

Order of Worship

10:50 am – 12:10 pm

Prelude "Prelude and Fugue in F# Minor" *Buxtehude*

Entering of the Light

Opening Hymn "Praise the Lord, His Glories Show" No. 25

Call to Worship Leif Lind

Almighty and ever living God,
ruler of all things in heaven and earth,
hear our prayers for this church family.
Holy God, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ
be present among us today as we seek you.

Anthem "Jesus Loves Me" *A. Sherman*
Sanctuary Bell Choir

Children's Sermon Michael Quishenberry

Worship in Giving

Morning Offering Joshua Sophias
Offertory "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" *Traditional*
Daniel Chaney, solo

Greetings and Prayers of the Congregation Rudy Torres

Prayer Response

I would be prayerful through each busy moment;
I would be constantly in touch with God;
I would be tuned to sense God's slightest whisper;
I would have faith to keep the path Christ trod.

Anthem "God So Loved the World" *C. Nygard*
Sanctuary Choir

Scripture **Matthew 5:11-16** Denise Pereyra

Sermon "The Gospel According to Us:
Communicating in a Secular World" Leif Lind

Closing Hymn "Let Your Heart Be Broken" No. 575

Benediction Leif Lind

Choral Benediction "Oh, Kind Jesus" *arr. R. Hunter*

Postlude "Rondo-Passacaglia" *C. Dobrinski*
Sanctuary Bell Choir

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
Armenian	General	Room 11	
Romanian	General	Room 13	
Pastor	General	Fellowship Hall	Darryl Swarm
SS Quarterly	General	Chapel	Hugh Gardner

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		Monday at 7:00 p.m.
Marathon Clinic	Verdugo Park	Sunday at 7:00 a.m.

Church Directory

Pastors

Rudy Torres, Interim Senior Pastor
Cherise Gardner, Family & Children Ministries
Hovik Sarrafian, Armenian Senior Pastor
Vartkes Azadian, Armenian Associate Pastor
Dorin Lataeanu, Romanian Senior Pastor
Leif Lind, Church Administrator
Marcos Apolonio, Media Ministries

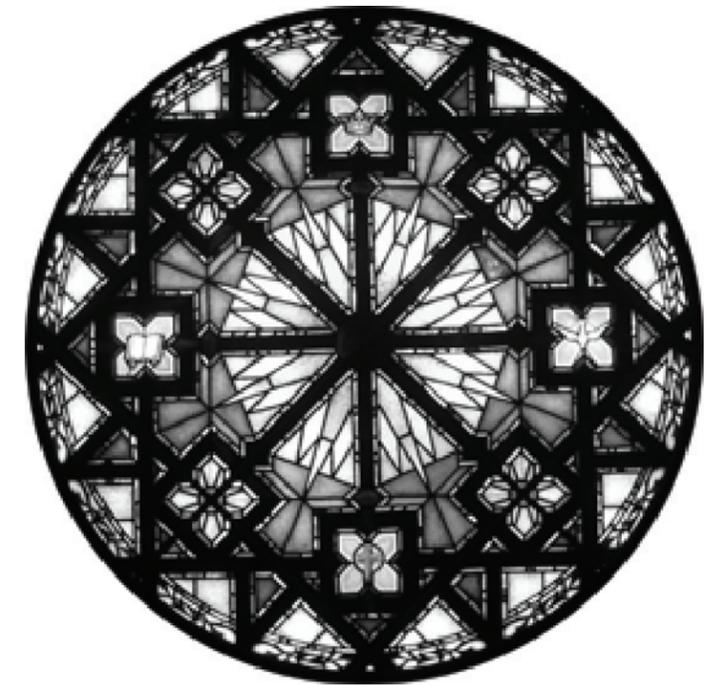
Officers

Head Elder	Don Greathouse
Head Deacon	Harold Fanselau
Head Deaconess	Eleanor Posner
Church Board Chair	Vincent Haynes
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
Pathfinder Director	Preston Carman

Church Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.; Friday 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

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Glendale City
Seventh-day
Adventist Church
February 23, 2008

Sermon Resources

As the nation's culture changes in diverse ways, one of the most significant shifts is the declining reputation of Christianity, especially among young Americans. A new study by *The Barna Group* conducted among 16- to 29-year-olds shows that a new generation is more skeptical of and resistant to Christianity than were people of the same age just a decade ago....

The study shows that 16- to 29-year-olds exhibit a greater degree of criticism toward Christianity than did previous generations when they were at the same stage of life. In fact, in just a decade, many of the Barna measures of the Christian image have shifted substantially downward, fueled in part by a growing sense of disengagement and disillusionment among young people. For instance, a decade ago the vast majority of Americans outside the Christian faith, including young people, felt favorably toward Christianity's role in society. Currently, however, just 16% of non-Christians in their late teens and twenties said they have a "good impression" of Christianity.

