

Order of Worship

10:50 am – 12:10 pm

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

Prelude "Thou Whose Purpose Is to Kindle" *arr: Haan*

Entering of the Light

Opening Hymn "To God Be the Glory" No. 361

Call to Worship Cherise Gardner

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 "The Morning Trumpet" *arr. M. Wilberg*

Worship in Giving
Morning Offering Elke Rechberger
Offertory "This Is My Song" *Sibelius*
Daniel Cheney, solo

Children's Sermon Geri Sofias

Greetings and Prayers of the Congregation

(Please remain standing for prayer)

Prayer Response

Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer,
We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair.
Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin,
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.

Anthem "Father of Heaven, Whose Love Profound" *H. Willan*

Scripture Revelation 21:1-7 (TNIV) Jim Madden

Sermon "Heaven Is Not My Home" Cherise Gardner

Closing Hymn "In a Little While We're Going Home" No. 626

Benediction Cherise Gardner

Musical Response

Postlude "Prelude in G" *J. S. Bach*

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	Leif Lind
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		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

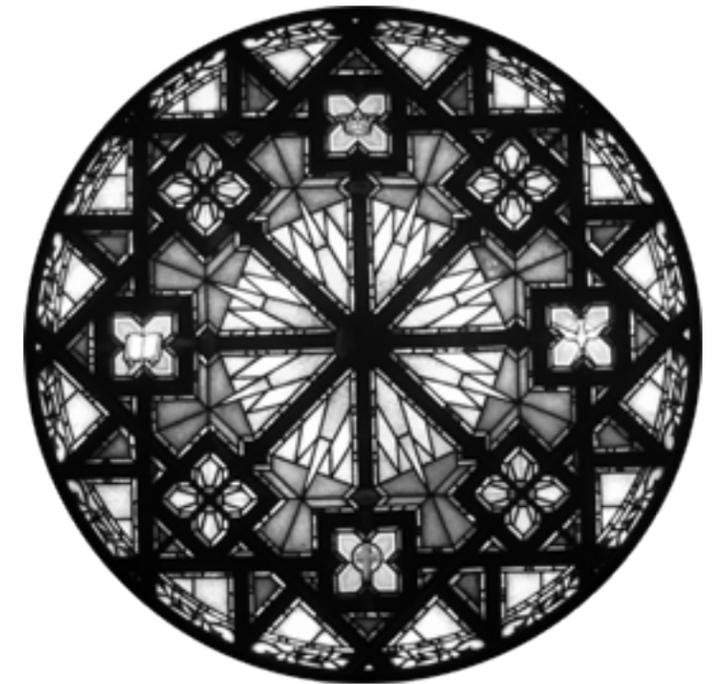
Head Elder	Don Greathouse
Head Deacon	Harold Fanselau
Head Deaconess	Eleanor Posner
Church Board Chair	Vincent Haynes
Choir Director	Brenda Mohr
Organist	Kemp Smeal
Children's Choir Director	Lissie Quishenberry
Bell Choir Director	Ariel Quintana
Secretary	Victoria Lucero
Treasurer	Dean Vendouris
Church 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



May 24, 2008

Scripture Reading

Revelation 21:1–7, TNIV

Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea.

I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God."

'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.'

He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life.

Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and I will be their God and they will be my children.

Sermon Resources

We are very shy nowadays of even mentioning Heaven. We are afraid of the jeer about "pie in the sky," and of being told that we are trying to "escape from the duty of making a happy world here and now into dreams of a happy world elsewhere." But either there is "pie in the sky" or there is not. If there is not, then Christianity is false, for this doctrine is woven into its whole fabric. If there is, then this truth, like any other, must be faced, whether it is useful at political meetings or no.

Again, we are afraid that heaven is a bribe, and that if we make it our goal we shall no longer be disinterested. It is not so. Heaven offers nothing that a mercenary soul can desire. It is safe to tell the pure in heart that they shall see God, for only the pure in heart want to. There are rewards that do not sully motives. A man's love for a woman is not mercenary because he wants to marry her, nor is his love for poetry mercenary because he wants to read it, nor his love of exercise less disinterested because he wants to run and leap and walk. Love by definition, seeks to enjoy its object.

This look of longing toward the heavenly homeland is not an escape from our earthly responsibilities. On the contrary, hope for heaven, for full communion with Christ "and all the angels and saints", is the very motor, the driving force, of Christian engagement in this world. Christian hope for the coming of God's Kingdom asks for both things from God: that his Kingdom may come in glory (or, "that grace may come and the world pass away"); and that his Kingdom may begin already here on earth.

—Excerpts from C. S. Lewis, *The Problem of Pain* and Christoph Schönborn, *The Pilgrim Church*.

Anthem

"Father of Heaven, Whose Love Profound"

Father of heaven, whose love profound;
A ransom for our souls hath found.
Before Thy throne we sinners bend;
To us Thy pardoning love extend.

Almighty Son, Incarnate Word,
Our Prophet, Priest, Redeemer, Lord,
Before Thy throne we sinners bend;
To us Thy saving grace extend.

Eternal Spirit, by whose breath
the soul is raised from sin and death,
Before Thy throne we sinners bend;
To us Thy quickening power extend.

Thrice holy Father, Spirit, Son,
Mysterious Godhead, Three in One,
Before Thy throne we sinners bend;
Grace, pardon, life, to us extend.

City Church Announcements

Hymns & Spirituals Concert next Sabbath, May 31, 4 p.m. at City Church. The Glendale Academy Choir will combine their vocal talents with our Sanctuary Choir to provide an inspiration to all!

Church E-Newsletter is being developed! Our Church will soon be regularly producing an e-newsletter which will keep us all informed of latest developments in our congregation. Please note that we will need to have your e-mail address for this as soon as possible, so please drop this address in the offering plate, hand it in to the church office, or send it to webmaster@glendalecitysda.com. For those who do not have email access, some printed copies will be available for pickup in the Narthex.

Summer Camp 2008 at A+ Adventist Children's Center, June 9–August 15, for children 6-10. Activities will include twice-a-week swimming lessons at the YMCA and field trips like Universal Studios & the Nixon Library plus more! Register now: 818/241-9353. Space is limited.

Interested in developing a **Glendale chapter of the Association of Adventist Forums?** Please put your name and mark "AAF" on one of the pew cards, or contact Dave Ferguson.

Upcoming Sermons & Events

Elder of the Day

May 31

June 7

June 14

Jeevan Johnson

Mike Quishenberry

Tim Mitchell, *Senior Pastor, Pacific Union College Church*

Rudy Torres

Sunset tonight – 7:53 p.m. Sunset next Friday – 7:58 p.m.