

Order of Worship

10:50 am – 12:10 pm

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

Prelude "O Come, All Ye Faithful" *Dupré*

Entering of the Light Jonas & Joseph Chilopoulos

Opening Hymn "Rejoice the Lord Is King" No. 221

Call to Worship Cherise Gardner

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

We come to worship the Savior born on Christmas Day.

We come to greet the promised one—the child of Mary.

We come to adore the King—born a servant in Bethlehem.

We come to praise the Son of God—our Lord and our brother.

Special Music "Ave Maria" *Biebl, arr. Moglebust*
Sanctuary Bell Choir

A Christmas Reading *See Bulletin*

Worship in Giving

Morning Offering Hugh Gardner

Offertory "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child" *arr. Manz*

Children's Sermon Cherise Gardner

Greetings and Prayers of the Congregation Leif Lind

(Please remain standing for prayer)

Prayer Response

*Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Hear, oh hear us when we pray,
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Hear, oh hear us when we pray.*

"A Tale of Four Trees" Pantomime Drama Club

Anthem Ukrainian Bell Carol *Leontovich, arr. Morris*
Sanctuary Bell Choir

Responsive Reading Geri Sofias

"Four Christmas Monologues" Drama Club

Closing Hymn "Tell Me the Story of Jesus" No. 152

Benediction

Postlude "Vom Himmel Hoch" *Edmunson*

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	Dave Ferguson

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

"The Season of Advent"



December 6, 2008

Responsive Reading

Leader:

Holy Child of Bethlehem,
whose parents found no room in the inn,

All:

We pray for all who are homeless.

Leader:

Holy Child of Bethlehem, born in a stable,

Men:

We pray for all who live in poverty.

Leader:

Holy Child of Bethlehem, rejected stranger

Women:

**We pray for all those who are lost, alone,
all who cry for loved ones.**

Leader:

Holy Child of Bethlehem,
whom Herod sought to kill,

Men:

**We pray for all who live with danger,
all who are persecuted.**

Leader:

Holy Child of Bethlehem, a refugee in Egypt,

Women:

We pray for all who are far from their homes.

Leader:

Holy Child of Bethlehem,
in you God was pleased to dwell,

All:

**Help us, we pray,
to see the divine image in people everywhere.**

A Christmas Reading

Reader 1 – Hanna Goulmassian: Before we had anything to offer him, before we lifted our voices in praise or our hands to His work, before we opened a Bible or walked into a church building, in fact before we were ever created, God was pursuing us with His love.

Reader 2 – Matthew Nuñez: We don't deserve the Love of God. We are gossips and worriers, we are lazy and irritable, we are controlled by our lusts and our appetites. We search after every thing but God and turn our backs on Him at every turn, and he still comes after us, chasing us, pursuing us with His unending love.

Reader 3 – Paul Brando Chilopoulos: His love was announced by a baby in a manger. His love was proven by his body on a cross. In this time, in this place, let us dwell on that love. Let us put aside thoughts of trees and presents and malls and meals and focus on God's pursuing love.

Reader 4 – Alexis Mendizabal: He is pursuing you right now. He knows you, knows your thoughts, and your actions. He is close to you, dwelling with you, delighting in you, and he loves you. Tonight is one more place that he is reminding you of that love. Tonight is one more place where God is reaching out to you and asking you to drink deep of Him and his love for you. No matter where you come from, no matter what is going on in your life, or who has let you down or abandoned you, God has sought you out, and brought you here to say, "I love you."

Today's Drama Club Performers

"A Tale of Four Trees" Pantomime

Cradle Voice: Lissie Quishenberry

Boat Voice: Joshua Sophias

Cross Voice: Hugh Gardner

Christmas Tree Voice: Putri Tohdjojo

Cradle Mime: Allisyn Arm

Boat Mime: Keira Quishenberry

Cross Mime: Jamie Quishenberry

Christmas Tree Mime: All three girls

"Four Christmas Monologues"

Innkeeper's Wife: DeeDee Mumford

Shepherd: Michael Quishenberry

Herod: Jason Schlatter

Anna: Jane Sullivan

City Church Announcements

Today's Flowers. Today's flowers are given in honor of Lucille Davis' birthday from her daughter, son and grandchildren.

Bell Choir Guest Conductor. We welcome Cheryl Smith today!

Pastoral Search Committee will meet immediately after the worship service today for a working luncheon, as planned.

Petting Zoo. Plan on visiting our petting zoo on December 22. It is a great opportunity to bring your neighbors and friends to church.

Youth Vespers. All youth between the ages of 12 to 19 are invited to join us on Friday, December 12 for a movie, snacks, and a discussion of plans for the New Year. Vespers will be held in the Youth Center at 6:30 p.m.

Need a place for your child to be during winter break? We have a place for you! **Winter Camp for A+ Adventist Children's Center** will be December 22-24 & December 29-31, 2008. Registration is on-going and parents are encouraged to sign-up as soon as possible. Please call 818/241-9353.

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.

Upcoming Sermons & Events

Elder of the Day Don Greathouse

December 13 Rudy Torres

December 20 Christmas Program

December 27 Rudy Torres

Sunset tonight – 4:43 p.m. Sunset next Friday – 4:44 p.m.