



CENTERING MOMENT

Rejoice and be glad! God is at work while we wait and hope and pray for God's peace to come upon the earth.

PRELUDE

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"
Charles Wesley, Rowland H. Prichard

Robert Johnson, Jr.

GREETING

Theodore King
Liturgist

CALL TO WORSHIP & ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

8 am | Sharian Smith Neal
& Marilyn Powell

11 am | Monique & Jamal Ingram

Rejoice, for God is here!

God is our strength and our light.

Let us give thanks to God.

We will sing praises for all the earth to hear!

With joy we remember that God's salvation is already present among us.

We rejoice in God our Savior, who breaks into our troubled world with hope, peace, and joy.

We light this candle of joy as a sign of our commitment to be present to ourselves, our friends, our families, and our neighbors that in sharing our vulnerable lives, we might share in the glorious joy of God's salvation together.

*Adapted from Abingdon Worship Annual
(Karin Ellis) and UMDiscipleship.org
(Rev. Beg Ogsden)*

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

OPENING PRAYER

God of love and joy, thank you for your presence in our lives.

During this time of worship, draw us closer to you and to one another. May we grow in our love for you and for our neighbor.

May we dwell in your peace and be guided by the one who is to come, your Son, Jesus Christ. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

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PRAISE AND WORSHIP

“Emmanuel”
Norman Hutchins

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

“Jesus Is the Reason for the Season”
Kirk Franklin

Jubilant Voices

SCRIPTURE

Luke 3:7-18
Common English Bible

SONG OF PREPARATION

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”
Richard Smallwood

Jubilant Voices

MESSAGE

“Take Me to the Water”

Rev. Dr. Jennifer Oliver
Associate Pastor

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

INVITATIONAL HYMN

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR TITHES & OFFERING

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Somebody Bigger Than You and I”
Whitney Houston, Hy Heath, Johnny Lange,
Sonny Burke

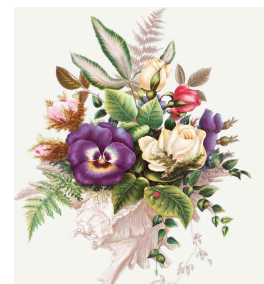
Robert Johnson, Jr.

TODAY IN WORSHIP: Rev. Victor Cyrus-Franklin, *Lead Pastor*; Rev. Dr. Jennifer Oliver, *Associate Pastor*; Rev. Louis Chase, *Minister of Community Outreach*; *In Memoriam* Rev. James M. Lawson, Jr., *Pastor Emeritus*; Theodore King, *Liturgist*; Holman Choir, William Campbell, Jr., *Director*; Robert Johnson, Jr., *Organist*; Ricardo L. J. Mowatt, *Drummer*; David R. Sears, *Production Mixer*; Mark Conway, *Video Director*; Keith McGruder, *House Mixer*; Fitzroy Younge, *House Mixer*; Jules Green, *Post-Production*; Mychael Carter, *Audio Tech/Mixer*

The live broadcast of today’s 11:00 am worship celebration on 102.3 FM, **Radio Free KJLH**, is sponsored by **Rose Whitehead and family**: “In celebration of the birthday of **Cornelius Whitehead, Jr.** “When I was a child, my speech, feelings and thinking were all those of a child; now that I am a man, I have no more use for childish ways. Meanwhile, these three remain: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love” (1 Corinthians:13:11,13). These words of the Holy Spirit remind us always of God's gift to us. To God be the glory!”



Altar Flowers are given “In honor of the heavenly birthday of **Beverly West Cephus** on 12/12/19. You are truly missed & cherished. May God keep you by his side. Camille, Tommy, Lonnie, Jolene & families” and “In celebration of the **59th Wedding Anniversary of Clifford and Juanita Cannon** on December 18th. Although you are not here physically to celebrate with me, you will be in spirit. I miss you deeply. Love always, Juanita.”



WAYS TO GIVE

- **Mail:** Send to *Holman UMC*,
3320 W Adams Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90018
- **Radio Broadcast Sponsorship:** Take advantage of a 20% discount on the 11am worship broadcast on KJLH Radio Free 102.3 FM!
- **Online:** Go to the church website @ www.holmanumc.com/give
- **Altar Flowers Sponsorship:** Visit holmanumc.com/give and choose flowers.



