

Order of Worship

10:50 am – 12:10 pm

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

Prelude “God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen” *Roberts*

Entering of the Light

Opening Hymn “O Come All Ye Faithful” No. 132

Call to Worship Rudy Torres

**Hear the good news! When the time had fully come,
God sent forth his own Son, born of a virgin, born under law
to redeem those who are guilty of breaking that law.**

This Son of God is Jesus Christ, who died for our sins.

He forgives us of all our sins.

We are no longer slaves of sin.

**Let us rejoice, in the name of the Father, of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit! Amen**

Remembering & Honoring the Gifts of Life Douglas Schultz

Anthem “Sing We Now!” *J. Willcocks*

Worship in Giving

Morning Offering Wally Rabello
Offertory Charles Lane, *soloist*

Children's Sermon Hope Smith

Greetings and Prayers of the Congregation Don Greathouse
(Please remain standing for prayer)

Prayer Response

Thou didst leave Thy throne and Thy kingly crown

When Thou camest to earth for me;

But in Bethlehem's home was there found no room

For Thy holy nativity.

O come to my heart, Lord Jesus,

There is room in my heart for thee.

Anthem “No Longer a Baby” *J. Sanborn*

Scripture **Matthew 20:1-16** John Nielsen

Sermon “Grace in the Time of Oppression” Rudy Torres

Closing Hymn “Joy to the World” No. 125

Benediction Rudy Torres

Musical Response

Postlude “XII Noel” *Daquin*

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	Doug Schultz
SS Quarterly	General	Chapel	Rudy Torres

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

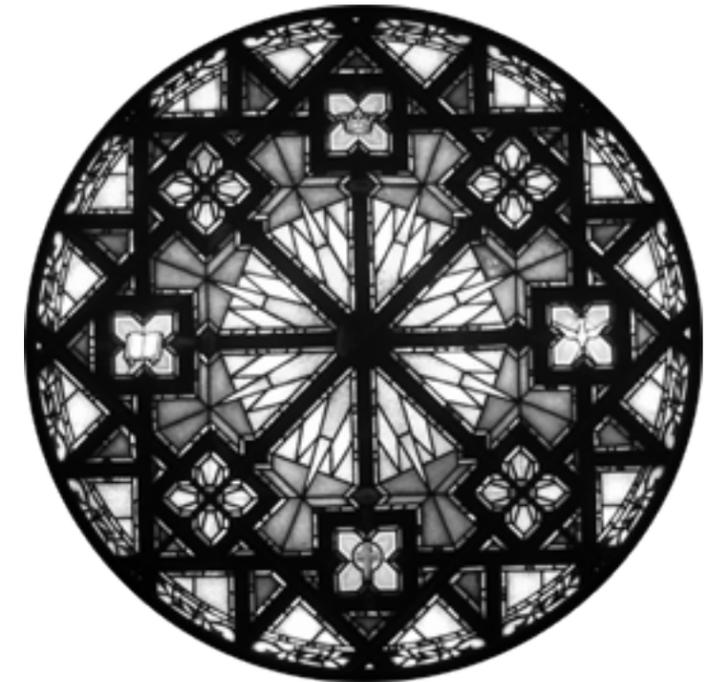
Head Elder	Don Greathouse
Head Deacon	Harold Fanselau
Head Deaconess	Eleanor Posner
Church Board Chair	Vincent Haynes
Choir Director	Brenda Mohr
Organist	Kemp Smeal
Children's Choir Director	Lissie Quishenberry
Bell Choir Director	Ariel Quintana
Secretary	Victoria Lucero
Treasurer	Dean Vendouris
Church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



December 27, 2008

Scripture Reading

Matthew 20:1-16

"For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire men to work in his vineyard. He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard.

"About the third hour he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. He told them, 'You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went.

"He went out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour and did the same thing. About the eleventh hour he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, 'Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?'

" 'Because no one has hired us,' they answered.

"He said to them, 'You also go and work in my vineyard.'

"When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.'

"The workers who were hired about the eleventh hour came and each received a denarius. So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. 'These men who were hired last worked only one hour,' they said, 'and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.'

"But he answered one of them, 'Friend, I am not being unfair to you. Didn't you agree to work for a denarius? Take your pay and go. I want to give the man who was hired last the same as I gave you. Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?'

"So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Sermon Resources

Today Rudy Torres continues with the third sermon in his 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 grapples 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.

Anthem: "No Longer a Baby"

Refrain:

No longer a baby, no longer a child;
No longer a lullaby so soft should we sing,
For the child who was born then, the Child once heard crying,
is made through His dying omnipotent King.

Verse:

So think not of shepherds who come to a manger;
Think not of cattle lowing in a stall.
Your picturing mind must see what is present,
your God must grow bigger, your God is too small.

Refrain

Verse:

For Christ has been raised and is now Lord ascended;
He's seated majestic, glorious above;
For the Child who was born then, the Child once heard crying,
now calls for allegiance and bids for our love.

Refrain

City Church Announcements

Today's Flowers are dedicated to the memory of Mitchell F. Henson, beloved husband, dad, granddaddy, and pastor; and also dedicated to Korbyn Dallas Cowan, the newest Henson-Cowan grandson.

End-year Tithes. To be included in the 2008 giving, please make sure that all donations are received at the church by Wednesday, December 31.

Pathfinder's Rose Parade. The New Year is upon us! We have a few seats available for \$75, this includes transportation, breakfast and seats (please see flyer insert). If you have questions please call Preston Carman at 818/334-4360.

Water for Life. Glendale City Church has frequently chosen special projects to help those in need. As individuals, we might afford a pump or a well. But as a church family, think what we could do if we pooled our resources. Imagine how many people we could bring water to! A lack of clean water and sanitation causes 1.8 million preventable child deaths each year. If you'd like to donate to this project, please make a donation to City Church preferably by this week. Mark "ADRA water project" on your check or envelope.

The City Church **Friends of Music** program sponsors many musical items, including brass for the Christmas concert and other musical programs and concerts. We are currently planning another spring Hymn Festival with Dr. Melvin West. Much of this is made possible because of the Friends' special support. Please consider being a part of the Friends of Music with a specially marked gift this Christmas season.

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.

We invite you to read **City Church's website, www.glendalecitysda.com**, which includes 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	Michael Quishenberry
January 3	Cherise Gardner
January 10	Communion Rudy Torres
January 17	Leif Lind

Sunset tonight – 4:50 p.m. Sunset next Friday – 4:54 p.m.