

Order of Worship

10:50 am – 12:10 pm

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

Prelude “Allegro” from *Concerto in D minor* Albinoni
Victoria Sabonjohn, oboe

Entering of the Light Liam & Penelope Sofias

Opening Hymn “Marvelous Grace” No. 109

Call to Worship Matthew Nuñez

From God comes the wonder of Creation

We will worship God the Creator

From God comes healing for our brokenness

We will worship God our Redeemer

From God comes the strength to face each new day

We will worship God our Sustainer

Anthem “I Will Worship the Lord” John Rutter

Worship in Giving

Morning Offering Delores Herzo
Offertory “Flower Duet” L. Delibes
Katie Mohr, Victoria Sabonjohn, oboe duet

Children’s Sermon Cherise Gardner

Greetings and Prayers of the Congregation Leif Lind
(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 “The Lord Is My Shepherd” John Rutter

Scripture 2 Kings 5:1-3, 9-15 Junior Drama Club

Sermon “Seven Muddy Ducks” Cherise Gardner

Closing Hymn “Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus” No. 524

Benediction

Musical Response

Postlude “Sinfonia—Now Thank We All Our God” 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	Roselyn Wortham

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

Officers

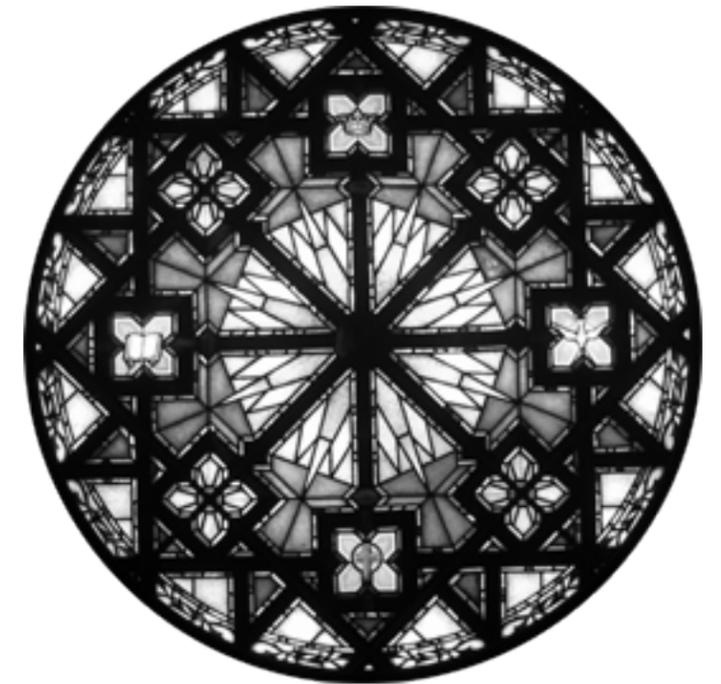
Head Elder	Don Greathouse
Head Deacon	Harold Fanselau
Head Deaconess	Eleanor Posner
Church Board Chair	Vincent Haynes
Choir Director	Brenda Mohr
Organist	Kemp Smeal
Children’s Choir Director	Lissie Quishenberry
Bell Choir Director	Ariel Quintana
Secretary	Victoria Lucero
Treasurer	Dean Vendouris
Church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



Family Sabbath October 25, 2008

Scripture Reading

2 Kings 5:1-3, 9-15

Now Naaman was commander of the army of the king of Aram. He was a great man in the sight of his master and highly regarded, because through him the LORD had given victory to Aram.

He was a valiant soldier, but he had leprosy.

Now bands from Aram had gone out and had taken captive a young girl from Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my master would see the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy."

So Naaman went with his horses and chariots and stopped at the door of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to say to him, "Go, wash yourself seven times in the Jordan, and your flesh will be restored and you will be cleansed."

But Naaman went away angry and said, "I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, wave his hand over the spot and cure me of my leprosy. Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than any of the waters of Israel?

Couldn't I wash in them and be cleansed?"

So he turned and went off in a rage.

