

THIS WEEK @ GRACE UMC

- **Celebration for Bishop Cedrick** | Sunday, December 4th @ 3pm at Crossroads UMC
- **Joint Charge Conference** | Thursday, December 8 @ 7pm
- **Vaccination Clinic** | Here at Grace on Sunday, December 11th @ 12pm-4 pm
- **RSVP for In-Person Worship!** tinyurl.com/Worship-RSVP or graceumcla.org
- **Wednesday Morning Prayer** | 6:15am - 6:30am
- **Wednesday Zoom Bible Study** | 12:00 - 1:00 pm

LOOKING AHEAD

- Get updates COVID-19 testing and vaccinations @ covid19.lacounty.gov.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS | Charmaine Sance 12/1, Ruby Cannon 12/2, Eric Warren 12/2, Paula Minor 12/3, Ezunial Burts 12/7, Hayward Gray 12/10, Madison Curry 12/11, Sylvia Lindo 12/11, Marion Burts 12/12, Javoski Rembert 12/14, Tammy Tatum 12/19, Douglas Leung 12/19, Caulin-Rashid Creasia 12/20, Diana Simmons 12/21, Lance Eddins, Jr. 12/24, Ed Creasia 12/25, Otha Willis 12/26, Bridgett Smith 12/27, Valjean Boyd 12/29, Felix Mungin 12/31

PRAYER LIST | Barbara Little • Pamela Byrd & Family (her father, Lynn Douglas Harrell Sr. & her mother Anne Harrell passed away in Philadelphia) • November Election • Valjean Boyd & Family (her uncle Walter Rumford passed away) • Rev. Paul & Allyson Hill, sister-in-law Carla Hill (Rev. Thomas Hill) passed away • Extreme weather conditions across the nation; heat; fires; floods • Beverly Holcome (2nd cousin of Myrna-Joy Pugh) • Greg Parker (brother of Marilyn Parker-Brooks) • Donna Cunningham • Family of David Bradshaw • Students, staff, administrators returning to school this Fall • Merla Beech (her daughter, Vicki Ward passed away) • Eddie Rowe • Family of Clifford Luella Cobb • Family of Rev. Sylvester Gillespie • Family of Shirley Yvonne LaRue • Kimberly Austin (La Vivian Taylor's niece) • Valanda Schlosser & Patricia Rollerson • Family of Ezunial & Marion Burts • Family of Elwood & Brenda Horn • Yolanda McMillan • Sherry Page (Sister of Charmaine Sance) • Pauline Sanguinetti • Bernice Sparks • Dianna Simmons • Susan & Eric Warren • Family of Metriese & Carl Wayne • Members, Family & Friends who have been infected with COVID-19/Variants • The people of Ukraine

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