

## Scripture Reading

### John 17:9-19

I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them.

**I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name—the name you gave me—so that they may be one as we are one.**

While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled.

**I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one.**

They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

## Sermon Resources

Most of the time we find ourselves settling for community rather than communion. Community is a sociological necessity for human existence. We need others to survive. Communities offer us security and a sense of identity. Inside a community everyone shares a common identity. That identity is sacred to us, and preserving our communal identities (whether ethnic, national, or religious) becomes a matter of ultimate concern to us. As a consequence, we are prepared to do violence to others in order to preserve them unchanged.

The church is not called to be a sacred community but a holy communion. The difference between a sacred community and holy communion, is that while the former has its center within itself (in all who are the same), the latter always has its center outside itself in the stranger—the “holy other.” The church is called into existence by the God who is Wholly Other—the God whose thoughts and ways are not ours—the ultimate stranger. The paradox of the church is that, if God is the center of the church, then the center of the church is nowhere to be found within it, but only outside it in the messianic coming of the stranger. The paradox is that the church cannot be the church without those who are not the church, namely, the world of strangers. The church can only happen when its community is de-centered, when it loses its center and must look outside itself to find its center in communion with the stranger.

*The Coming of the Millennium*, Darrel J. Fasching, pp. 73, 74

## City Church Announcements

**Backpack Blessings.** August is almost here! For many people this means school is just around the corner. Shopping for school supplies, books, and fall clothes becomes a part of everyone’s schedule. Here at City Church, on Sabbath, August 11, we want to celebrate and bless another school year. Students preschool through adult, bring your backpacks or lunch boxes to worship service. The service will lift up the students, dedicating them to God’s glory as we begin a new school year. Teachers, we will also bless you on this day, honoring you with a small gift to bless you throughout the school year.

**Inaugural Organ Concert.** Kemp Smeal will be presenting an inaugural organ concert, to be held at the Church on Sunday September 30, at 4 p.m.

**Children's Summer Sabbath School.** Throughout the summer, Kindergarten through Junior Sabbath Schools will meet together in the Youth Center to learn about the Fruit of the Spirit, through the use of music, art, stories, and teamwork. This is a great opportunity to bring friends of different ages to visit Sabbath School.

**Long Beach SDA Church.** Please join us for “Music On A Saturday Afternoon.” The 2007 Community Concert Series of the Long Beach SDA Church will feature: Michael Harris—on July 28, 2007 at 3:00 p.m.; Wojceich Kocyan—on September 29, 2007 at 3:00 p.m.; Don Snyder—December 15, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. Free to the general public.

**GAE & GAA.** The excellent training of Adventist parents is strengthened by Adventist schools. Please join Glendale Adventist Elementary (grades K-8) and Academy (grades 9-12) in making the home, the school, and the church strong. Registration is taking place now. Glendale Adventist Elementary (818) 246-4867, Glendale Adventist Academy (818) 244-8671.

## Upcoming Sermons

August 4		Michael Quishenberry
August 11	Family Sabbath	Denise Kasischke
August 18		Leif Lind

Sunset tonight – 7:58 p.m. Sunset next Friday – 7:52 p.m.

## Order of Worship

10:50 am – 12:10 pm

**Prelude** "Trumpet Tune in D Major" *Johnson*

**Call to Worship** Cherise Gardner

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord,  
plans to prosper you and not to harm you,  
plans to give you hope and a future.

**Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me,  
and I will listen to you.**

**You will seek me and find me  
when you seek me with all your heart.**

**Morning Hymn** "Father, Lead Me Day by Day" No. 482

**Prayer of Invitation**

*God, remind us now is the time  
of your favor, now is the day of salvation. Amen.*

**Gifts of the Congregation** Michael Quishenberry

**Scripture** Jeanie Drake

**Anthem** "Bist du bei mir" *G.H. Stolz*  
Eden Livingood and Irina Sarkissian, *violins*  
Wes Radlein, *viola*  
Lee Ann Radlein, *violoncello*  
Ron Radlein, *flute*

**Worship in Giving**

Morning Offering

Offertory "On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand" *arr. K. L. Smeal*

**Children's Sermon** Denise Kasischke

**Greeting & Prayers of the Congregation** Cherise Gardner

**Prayer Response**

*Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided,  
Great is Thy faithfulness! Lord unto me!*

