



**CENTERING MOMENT**

*Wait together for God, trusting the Advent journey. Walk this Holy Way, trusting the One who promises us joy, the One who keeps us from going astray.*

**PRELUDE**

*“Pastoral Symphony”*  
 George Frederic Handel

Robert Johnson Jr.

**OPENING SONG**

*“There’s a Voice In The Wilderness Crying”*  
 Frances D. Heins

Holman Choir

**GREETING**

Shirley Harris  
*Liturgist*

**CALL TO WORSHIP & ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING**

Double Ring Club

*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, is saving, and will save. So today, we join our voices with the prophet Isaiah, who calls us to live in the joy of God’s salvation.*

*Ed Terry*  
*Sandrel Terry*  
*Wayne Moore*  
*Elaine Moore*

*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).*

*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.]*

**OPENING PRAYER**

*Eternal God, your song is joy, for you are Joy—  
 joy that fills the empty with good things; joy that sings light into the darkness;  
 joy that echoes with angelic song; joy that births hope in the midst of despair.  
 Open my lips to sing your praise and receive your melody in my life.  
 I am ready for your coming, the coming of Joy. Amen.*

<b>OPENING HYMN</b>	“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”	Hymnal #211
<b>PASSING OF THE PEACE</b>	“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”	Hymn #334
	<i>Greet one another with signs of God’s peace and love! Be sure to ask your neighbor if it’s okay to hug them!</i>	
<b>SCRIPTURE</b>	<b>Isaiah 35:1-10</b> <i>Common English Bible (CEB)</i>	Shirley Harris
<b>SONG OF PREPARATION</b>	“Count It All Joy” <i>Margaret Pleasant Douroux</i>	Holman Choir
<b>MESSAGE</b>	“Joy Is Coming”	Rev. Victor Cyrus-Franklin <i>Lead Pastor</i>
<b>INVITATIONAL HYMN</b>	“Jesus, You’re the Center of My Joy” <i>Richard Smallwood</i>	Holman Choir
<b>PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE</b>		Rev. Dr. Jennifer Oliver <i>Assistant Pastor</i>
<b>THANKSGIVING FOR TITHES &amp; OFFERING</b>	“And the Glory of the Lord” <i>George F. Handel</i>	Holman Choir
<b>DOXOLOGY</b>	“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”	Hymnal #95
<b>BENEDICTION</b>	“Go Forth Into The World In Peace” <i>Martin Shaw</i>	Holman Choir
<b>POSTLUDE</b>	“Hold On, Help Is On The Way” <i>Kenneth Paden, Whitney Houston</i>	Robert Johnson Jr.

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## TODAY IN WORSHIP

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Rev. Victor Cyrus-Franklin, *Lead Pastor*; Rev. Dr. Jennifer Oliver, *Assistant Pastor*; Rev. Louis Chase, *Minister of Community Outreach*; Shirley Harris, *Liturgist*; Holman Choir, William Campbell Jr., *Director*; Robert Johnson, Jr., *Organist*; Ricardo 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*.

## HOLMAN *Announcements*

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### WAYS TO GIVE

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● **Mail:** Send to *Holman UMC*,  
3320 W. Adams Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90018

● **Radio Broadcast Sponsorship:**  
Access the broadcast sponsorship form at  
[www.holmanumc.com/forms](http://www.holmanumc.com/forms).

● **Online:** Go to the church website  
@ [www.holmanumc.com/give](http://www.holmanumc.com/give)

● **Altar Flowers Sponsorship:**  
Visit [holmanumc.com/forms](http://holmanumc.com/forms) and  
look under ‘Special Donations.’



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## ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's altar flowers are given in celebration of the **Holman Choir** and their unwavering commitment to bring us the Messiah year after year. "Praise the Lord. Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of his faithful people. ~Psalm 149:1.



Today's altar flowers are also given by Camille Woolfolk in memory of the heavenly birthday of **Beverly West Cephus** on 12/12. God blessed us with your presence for 101 wonderful years. Your light will continue to shine brightly & your memory is a comfort to all of us. You are missed immensely. Love, Camille, Tommy & family.

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## RADIO BROADCAST SPONSORSHIP

Today's radio broadcast is sponsored by Rose Whitehead, "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!"

You can sponsor our radio broadcast live on Radio Free KJLH, 102.3 FM, or adorn the sanctuary with an arrangement of altar flowers. Visit [holmanumc.com/forms](http://holmanumc.com/forms) or call the church office. You can also sign up for these and other opportunities online at [holman.churchcenter.com/registrations](http://holman.churchcenter.com/registrations).