Naaman's servants went to him and said, "My father, if the prophet had told you to do some great thing, would you not have done it? How much more, then, when he tells you, 'Wash and be cleansed'!" So he went down and dipped himself in the Jordan seven times, as the man of God had told him, and his flesh was restored and became clean like that of a young boy.

Then Naaman and all his attendants went back to the man of God. He stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the world except in Israel.

Please accept now a gift from your servant."

Sermon Resources

Being isolated atop a pole on the edge of the Syrian desert would not be my chosen path to godliness, and yet that is precisely the course chosen by Simeon Stylitis, the 4th century ascetic. For 30 years Simeon lived bound by a rope to the top of a column 60 feet in height and 3 feet in diameter, complete with a short cross-bar to keep him from falling off in his sleep. His disciples would come from time to time with a ladder to bring him his food and remove his waste. There, seated alone on his pillar and far removed from distraction, Simeon set about pursuing unobstructed communion with God.

As you wander through the pages of church history, you discover countless individuals, both women and men, who have gone to strange and yet inspiring lengths in search of an unhindered connectedness to God. In the grip of this passion they felt compelled to relinquish all responsibilities, ambitions, relationships, possessions, and commitments, perceived as peripheral to or obstructive of their pursuit.

As I read these stories, I feel conflicting responses within. At one moment I feel inspired. These testimonies are compelling, stirring, even convicting. At the same time, I feel frustrated. I certainly cannot live perched on a pole for the next 30 years. I have a marriage to nurture, a family to provide for, children who wake in the middle of the night in need of comfort.

Spirituality has as much to do with the domestic settings—the ordinary, mundane and immediate place of life—as it has to do with mountain tops, deserts, and 60 foot poles. Time and time again in the Gospels, Jesus embraces the most ordinary of circumstances and places, finding within them rich sources of spiritual meaning. Jesus spends the largest part of his time in the most everyday settings—homes, neighborhoods and marketplaces—identifying and responding to the presence of God. Jesus does not call followers out to the desert. Rather he fleshes out the nature of the spiritual journey right at the center of ordinary, daily life. Routinely Jesus paints a very domestic and accessible picture of the Kingdom of heaven by bringing truth into the domain of ordinary life.

The average Christian who lives out his or her faith in suburbia, employed in the marketplace, and paying the mortgage, can often be left to gaze longingly at the pastor, missionary or monk as the one who has chosen the higher path. This should not be so, for however we live out our discipleship, and in whatever context we discover implications for God's call, we are assured of God's presence, even amidst the most mundane tasks.

I will always be a distant admirer of people like that pole-sitter Simeon Stylitis, ... moments of withdrawal will always be the exception for me, and therefore a spirituality which does not embrace the ordinary, the mundane and the immediate.

Each afternoon I take my little girl for a walk around our local neighborhood. She is just 3 years old, and I am constantly fascinated by what she sees as we walk. She can be transfixed by the rays of light coming through the trees, or the shape and 'crunch' of the fallen leaves as we walk over them. She watches as the water trickles through the drains and delights in touching the hedges as we walk by. My little girl observes and notices things that I have long since brushed aside as insignificant. And yet with her help I am learning to see again. For I cannot help but feel God's pleasure as this little person, in her own simple way, acknowledges the wonder and the mystery of the most ordinary stuff of life.

—*Domestic Spirituality: Finding God in the Ordinary, Mundane and the Immediate*, Simon Carey Holt

City Church Announcements

The **Pastoral Search Committee** will meet briefly immediately after the service today.

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

Day of Remembrance. Next Sabbath, November 1, our worship service will give us an opportunity to remember those we have loved who have gone to rest in the last year. We will print the names of those loved ones in our bulletin that day, and their names will be read during the service. If you have someone you wish to be remembered, please contact the church office.

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

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

Dr. Judson Ravi

November 1

Day of Remembrance

Rudy Torres

November 8

Pastor Steven Hadley, San Diego

Sunset tonight – 6:08 p.m. Sunset next Friday – 6:01 p.m.