

## Order of Worship

10:50 am – 12:10 pm

(Please turn off all cell phones & pagers for the worship service)

<b>Prelude</b>	"Fanfare"	<i>Cook</i>
<b>Entering of the Light</b>		
<b>Opening Hymn</b>	"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"	No. 230
<b>Call to Worship</b>	Cherise Gardner	
	Almighty and ever living God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, <b>hear our prayers for this church family.</b> Holy God, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ <b>be present among us today as we seek you.</b>	
<b>Anthem</b>	"The Name of Jesus"	<i>C. Courtney</i>
<b>Children's Sermon</b>	Cherise Gardner	
<b>Worship in Giving</b>		
Morning Offering	Christel McRae	
Offertory	"Were You There"	<i>Traditional</i>
	Winter Watson, soloist	
<b>Greetings and Prayers of the Congregation</b>	Rudy Torres	
	<i>(Please remain standing for prayer)</i>	
<b>Prayer Response</b>		
	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.	
<b>Anthem</b>	"Look to the Cross"	<i>Schram</i>
<b>Scripture</b>	<b>Jeremiah 9:23-24; John 17:3</b>	Gordon Martin
<b>Sermon</b>	"The God I Know"	Cherise Gardner
<b>Closing Hymn</b>	"Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners"	No. 187
<b>Benediction</b>	Cherise Gardner	
<b>Postlude</b>	"Toccata - Opus 59"	<i>Reger</i>

## Sabbath School Options

<u>Class</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Symbols/Leaders</u>
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	Leif Lind
SS Quarterly	General	Chapel	Marquita Kibble

## Worship Options

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

## Activities

<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sequence</u>
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's Ministries  
Hovik Sarrafian, Armenian Senior Pastor  
Vartkes Azadian, Armenian Associate Pastor  
Dorin Lataeanu, Romanian Senior Pastor  
Leif Lind, Church Administrator  
Marcos Apolonio, Media Ministries

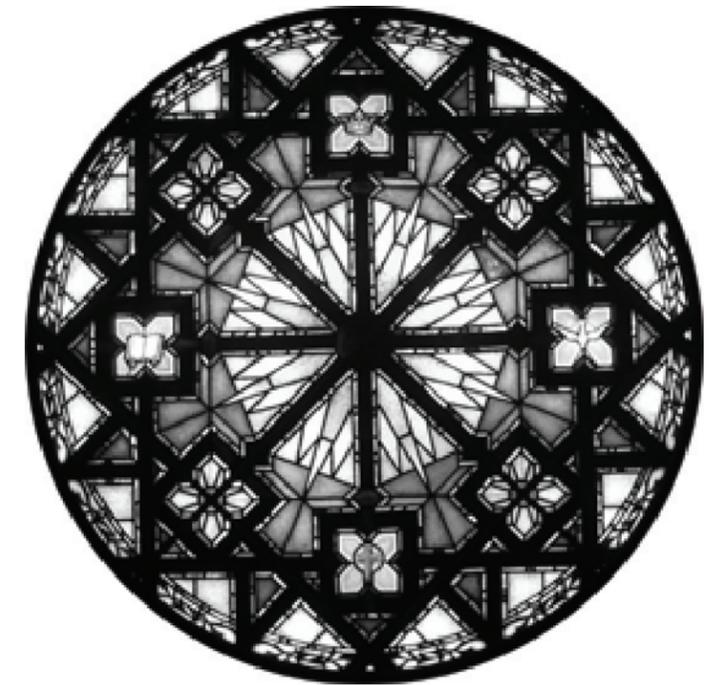
### Officers

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

March 15, 2008

## Scripture Reading

### Jeremiah 9:23, 24; John 17:3

This is what the LORD says:

"Let not the wise man boast of his wisdom  
or the strong man boast of his strength  
or the rich man boast of his riches,

but let him who boasts boast about this:  
that he understands and knows me, that I am the LORD, who  
exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth, for in  
these I delight," declares the LORD.



**Now this is eternal life: that they may know you,  
the only true God, and Jesus Christ,  
whom you have sent.**

### Closing Hymn: "Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners!"

1. Jesus! what a Friend for sinners!  
Jesus! Lover of my soul;  
Friends may fail me, foes assail me,  
He, my Savior, makes me whole.

