

Order of Worship

10:50 am – 12:10 pm

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

Prelude “Allegro in G for Flutes” *John Stanley*

Entering of the Light

Opening Hymn “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” No. 12

Call to Worship Rudy Torres

Hear the promises of God

God is near to all who call, who call from their hearts.

The desires of those who fear God are fulfilled;
their cries are heard; they are saved.

**Fear not, for I am with you, be not dismayed,
for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you,
I will uphold you with my victorious hand.**

Anthem “When In Our Music God Is Glorified” *Stanford/Hopson*

Gifts of the Congregation David Ferguson

Worship in Giving

Morning Offering Sandy Schultz, Ishmael Nwachuku
Offertory Daniel Chaney

Children’s Sermon Cherise Gardner

Greetings and Prayers of the Congregation Cherise Gardner
(Please remain standing for prayer)

Prayer Response

More love to thee, O Christ! More love to thee;

Hear thou the prayer I make on bended knee.

This is my earnest plea, more love, O Christ, to thee,
More love to thee! More love to thee!

Anthem “I Will Arise” *G. G. Radtke*

Scripture **Luke 15:25-32** Dulce Hoffman

Sermon “Restoring the Family” Rudy Torres

Closing Hymn “In the Midst of New Dimensions” *See Bulletin*

Benediction Rudy Torres

Musical Response

Postlude “Trumpet Tune in D” *John Stanley*

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	Marquita Kibble
SS Quarterly	General	Chapel	Rudy Torres

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

Officers

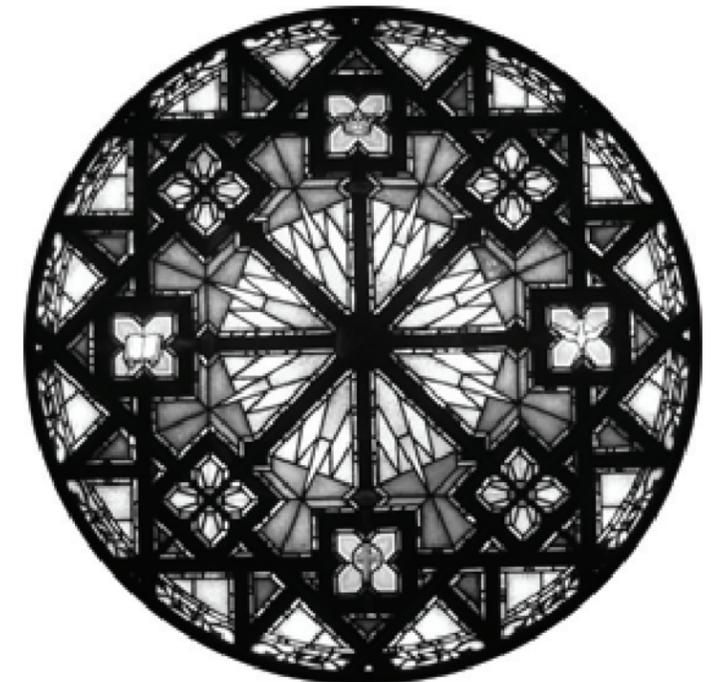
Head Elder	Don Greathouse
Head Deacon	Harold Fanselau
Head Deaconess	Eleanor Posner
Church Board Chair	Vincent Haynes
Choir Director	Brenda Mohr
Organist	Kemp Smeal
Children’s Choir Director	Lissie Quishenberry
Bell Choir Director	Ariel Quintana
Secretary	Victoria Lucero
Treasurer	Dean Vendouris
Church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



October 4, 2008

Scripture Reading

Luke 15:25-32

Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on.

“Your brother has come,” he replied, “and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.”

The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him.

But he answered his father, “Look! All these years I’ve been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends.

But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!”

“My son,” the father said, “you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.”

Anthem: “I Will Arise”

Come ye sinners, poor and needy,
weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love and pow'r.

I will arise and go to Jesus,
He will embrace me in His arms.
In the arms of my dear Savior,
O, there are ten thousand charms.

Let not conscience make you linger,
nor of fitness fondly dream;
All the fitness He requireth is to feel your need of Him.

I will arise and go to Jesus, He will embrace me in His arms.
In the arms of my dear Savior,
O, there are ten thousand charms.

Sermon Resources

What's the Point of Jesus' Parables?

Today is the final installment in a series of four sermons on the three parables of Jesus as recorded in the 15th chapter of Luke. Because Jesus' parables are not allegories, we will be interpreting them in another way. We will be searching for the main point of each parable. We will also be exploring the meaning of each parable. We will also be exploring the meaning of each parable as Luke the Evangelist understands their meaning from the point of view of the Church.

When Luke wrote the Gospel of Luke, he intended that it be the first half of a work entitled “Luke-Acts.” In Luke, the Evangelist tells the story of Jesus and his mission while on earth. In his Acts of the Apostles, he tells the story of the mission of the Church and shows how the Church faithfully (and sometimes unfaithfully) modeled her mission on Jesus' mission.

“In the Midst of New Dimensions”

(Tune: LOWRY)

- In the midst of new dimensions, in the face of changing ways,
Who will lead the pilgrim peoples wandering in their separate ways?
God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar,
We your people, ours the journey, with you now and evermore.
We your people, ours the journey, with you now and evermore.*
- As we stand a world divided by our own self-seeking schemes,
Each a gift in your creation, each a love song to be sung.
God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar,
We your people, ours the journey, with you now and evermore.
We your people, ours the journey, with you now and evermore.*
- Should the threats of dire predictions cause us to withdraw in fear,
May your blazing, guiding spirit still remind us you are here.
God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar,
We your people, ours the journey, with you now and evermore.
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City Church Announcements

Today's flowers are from Donna and Albert Acosta in loving memory of Donna's mother.

Search Committee members will meet **today** after worship service.

Communion Service next Sabbath. Please note that, in order to provide more time for all who wish to participate, the **footwashing service** will be available throughout the Sabbath School lesson period.

Coping with Grief, Healing from Loss. A 6-week Bereavement Group for Glendale City Church will take place on Wednesdays, 7:30–9 p.m., **beginning this week (October 8)**. Dr. Elke Rechberger will be the group leader and whose goal it is to help members gain an understanding of the impact of their loss and then develop coping skills towards a healthy resolution. The fee will be \$25. If interested, please contact Dr. Rechberger at 626/394-3015.

The L.A. Adventist Forum meeting on Sabbath, October 25, at 3:30 p.m. at Glendale City S.D.A. Church, Chapel of the Good Shepherd, will feature John Brunt, Ph.D. Senior Pastor of the Azure Hills S. D. A. Church. His topic, "Lamb or Beast; Reading Revelation in the First and Twenty-First Centuries." All are welcome.

If you are interested in joining the Choir or watching a rehearsal, you are welcome to come and visit! Rehearsals are each Sabbath morning at 9:15 a.m. downstairs in the Choir Room. If you would like to talk to Brenda, please call her at 818-209-6795 or email brendamohr@hotmail.com.

Have you checked out the **bold new look of our Church's website** (www.glendalecitysda.com)? The site has been entirely restructured to be more user-friendly. Included on the page is congregation news as well as world Adventist news. You may also subscribe on the site for our email *GCC News* bulletin.

Upcoming Sermons & Events

Elder of the Day		Hugh Gardner
October 11	Communion	Leif Lind
October 18		Pastor Maury Jackson Lancaster SDA Church
October 25	Children's Sabbath	Cherise Gardner

Sunset tonight – 6:32 p.m. Sunset next Friday – 6:25 p.m.