One of the groups hit hardest by the criticism is evangelicals. Such believers have always been viewed with skepticism in the broader culture. However, those negative views are crystallizing and intensifying among young non-Christians. The new study shows that only 3% of 16 - to 29-year-old non-Christians express favorable views of evangelicals....

The research shows that many Christians are innately aware of this shift in people's perceptions of Christianity: 91% of the nation's evangelicals believe that "Americans are becoming more hostile and negative toward Christianity." Among senior pastors, half contend that "ministry is more difficult than ever before because people are increasingly hostile and negative toward Christianity...."

While Christianity has typically generated an uneven reputation, the research shows that many of the most common critiques are becoming more concentrated.... Among young non-Christians, nine out of the top 12 perceptions were negative, [including] that present-day Christianity is judgmental (87%), hypocritical (85%), old-fashioned (78%), and too involved in politics (75%)....

Even among young Christians, many of the negative images generated significant traction. Half of young churchgoers said they perceive Christianity to be judgmental, hypocritical, and too political. One-third said it was old-fashioned and out of touch with reality....

When young people [Christian and non-Christian] were asked to identify their impressions of Christianity, one of the common themes was "Christianity is changed from what it used to be" and "Christianity in today's society no longer looks like Jesus."—Barna.org, September 2007, Ventura, CA (headquarters of *The Barna Group*, formerly *The Barna Institute*).



"No other influence that can surround the human soul has such power as the influence of an unselfish life. The strongest argument in favor of the gospel is a loving and lovable Christian."—E. G. White, *Ministry of Healing*, p. 470.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 5:11-16

Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you
and falsely say all kinds of evil against you
because of me.

Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward
in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the
prophets who were before you.

**You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its
saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no
longer good for anything, except to be thrown out
and trampled by men.**

You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot
be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it
under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it
gives light to everyone in the house.

**In the same way, let your light shine before men,
that they may see your good deeds
and praise your Father in heaven.**

Anthem

"God So Loved the World"

God so loved the world that He gave His only Son.
God so loved the world that everyone
who would believe in His only Son
shall have everlasting life.
For God sent not His Son into the world,
to condemn the world,
but God so loved the world that
through His Son the world might be saved.

City Church Announcements

Ordination of all elders, deacons, and deaconesses who have not previously been ordained will take place next Sabbath, March 1 during the 11 o'clock service, which will be held by our conference president, Elder Larry Caviness. This will also be an occasion for rededicating all who are currently serving in these capacities.

Pastoral Search Committee members. Please remember to meet for a working luncheon in the Youth Center immediately following the service today. (Planning Committee members are also reminded of their lunch appointment next week.)

Marilyn Jane Hawkins, long time City Church member passed away on January 29, 2009 in Auburn, CA. She is survived by her daughters Nancy Hawkins and Lori Hanson and grandchildren.

Join City Church families on a **hike to Griffith Park!** The hike has been changed to Sunday, March 2 at 10 a.m. Meet by the Greek Theater on Boy Scout Road. For more details please call Geri Sofias 818/679-6476.

The Planning Committee is working to establish a chapter of the **Association of Adventist Forums** in Glendale. If you are interested in becoming a founding member, put your name and "AAF" on one of the pew cards. Place it in the offering pouch or give to Dave Ferguson.

Kemp Smeal, will perform in a concert for Organ and Brass at La Canada Presbyterian Church tomorrow, February 24 at 4 p.m. Admission is free, all are welcome. www.lacanadapc.org

A+ Spring Camp will be March 17–28th for ages 6–10. Registration began February 19th. If you are interested please call 818/241-9353.

A+ Adventist Children's Center is conducting **Open House** on February 28 at 6 p.m. Refreshments will be served; all are invited.

A+ Adventist Children's Center is celebrating Leap Year Day by inviting you to donate \$29 for the 29th and help this school and ministry! Write "A+ Leap Year" on a tithe envelope and put it in the offering or call 818-241-9353 during the week.

The Glendale Academy Jazz Band and Chorale presents "Magical Musicals," Saturday, March 1, 7 p.m. at Liberty Hall, Hollywood Hills Forest Lawn. Tickets: \$10 adults, \$5 children (K-12). Proceeds go to the GAA Music Department. For more information call 818/244-8671.

The Heritage Singers will perform in concert today, February 23, 5 p.m. at Vallejo Drive Church. Admission is free.

Summer Rental. The Saidiner family of Palm Springs is interested in renting a house or condo in Glendale for the months of July & August 2008. If you can help, please contact them at 760/778-2609.

In Touch, a Southern California Conference newsletter of coming events, is available in the Narthex.

Upcoming Sermons & Events

Elder of the Day	Don Greathouse
March 1	Larry Caviness & Ordination of Church Officers
March 8	Rudy Torres

Sunset tonight – 5:28 p.m. Sunset next Friday – 5:35 p.m.