#### Refrain:

Hallelujah! what a Savior!  
Hallelujah! what a Friend!  
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,  
He is with me to the end.

2. Jesus! what a Strength for weakness!  
Let me hid myself in Him;  
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing,  
He, my Strength, my vict'ry wins.

3. Jesus! what a Help in sorrow!  
While the billows o'er me roll,  
Even when my heart is breaking,  
He, my Comfort, helps my soul.

4. Jesus! I do now receive Him,  
More than all in Him I find,  
He hath granted me forgiveness,  
I am His, and He is mine.

## Sermon Resources

One of the main reasons people hold false perceptions of God is our tendency to project onto God the unloving characteristics of the people we look up to. We tend to believe that God is going to treat us as others do. We like to think that we develop our image of God from the Bible and teachings of the church, not from our relationships - some of which have been painful. It's easier if our God image is simply based on learning and believing the right things. Yet, intensive clinical studies on the development of peoples' images of God show that it is not so simple.

One psychologist found that this spiritual development of the God image is more of an emotional process than an intellectual one. She brings out the importance of family and other relationships to the development of what she calls one's "private God." She says that, "No child arrives at the 'house of God' without his pet God under his arm." And for some of us the "pet God" we have tied on a leash to our hearts is not very nice, nor is it biblically accurate. This is because our negative images of God are often rooted in our emotional hurts and destructive patterns of relating to people that we carry with us from our past.

Imagine a little girl of seven who has known only rejection and abuse from her father whom she loves dearly. At Sunday School she is taught that God is her heavenly Father. What is her perception of Him going to be? Based on her experience with her natural father, she will see God as an unstable, rejecting, abusing person she cannot trust.

Consider just a few ways in which your image of your father possibly may have affected your perception of God, which in turn affects your self-image.

If your father was distant, impersonal and uncaring, and he wouldn't intervene for you, you may see God as having the same characteristics. As a result, you feel that you are unworthy of God's intervention in your life. You find it difficult to draw close to God because you see Him as disinterested in your needs and wants.

If your father was a weakling, and you couldn't depend on him to help you or defend you, your image of God may be that of a weakling. You may feel that you are unworthy of God's comfort and support, or that He is unable to help you.

If your father was patient, you are more likely to see God as patient and available for you. You feel that you are worth God's time and concern. You feel important to God and that He is personally involved in every aspect of your life.

If your father accepted you, you tend to see God accepting you regardless of what you do. God doesn't dump on you or reject you when you struggle, but understands and encourages you. You are able to accept yourself even when you blow it or don't perform up to your potential.

If your father protected you, you probably perceive God as your protector in life. You feel that you are worthy of being under His care and you rest in His security. —H. Norman Wright, *Always Daddy's Girl*, Regal Books (1989), pp. 193-195.

## City Church Announcements

**Flowers.** There are still spaces left to sponsor flowers on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

**"Sandwiches with Rudy & Linda," March 15:** Please plan to join us today in an after-service luncheon welcoming Rudy and Linda Torres to our church family.

Please join us in welcoming our **guest choir director, Jeremy Morada.**

**Pastoral Visits:** Whether you are new to Glendale City Church or a regular member, please feel free to request a pastoral visit by filling in one of the pew cards or by mentioning this to an elder or one of the pastoral team members. We are here to listen and to serve!

**Planning a Church-related event?** In order to avoid scheduling conflicts, please make sure that all events are scheduled and approved by the Church Administrator, the Church Secretary, or one of the pastoral team members!

**Family Easter Celebration.** City church families are invited to an Easter Celebration and egg hunt at the Rochte home on March 22 from 1:30–5 p.m. Please RSVP by March 19–818/507-8927.

The Social Activities Action Team is planning a **church potluck meal** after the church service next Sabbath, March 22, to be held in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring along a favorite dish to share with your fellow church members!

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.

**A+ Spring Camp** will be next week, March 17–28th for ages 6–10. If you are interested please call 818/241-9353.

**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

<b>Elder of the Day</b>	Judson Ravi
<b>March 22</b>	Easter: "A Celebration of Deliverance" Leif Lind
<b>March 29</b>	Rudy Torres
<b>April 5</b>	Hymn Sabbath
<b>April 12</b>	Communion

**Sunset tonight – 6:59 p.m. Sunset next Friday – 7:05 p.m.**