



January 21, 2024

3rd Sunday after the Epiphany • 11:00 am

4112 W Slauson Ave • Los Angeles, CA 90043

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ACOLYTE LIGHTING OF CANDLES

Joevan Salmon-Johnson

PRELUDE

"I Am So Glad"

AAHH #238

WELCOME

Rev. Kimberly Scott

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Valjean Boyd
Worship Leader

THEME SCRIPTURE

Philippians 4:6-7, 19

Olinda Bryan

OPENING PRAYER

Valjean Boyd

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The Spirit of God is upon us.

P: We are called to be God's people.

L: The Spirit of God is upon us.

P: We are called to be the body of Christ.

L: Come let us worship God,

P: who binds us together in love and service.

OPENING HYMN

"What A Friend We Have In Jesus"

UMH #526

CENTERING MOMENT

Rev. Kimberly Scott

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Valjean Boyd

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 4:1-12 NIV

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted[a] by the devil. 2 After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. 3 The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread." 4 Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" 5 Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. 6 "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written: "He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone." 7 Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" 8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. 9 "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me." 10 Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'" 11 Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him. 12 When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he withdrew to Galilee.

SONG OF PREPARATION

"Spirit of God"

Chancel Choir

PROCLAMATION

"Why Did the Wilderness Call?"

Rev. Kimberly Scott

SONG OF RESPONSE

"Jesus Is The Answer"

Chancel Choir

OFFERING OF THE PEOPLE

Valjean Boyd

COMMUNITY BLESSING

Rev. Kimberly Scott

L: Be with us, Lord,

P: as we go from this place.

L Give us confidence

P: in your loving presence,

L: and help us witness,

All: to that love as we encounter others. Amen.

POSTLUDE

"Great Things"

Chancel Choir



TODAY IN WORSHIP: Reverend Kimberly Scott, *Lead Pastor*; Valjean Boyd, *Worship Chairperson & Worship Leader*; Diana Andrews, *Director of Music*; Antoinette Brown, *Audio/Video Tech*; Erroll McMillan, *Assistant Audio/Video Tech*; Kwame Gibson, *Sound Tech*

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UPCOMING @ GRACE UMC

- **Charge Conference** | Saturday, Jan. 27th 10am
- **Sunday School** | 9:45 am
- **Wednesday Morning Prayer** | 6:15am-6:30am
Prayer Line: (434)300-4178 Code:976658
- **Wednesday Zoom Bible Study** | 12pm-1pm
- **Food Pantry** | Fridays @ 10am - 12pm
- **AG 50+ Club: Chair Exercise** | Weds @ 10am

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

PRAYER LIST | Darren Holmes & Family (In the loss of his mother, Mrs. Quinola Ike) • Donald Woodward Jr & Family • Christopher Hall (Oklahoma) • West D.S., Rev. Siosaia Tu'itahi Family • Amanda and Paul Yoder • Michelle Stewart & Family • Wynter Eddins • EZ & Marion Burts Family • Ronald O'Neal (Son of Mildred Bowen) • Abeni & Derek Bias Family • Pastor Kimberly Scott Family • Pastor Lesa Smith Family • Bridgette & Bert Smith Family • Yolanda McMillan, Barbara Collier Family • Douglas Leung Family • Carolyn Cobb • Eddie Rowe & Marilyn Silver Families • Gina Thornton-Braxton • Lorraine Ike • Berthann Heath • Norris Jackie McReynolds • Myrna-Joy & Gayle Pugh • Jimmie Lindsey • Greg Parker (brother of Marilyn Parker - Brooks) • Larry Brooks (brother of Leonard Brooks)

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