Access the broadcast sponsorship form at www.holmanumc.com/forms and be a blessing today!

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

PRAYER LIST | Dr. Bettye Walker and family, Pauline Fields, Dyana John, Markho Johane, Ovis Massey, Cynthia Marroquin-Henley, Thresa Thomas, Reggie Thomas, Gweneth Alexander, the family of Dr. Barbara Lake, the family of Wilfred Malcolm, Samantha McQueen, Dr. Harold Jordan, Larry Turner, Freddie Muse, Jr.



BEREAVEMENT | Professor Hildreth “Hal” Walker, Jr. passed away on Sunday evening, November 24, 2024, at Blaauwberg Hospital, Cape Town, South Africa. A **celebration of his life** will be held on **Thursday, December 19, 11:00 am** at Holman. Please keep the Walker family in prayer. | Homegoing services for **Wilfred Malcolm** are pending. Please keep Mr. Malcolm’s family in prayer.

AFTER WORSHIP

- Join us for **Hospitality and Fellowship** immediately following service in the Library.
- **Children and Youth Ministries** invite you to “A Soulful Christmas” on **TODAY** from **9:45-10:45** in L.L. White Hall.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Advent Book Study** continues Monday, December 16 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. This year’s book is *The Heart That Grew Three Sizes: Finding Faith in the Story of the Grinch* by Matt Rawle.
- **REGISTER [here](#) for All-Church Charge Conference** on **Wednesday, December 18** at **7:00 p.m.** Contact the church office at caroline@holmanumc.com for registration assistance. Once registered, you will receive a link to the meeting.
- **Christmas Poinsettias Are Here! Hanging of the Greens** returns on Saturday, December 21. Purchase poinsettia plants in honor or memory of loved ones by December 19, and help adorn the sanctuary for Christmas. Each 7” plant costs \$15. When using [Vanco](#) or [Givelify](#), choose “Other” and specify that your gift is for poinsettias. Enter your message (Givelify) or note (Vanco) before checkout. Call the office for assistance (323) 703-5868. *Thank you!*

This Week @ HOLMAN

www.holmanumc.com/calendar

Sunday, Dec 15

Sunday Worship: 8:00 am

8–9:15am | Every Sunday
Sanctuary

A Soulful Christmas featuring the Holman UMC Children and Youth Ministries

9:45-10:45am | TODAY!
L. L. White Hall

Adult Sunday School: Zoom + Phone

9:30–10:30am | Every Sunday
Online

Book Talk: Zoom

9:15–10:15am | Every Sunday | Online
Noel Leo Erskine, *Black Theology and Black Faith*

Sunday Worship: 11:00 am

11am–12:15pm | Every Sunday
Sanctuary

Holman Choir Rehearsal: 12:30-2:00 pm

12:30-2:00pm | Every Sunday
Bowick Music Room (111)

Tuesday, Dec 17

Trustees Monthly Meeting

6:30–7:45pm | 3rd Tuesday of every month 3rd
Online

Thursday, Dec 19

Thursday Bible Study

1–2pm | Every Thursday
Phone

Celebration of Life: Prof. Hildreth “Hal” Walker

11am–12:30pm
Sanctuary

Friday, Dec 20

Friday Morning Prayer Group: Prayer Service

7:30–8:30am | Every Friday
Phone

Mark Your Calendar!

Monday, December 16

Advent Book Study: *The Heart That Grew Three Sizes*

7–8pm | Online



Wednesday, December 18

All Church Charge Conference

7-8:30pm | Zoom | [Register](#) for Zoom link

Monday, December 23

Advent Book Study: *The Heart That Grew Three Sizes*

7–8pm | Online

Tuesday, December 24

Christmas Eve Worship Service

7–8pm | Online

Sunday, December 29

Combined Worship Service

11am–12:15pm | Sanctuary

OFFICE CLOSURES

Christmas Eve - Tuesday, December 24

Christmas Day - Wednesday, December 25

New Year's Eve - Tuesday, December 31

- Open 10am-1pm

New Year's Day - Wednesday, January 1