

Order of Worship

10:50 am – 12:10 pm

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

Prelude *Allegro* from “Concerto for Two Trumpets” *Vivaldi*
Craig Mohr, Rich Ramsey, *trumpet duet*

Entering of the Light & Pathfinder Procession

Opening Hymn “We Gather Together” *See Bulletin*

Call to Worship Preston Carman

We gather on a day like any other day.

Come, brothers and sisters in Christ,
touch and feel and taste and smell the sacred in this day.

For this day which our Creator God has made;

Let us rejoice and be, oh so glad in it!

Gifts of the Congregation Michael Blackburn

Pathfinder Video Presentation

Anthem “Thank the Lord” *arr. Rene Clausen*

Worship in Giving

Morning Offering Victoria McRae

Offertory “Praise Ye” *Verdi; arr. Young*
Craig Mohr, Rich Ramsey, *trumpet duet*

Children’s Sermon & Food Collection Rachel Blackburn

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 “Come Dwell in Solomon’s Walls” *Z. R. Stroope*

Dramatic Presentation “Are We There Yet?” Pathfinders*

Scripture **Matthew 12:1-13** Cherise Gardner

Sermon “The Divine Food Chain” Rudy Torres

Closing Hymn “Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether” No. 259

Benediction Rudy Torres

Musical Response

Postlude *Allegro Moderato* from “Concerto for Two Trumpets” *Vivaldi*

*Trenton, Victoria, & Tyler McRae; Matt & Scott Birmingham;
Trayfena Zambre; Brianna Back; Casey Murray

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	Rosalyn 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



November 22, 2008 Thanksgiving Service

Responsive Reading

Matthew 12:1-13

At that time Jesus went through the grainfields on the Sabbath. His disciples were hungry and began to pick some heads of grain and eat them. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to him, "Look! Your disciples are doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath."

He answered, "Haven't you read what David did when he and his companions were hungry? He entered the house of God, and he and his companions ate the consecrated bread—which was not lawful for them to do, but only for the priests. Or haven't you read in the Law that on the Sabbath the priests in the temple desecrate the day and yet are innocent? I tell you that one greater than the temple is here.

If you had known what these words mean, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice,' you would not have condemned the innocent. For the Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath."

Going on from that place, he went into their synagogue, and a man with a shriveled hand was there. Looking for a reason to accuse Jesus, they asked him, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?"

He said to them, "If any of you has a sheep and it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will you not take hold of it and lift it out? How much more valuable is a man than a sheep! Therefore it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath."

Then he said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." So he stretched it out and it was completely restored, just as sound as the other.

Anthem: "Come Dwell in Solomon's Walls"

When the final timber lay against the measured stones,
With the doorposts in their place overlaid with gold.
The Lord appeared to Solomon, blessing all the house,
Also the temple of the ark of God, pure and whole.

Refrain:

Come dwell in Solomon's walls,
Come and dwell in the house of the Lord.
Where the humble bow down, seeking wisdom and strength,
For the Lord dwells within and heals their land.
Come dwell in Solomon's walls,
Come and dwell in the house of the Lord.
Where wisdom and righteousness, Justice and holiness,
Join at the feet of God.

When the people of this house kneel and humbly pray,
When they turn from dark to light and your will obey,
O Lord of Heaven and Lord of earth, show favor on this house,
And heal, restore, forgive, and bless, Lord, we pray.

Announcing A New Sermon Series

Today Rudy Torres begins a new sermon series entitled "Values of the Gospel of Jesus." Based on the book *The Politics of Jesus* by Obery M. Hendricks, Jr., it will explore some of the radical teachings of Jesus that made him a threat to the religious and political establishments of his time and all subsequent political and religious establishments. The series will grapple with the question of what it means to be a practicing Christian at a time when our material, cultural, and spiritual securities are being threatened.

This morning's sermon looks at how Jesus' Kingdom valued people differently than His (and our) culture.

As you anticipate the sermon, please meditate on the following:

Dietrich Bonhoeffer was a prominent pastor and theologian in his native Germany. In 1943 he was arrested for his part in a plot to end Germany's bid to rule the world by bringing about Adolph Hitler's demise. In a letter from the prison where he would meet his death in 1945, Bonhoeffer articulated what he understood as the responsibility of all Christians to treat the people and their needs as holy:

We are not Christ, but if we want to be Christians, we must have some share in Christ's large-heartedness...by showing a real sympathy that springs...from the liberating and redeeming love of Christ for all who suffer. Mere waiting and looking on is not Christian behavior. The Christian is called to sympathy and action, not in the first place by his own sufferings, but by the sufferings of his brethren, for whose sake Christ suffered.

The Politics of Jesus, p. 109, Obery M. Hendricks, Jr.

Opening Hymn: "We Gather Together"

1. We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
He chastens and hastens His will to make known;
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.
Sing praises to His name; He forgets not His own.
2. Beside us to guide us, Our God with us joining,
Ordaining, maintaining His kingdom divine;
So from the beginning the fight we were winning;
Thou, Lord, wast at our side, All glory be thine.
3. We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant,
And pray that thou still our defender wilt be.
Let thy congregation escape tribulation;
Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free.
4. With voices united our praises we offer;
To Thee in thanksgiving, glad anthems we raise.
Thy strong arm will guide us; Through all thou art beside us;
To Father, Son, and Spirit, forever be praise!

City Church Announcements

You won't want to miss our church's annual **Christmas Concert** on Friday, December 5, at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary, featuring the Sanctuary Choir, Kemp Smeal, Jubilate and Sunshine Singers, Bell Choir, Glendale Academy Chorale, Duquessa McGuffin (harp), soloists, and brass quintet. This will be a wonderful way to start the holiday season! Be sure to invite your family and friends.

Glendale Adventist Academy Annual Christmas Concerts, 818/244-8671. Wednesday, December 10, 7 p.m. Featuring the Elementary, Academy, and Jazz bands at Lanterman Auditorium, 4491 Cornishon Avenue, La Canada/Flintridge, off Foothill Boulevard. **Friday, December 12, 7 p.m.** Featuring the Elementary, Academy, Women's & Men's Choir and Chorale at the Central Filipino SDA, 777 Colorado Boulevard in Eagle Rock, off Figueroa Boulevard.

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.

Office closing this week. The Church Office will be closed Thursday, November 27 and Friday, November 28 in observance of Thanksgiving.

Upcoming Sermons & Events

Elder of the Day	Barbara Jones
November 29	Pastor Dan Smith
December 6	Drama Sabbath
December 13	Rudy Torres

Sunset tonight – 4:45 p.m. Sunset next Friday – 4:44 p.m.