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## AFTER WORSHIP

- After worship, join us for **Fellowship Hour** in L. L. White Hall, immediately following the worship service, sponsored by the Hospitality Committee.
- **Advent Book Study** is here! Groups meet Sundays 9:30am in the Library or Mondays 7pm online. Register in White Hall, [tinyurl.com/Holman4Words](http://tinyurl.com/Holman4Words), or the **QR code!**
- Join us as the **Holman Choir** presents **Handel's Messiah** at 3pm in the Sanctuary. Donations are welcome!: [tinyurl.com/Give2HolmanChoir](http://tinyurl.com/Give2HolmanChoir) .



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## NEXT SUNDAY: December 21st, 2025

- Support the **Children's Ministry Christmas Program** at 9:45am in L. L. White Hall.
- **Join Sunday Worship** next week as we continue our Advent sermon series, "**Signs of the Times!**". The **Jubilant Voices** and the **Handbell Choir** will lead us in music.

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## CONGREGATIONAL CARE

**BEREAVEMENT** | The homegoing service for **Allen Bridges** is Monday, December 15th at 11am at Holman UMC. **Tonya Vernon**, daughter of Holman member Lydia Blandford recently passed away. Her homegoing service is Tuesday, December 16th at 10am at the Lighthouse Funeral Home. The homegoing service for **Jean Smith** will be Tuesday, December 16th at 2pm at the Inglewood Park Cemetery, and repast at L.L. White Hall. The Celebration of Life for **Wynona Hall**, mother of Holman member Apryl Hall will be Saturday, January 24th at 11am. **Let us continue to hold our bereaved families in prayer.**

**PRAYER LIST** | Those affected by the government shutdown, recent wildfires, victims of domestic violence, and Hurricane Melissa, Gweneth Alexander, Mary Baker, Meredith Barrett, Audrae Broadnau, Maritza Brown, Juanita Cannon, Vera Cincore, Dr. Verdellia Cincore, Ted Davis, Toni Edwards, Deidra Gray, Apryl Hall, Dr. Quinton James, Larry Johnson, John T. Jones, Joyce Lewis, Kamille Linton, Cynthia Marroquin-Henley, Clinton Martin, Brenda Martin, Ovis Massey, Otis T. McKinney, The McQueen Family, Eretha Minor, Carolyn Moultrie, Freddie Muse, Jr., Irving Norwood, Sr., Jason Rabb, Jo C. Reed, Gloria Smith, Ruth A. Smith, Izola Shaw, Phyllis Stephenson, Larry Turner, and Staci Williams.



# This Week @ HOLMAN

[www.holmanumc.com/calendar](http://www.holmanumc.com/calendar)

SUNDAY, DEC 14

## Holman Choir: Rehearsal

9am–10:30am | Every Sunday  
Holman UMC Music Room

## Book Talk: Book Talk: Zoom

9:15am–10:15am | Every Sunday  
Online

## Adult Sunday School: Zoom + Phone

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

## Pastors' Bible Study: Advent Book Study

9:30am–10:30am | Every Sunday  
Holman UMC / Crockett Library

## Sunday Worship :: 11:00 am

11am–12:15pm | Every Sunday  
Holman United Methodist Church

## Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal

12:30pm–1:30pm | Every Sunday  
Holman United Methodist Church

## Mini Vendors Fair

12:30pm–2pm  
Holman United Methodist Church

## Handel's Messiah (feat. The Holman Choir)

3pm–5pm  
Holman United Methodist Church

MONDAY, DEC 15

## Advent Book Study: Advent in Four Words

7pm–8:15pm | Signups available  
Online

WEDNESDAY, DEC 17

## Mutual Ministry - Telephone Care Team: Monthly Check-In

9:30am–10am | The 3rd Wednesday of every month  
Online

FRIDAY, DEC 19

## Friday Morning Prayer Group: Prayer & Communion Service (Phone)

7:30pm–8:30am | Every Friday

SATURDAY, DEC 20

## Bell Choir Setup

10am–12pm  
Holman United Methodist Church

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*Mark Your Calendars!*

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SUNDAY, DEC 21

## Holman Choir: Rehearsal

9am–10:30am | Every Sunday  
Holman UMC Music Room

## Book Talk: Book Talk: Zoom

9:15am–10:15am | Every Sunday

## Adult Sunday School: Zoom + Phone

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

## Children's Ministry Christmas Program

9:45am–10:45am

## Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal

12:30pm–1:30pm | Every Sunday  
Holman United Methodist Church

## Mini Vendors Fair

12:30pm–2pm  
Holman United Methodist Church

## A-MAN STEM Center & National Society of Black Engineers

1pm–4pm | The 1st and 3rd Sunday of every month

MONDAY, DEC 15

## Advent Book Study: Advent in Four Words

7pm–8:15pm | Signups available  
Online

WEDNESDAY, DEC 24

## Christmas Eve Service

5pm–6:30pm