



**CENTERING MOMENT**

*Preparing for the arrival of love, center your prayers on Emmanuel—God with us—and the beauty to come.  
 With open hearts and lifted hands, breathe deeply, as you wait for signs of Christ's coming.*

**PRELUDE**

*"I Love The Lord"*  
 Richard Smallwood

Robert Johnson Jr.

**OPENING SONG**

*"Emmanuel"*  
 Norman Hutchins

Jubilant Voices

**GREETING**

Theodore King  
*Liturgist*

**CALL TO WORSHIP & ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING**

Nurture Ministry  
 Devin Lawson  
 Nola Cole

*Today, we come face to face with the heart of the Advent story: God Incarnate growing in Mary's womb as a vulnerable baby; Joseph contemplating leaving Mary because of her pregnancy; God's love at work in ways that society could not understand; God calling Mary and Joseph to faithfulness despite their fear.*

***With Mary and Joseph, we choose to wait, watch, and listen for the way of Love instead of responding in fear to the world's judgment.***

*We light this candle of **love** as a sign of our faithfulness as we seek, find, and follow Emmanuel, God with us.*

*[Light the fourth candle of the Advent wreath.]*

**OPENING PRAYER**

***In this season of love, hope and family,  
 grant us joy and peace this day. You offered signs to Joseph and Mary long ago—  
 signs that their son would be the Messiah, Emmanuel.***

***May your light shine on us here,  
 that we might understand the signs in our lives.***

***Holy God, show us your peace as we make ready for your light in the world!***

<b>OPENING HYMN</b>	<i>"Jesus The Light of The World"</i> Charles Wesley	Jubilant Voices
<b>PASSING OF THE PEACE</b>	<i>"The Jesus In Me (Loves the Jesus In You)"</i> Jotham Nixon	Jubilant Voices
<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>Matthew 24:36-44</b> Common English Bible (CEB)	Theodore King
<b>SONG OF PREPARATION</b>	<i>"O Come Emmanuel"</i> Richard Smallwood	Jubilant Voices
<b>MESSAGE</b>	<b>"Love Will Work It Out"</b>	Rev. Victor Cyrus-Franklin Lead Pastor
<b>INVITATIONAL HYMN</b>	<i>"Mary Did You Know"</i> Mark Lowry	Jubilant Voices
<b>PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE</b>		Rev. Dr. Jennifer Oliver Assistant Pastor
<b>THANKSGIVING FOR TITHES &amp; OFFERING</b>	<i>"Oh Give Thanks"</i> Judith Christie McAllister	Jubilant Voices
<b>DOXOLOGY</b>	<i>"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"</i>	Hymnal #95
<b>BENEDICTION</b>	<i>"O Come Emmanuel"</i> Richard Smallwood	Jubilant Voices
<b>POSTLUDE</b>	<i>"He's All Over Me"</i> Alvin Darling	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*; Theodore King, *Liturgist*; Jubilant Voices, Melida Smith., *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
- **Online:** Go to the church website  
@ [www.holmanumc.com/give](http://www.holmanumc.com/give)
- **Radio Broadcast Sponsorship:**  
Access the broadcast sponsorship form at  
[www.holmanumc.com/forms](http://www.holmanumc.com/forms)
- **Altar Flowers Sponsorship:**  
Visit [holmanumc.com/forms](http://holmanumc.com/forms) and  
look under 'Special Donations.'
- **Order Vibrant Poinsettias for Advent:** Access the poinsettia donation form in the  
bulletin insert at [holman.churchcenter.com/registrations](http://holman.churchcenter.com/registrations).



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## ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's altar flowers are given by Geraldine C. Jordan, Karen Jordan, and the Jordan Family in memory of **Dr. Harold W. Jordan**, a loving and devoted husband, father and grandfather who is deeply missed but whose wonderful legacy lives on. Romans 8:38-39 "For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."



Today's altar flowers are also given to celebrate the birthday of **Rose Whitehead**: Dear Rose, Happy Birthday! It is an honor and a joy to be under your Sunday School leadership. Your hunger and thirst for learning and teaching God's word is evident in your preparations. Thank you for gathering historical nuggets that bring clarification to our lessons. Continue to spread the word, though you'll lose some along the way: Matthew 13:19-23 "Prophecy of Isaiah: they hear, but don't understand...Satan snatches the seed away...cares and longing for this life chokes out God's word...the good listens, understands and goes out and brings others into the Kingdom." Much love, Cliff & Lena Hooe

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## RADIO BROADCAST SPONSORSHIP

Today's radio broadcast is sponsored by Dr. Alnita Dunn, in memory of **W. Paul Dunn**, husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, colleague, and friend. He lived a life of peace and love, and will remain forever in our hearts and memories. Your family, Alnita, Sheri, Brian, Amara, and Mikaela.



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## AFTER WORSHIP

- After worship, join us for **Fellowship Hour** in L. L. White Hall, immediately following the worship service, sponsored in commemoration of the 60th anniversary of Clifford & Juanita Cannon (Dec 18th)
- **Join us for the Children's Ministry Christmas Program** after worship!

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## NEXT WORSHIP

- Don't miss **Christmas Eve Worship** on Wednesday, December 24 at 5 pm! **Christmas Sunday Worship** on December 28 at 11 am as the **Jubilant Voices** and the **Handbell Choir** lead in music.

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## CONGREGATIONAL CARE

**BEREAVEMENT** | The homegoing service for **Allen Bridges** was Monday, December 15th. The homegoing service for **Tonya Vernon**, daughter of Holman member Lydia Blandford was Tuesday, December 16th.. The homegoing service for **Jean Smith** was held Tuesday, December 16. 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 Broadnaux, Maritza Brown, Juanita Cannon, Vera Cincore, Dr. Verdella 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 21

## Holman Choir: Rehearsal

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

## Book Talk: Zoom

9:15am–10:15am | Every Sunday

## Adult Sunday School: Zoom + Phone

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

## Advent Book Study: Advent in Four Words

9:30am–10:30am  
Online

## Sunday Worship :: 11:00 am

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

## Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal

12:30pm–1:30pm  
Holman United Methodist Church

## Mini Vendors Fair

12:30pm–2pm  
Holman United Methodist Church

## Children's Ministry Christmas Program

12:45pm–1:15pm

MONDAY, DEC 22

## Advent Book Study: Advent in Four Words

7pm–8:15pm  
Online

WEDNESDAY, DEC 24

## Christmas Eve Service

5pm–6:30pm

THURSDAY, DEC 25

## Christmas Day | *Christ is Born!*

FRIDAY, DEC 26

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

7:30am–8:30am | Every Friday

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*Mark Your Calendars!*

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SUNDAY, DEC 28

## Holman Choir: Rehearsal

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

## Adult Sunday School: Zoom + Phone

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

## Sunday Worship :: 11:00 am

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

## United Women in Faith: Unit Meeting

1pm–3pm | The 4th Sunday of every month  
Holman United Methodist Church

WEDNESDAY, DEC 31

## New Year's Eve (Office Closed at Noon)

1pm–2pm  
Holman United Methodist Church

THURSDAY, JAN 1 2026

## New Years Day (Office Closed)