

The Church of the Bells

March 16, 2025

Second Sunday in Lent · 8:00 am & 11:00 am 3320 W. Adams Blvd. · Los Angeles, CA 90018

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CENTERING MOMENT

Stand firm in the Lord. God's love is a mighty fortress of strength and grace.

PRELUDE

"They'll Know We Are Christians"

Peter Scholtes

Robert Johnson, Jr. *Organist*

WELCOME

Rev. Victor Cyrus-Franklin *Lead Pastor*

GREETING

Saundra Bishop Liturgist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God, our light and our salvation, calls us to worship. **People: We gather in faith, confidence, and praise.**

Leader: Come; seek the face of God.

People: God's face shines upon us with grace and love.

Leader: Be strong, my friends, for God is here.

People: Thanks be to God for this wonderful gift.

Abingdon Worship Annual (Mary Scifres)

*OPENING PRAYER

Mighty God, we come into your presence from many different places and situations. Light our way in this time of worship. Calm our hearts, focus our thoughts, and strengthen our faith, as we pray and praise this day. Amen.

(Mary Scifres)

^{*}Please stand as you are able.

*PRAISE & WORSHIP

"My Hope Is Built"

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"I Press" Joyous Praise Jubilant Voices

*SCRIPTURE

Philippians 3:13-4:1

SONG OF PREPARATION

"My Soul Has Been Anchored in the Lord" Douglas Miller

Jubilant Voices Jules Green, soloist

MESSAGE

"Pushing Past Stuck"

Rev. Dr. Jennifer Oliver

Associate Pastor

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

INVITATIONAL HYMN

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR TITHES & OFFERING

*BENEDICTION Rev. Cyrus-Franklin

POSTLUDE "Press Toward the Mark"

Norman Hutchins

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; Saundra Bishop, Liturgist; The Jubilant Voices, Melida Skeete Smith, Director; Robert Johnson, Jr., Organist; 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 Radio Broadcast of today's 11:00 am worship service on Radio Free KJLH, 102.3 FM, is sponsored by Dr. Dorris Woods, who wishes "Happy birthday to proud career veterinarians Dr. Burton Woods and Dr. Brannon Woods, father and son. We love you and miss you. Dorris Woods, April and Brian."

Today's Altar Flowers are sponsored by Cheryl Newton, "In memory of our matriarch, Mrs. Ruth F. Sloan. Love, GiGi, Joann, Sean Cheryl, Skyler, Sr. & Skyler, Jr., Tymber, Aniyah & Baby Girl on the way."

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CONGREGATIONAL CARE

PRAYER LIST | All those affected by recent wildfires and storms, Tiffany Hall, Toni Edwards, Luisa Clark-Harris and family, Maritza Brown, Kamille Linton, Hazel Storey, Ovis Massey, Cynthia Marroquin-Henley, Thresa Thomas, Gweneth Alexander, Samantha McQueen, Larry Turner, Freddie Muse, Jr.



BEREAVEMENT | Frank Edward Pinder III, MD, the husband of Wilma Williams Pinder, made his transition on Tuesday, March 11. Arrangements are pending. • **Sydney Pitter**, the father of Roy Pitter, passed away on Tuesday, February 25 in Kingston, Jamaica. His funeral service will be held Saturday, March 29 at Hanover Street Baptist Church in Kingston. • The homegoing service for **Robert "Joe" Clark,** brother of Holman member Luisa Clark-Harris, was held on Thursday, March 13 in Brooklyn, New York. • A celebration of life for **June Chavez** was held on Friday, March 14 in the Holman sanctuary. • Funeral arrangements are pending for **Freddie Lee Roberts**, who transitioned on February 1. • **Please remember the families in prayer.**

AFTER WORSHIP

- Join us for **Fellowship Hour**, hosted by the **Los Angeles Links and Beverly Hills-West Links,** in L. L. White Hall, immediately following the worship service.
- What inspires you? Today at 1:00 pm in Crockett Library, join the **Holman United Women in Faith Spiritual Growth Circle** for a discussion on the topic "Inspiration."

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Lenten Study & Prayer continues online this Wednesday, March 19, and on Wednesday evenings throughout Lent at 7:00 pm. Sign up today to get the daily online prayer journal.
- Saturday School for African American History (SSAAH) continues on Saturday, March 22, from 9:00 am until 12:00 pm. To register, visit holmanumc.com/calendar.
- The **Junius B. Dotson Institute for Music & Worship in the Black Church and Beyond** begins at Holman Monday, March 17 and ends Wednesday, March 19.
- Holman will host the **Black Methodists for Church Renewal (BMCR) General Meeting** from Wednesday, March 19 to Friday, March 21.
- On Sunday, March 23rd, the **United Women in Faith (UWF)** will observe **Mission Emphasis Sunday.** Ms. Sally Vonner, UWF General Secretary & CEO, will deliver the message at both the 8:00 and 11:00 am worship services. The Combined Women's Chorus, under the direction of Melida Skeete Smith, will provide the music. Come, let us worship God together on Mission Emphasis Sunday.

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Sunday, March 16 Sunday Worship

8:00am-9:15am | Sanctuary

Adult Sunday School: Zoom + Phone

9:30am-10:30am | Every Sunday | Online

Book Talk

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

Children's Church

DIGITAL LESSON "The Fox, the Hen, and the Big Feast" 9:30am-10:30am | Every Sunday | Johnson Chapel

Sunday Worship

11:00am-12:15pm | Sanctuary

Monday, March 17

Junius B. Dotson Institute for Music & Worship in the Black Church and Beyond

March 17-19 | 10:00am-9:00pm

Tuesday, March 18

Junius B. Dotson Institute

10:00am-9:00pm

A-MAN STEM Center: After School Program

3:30pm-5:30pm | Every Tuesday | Education Building

Trustees Monthly Meeting

7:00pm-8:15pm | Online

Wednesday, March 19

Black Methodists for Church Renewal (BMCR) General Meeting

March 19-22 | All day

Junius B. Dotson Institute

10:00am-9:00pm

Lenten Study & Prayer: Practical Steps to Live Out Your Faith Every Day (Sign-up Link)

7:00pm-8:00pm | Online

Thursday, March 20

BMCR General Meeting

All day

Friday, March 21

BMCR General Meeting

All day

Friday Morning Prayer & Holy Communion

7:30am-8:30am | Every Friday | Phone

Saturday, March 22

Saturday School for African American History (SSAAH)

9:00am-12:00pm | Love Education Building

Mark Your Calendars!

Sunday, March 23

United Women in Faith Mission Emphasis

8:00am & 11:00 am Worship | Sanctuary 12:30pm-2:00pm Reception | L. L. White Hall

Wednesday, March 26-Wednesday, April 9

Lenten Study & Prayer: Practical Steps to Live Out Your Faith Every Day

7:00pm-8:00pm | Online

Saturday, March 29

Black Kidney Kare Symposium

9:00am-2:00pm | L. L. White Hall

Sunday, April 13

Palm Sunday

Thursday, April 17 **Maundy Thursday**

Friday, April 18

Good Friday

Sunday, April 20

Easter Day