**Anthem** Hymn Tune: Morecambe (Spirit of God) *Atkinson*

**Sermon** "Maintaining Unity in Diversity" Cherise Gardner

**Benediction** *The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ  
and the love of God and the fellowship  
of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen*

**Instrumental Response**

"The Lord Bless You and Keep You" *P. Lutkin*

**Postlude** "Tuba Tune in D Major" *Lang*

## Sabbath School Options

Class	Age	Location	Symbols/Leaders
Beginners	0-3 yrs	Room 3	Elephant
Kindergarten	3-5 yrs	Room 4	Giraffe
Primary	6-9	Room 2	Eagle
Junior	10-13 yrs	Room 1	Lion
Teen	14-18 yrs	Room 10b	Fish
Prassô	General	Youth Center	
Armenian	General	Room 11	
Romanian	General	Room 13	
Pastor	General	Fellowship Hall	Mitchell Henson
SS Quarterly	General	Chapel	

## Worship Options

Option	Location	Sequence
Sanctuary Service	Main Sanctuary	Every Sabbath
Romanian Service	Chapel	1st and 3rd Sabbaths
Armenian Service	Chapel	2nd and 4th Sabbaths

## Activities

Event	Location	Sequence
Bell Choir	Youth Center	Friday at 8:00 pm
Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room	Sabbath at 9:15 am
Pathfinders	GAMC Gymnasium	Tuesday at 6:45 pm
Sunshine/Jubilate Singers	Room 10b	Sabbath at Noon
Bible Study	Council Room	Monday at 7:00 p.m.
Marathon Clinic	Verdugo Park	Sunday at 7:00 a.m.

## Church Directory

### Pastors

Mitchell Henson, Senior Pastor  
Denise Kasischke, Family & Children Ministries  
Michael Quishenberry, Pastor of the Parish  
Hovik Sarrafian, Armenian Senior Pastor  
Vartkes Azadian, Armenian Associate Pastor  
Dorin Lataeanu, Romanian Senior Pastor  
Leif Lind, Church Administrator  
Marcos Apolonio, Media Ministries

### Officers

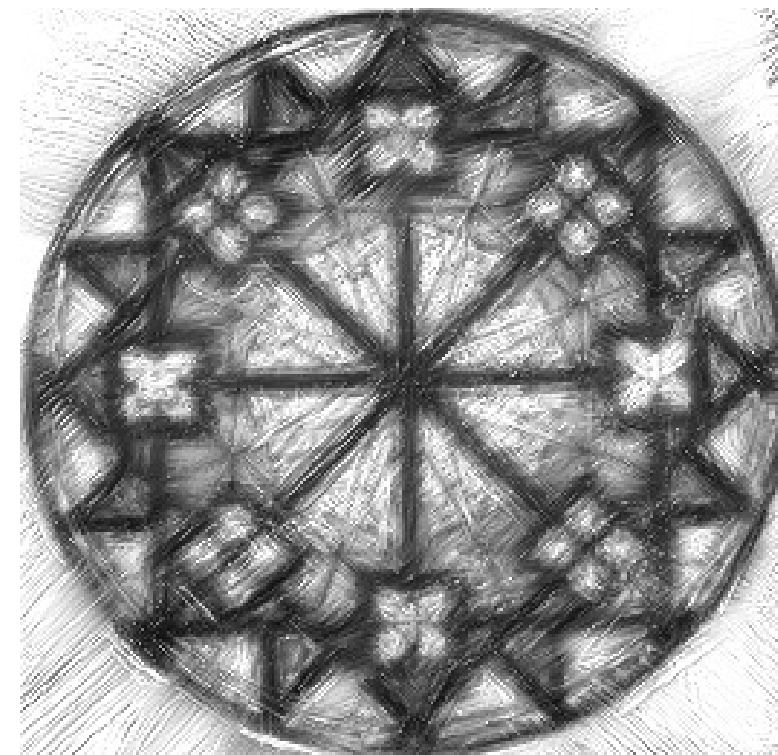
Head Elder	Terry Bork
Head Deacon	—
Head Deaconess	Eleanor Posner
Church Board Chair	Terry Bork
Sanctuary Choir Director	Brenda Mohr
Organist	Kemp Smeal
Children's Choir Director	Lissie Quishenberry
Bell Choir Director	Ariel Quintana
Secretary	Victoria Lucero
Treasurer	Dean Vendouris
Church Clerk	Mindi Rüb
A+ School Board Chair	Andrew Cervik
A+ School Principal	Jeanie Drake

### Church Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.; Friday 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

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