

## Order of Worship

10:50 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.

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

**Prelude** "Rhosymedre" *R. Vaughan Williams*

**Opening Hymn** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" No. 21

**Invocation** Smuts van Rooyen

We have gathered to worship  
to listen  
to covenant  
to praise your name  
to remember our heritage  
to celebrate our destiny.

**Oh God, we joyfully receive your grace.**

**Greetings & Prayers of the Congregation** Hugh Gardner

(Please remain standing for prayer)

### Prayer Response

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided,  
Great is thy faithfulness! Lord unto me!

**Vocal Duet** "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken" *Haydn*  
Dave Ferguson, Abdiel Gonzalez

**Children's Sermon** Cherise Gardner

**Morning Offering** Arlene van Rooyen

**Offertory** "Be Still My Soul" *arr. K. L. Smeal*

**Vocal Duet** "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" *Welsh melody*  
Dave Ferguson, Abdiel Gonzalez *Arr. Ovid Young*

**Scripture** **John 20:22, 24-29** Pamela Kermgard

**Sermon** "An Ardent, Doubt-conscious Faith" Smuts van Rooyen

**Closing Hymn** "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" No. 517

**Benediction** Smuts van Rooyen

### Musical Response

**Postlude** "Tuba Tune in D" *C. S. Lang*

## 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	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

### Pastoral Staff

Smuts van Rooyen, Senior Pastor (626-256-4240)  
Cherise Gardner, Family & Children's Ministries (909-809-7439)  
Hovik Sarrafian, Armenian Senior Pastor (909-796-9536)  
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Leif Lind, Church Administrator (909-557-5230)

### Officers

Head Elder Don Greathouse (626-796-8579)  
Head Deacon Harold Fanslau (818-242-7772)  
Head Deaconess Eleanor Posner (818-281-5822)  
Church Board Chair Vincent Haynes (213-276-2131)  
Choir Director Brenda Mohr (brendajmohr@gmail.com)  
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Facilities Administrator Wayne Libby (818-522-4297)

### 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



## July 11, 2009

## Forgiving Others

### John 20:22, 24–29

And with that he breathed on them and said,  
“Receive the Holy Spirit.”

Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!”

**But he said to them,  
“Unless I see the nail marks in his hands  
and put my finger where the nails were,  
and put my hand into his side,  
I will not believe it.”**

A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.”

**Thomas said to him,  
“My Lord and my God!”**

Then Jesus told him,  
“Because you have seen me, you have believed;  
blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

## Sermon Resources

Albert Einstein on “Mystery”:

The most beautiful and deepest experience a man can have is the sense of the mysterious. It is the underlying principle of religion as well as all serious endeavor in art and science. He who never had this experience seems to me, if not dead, then at least blind. To sense that behind anything that can be experienced there is a something that our mind cannot grasp and whose beauty and sublimity reaches us only indirectly and as a feeble reflection, this is religiousness. In this sense I am religious. To me it suffices to wonder at these secrets and to attempt humbly to grasp with my mind a mere image of the lofty structure of all that there is.

—“*My Credo*,” *German League of Human Rights, Berlin, 1932*.



### In Memorandum

Perplext in faith, but pure in deeds,  
At last he beat his music out.  
There lives more faith in honest doubt,  
Believe me, than in half the creeds.

He fought his doubts and gather'd strength,  
He would not make his judgment blind,  
He faced the specters of the mind  
And laid them: thus he came at length

To find a stronger faith his own;  
And Power was with him in the night,  
Which makes the darkness and the light,  
And dwells not in the light alone.

—Alfred Lord Tennyson

**Sunset tonight – 8:07 p.m. Sunset next Friday – 8:05 p.m.**

## City Church Announcements

*Welcome to City Church! May you be blessed in worship today.*

**Special thanks to the social committee and to all individuals** who led out in making last week's 4th July luncheon such an enjoyable event!

A reminder to **Planning Committee members** that we will be having a working luncheon immediately following today's worship service.

Come to a **Church Picnic** after the service on Sabbath, July 25, at Huntington Beach. Transportation will be provided—all are welcome to attend!

The next meeting of the **L. A. Adventist Forum** will be Sabbath, July 25, at 3:30 p.m. in the Chapel. A panel discussion on the recent book by N. T. Wright, *Surprised by Hope*, will include Rudy Torres, most recently our interim Senior Pastor; Barbara Jones, member of Glendale City; and Ryan Bell, Pastor of the Hollywood Church. All are welcome.

There will be a **special Church Board meeting** to be held on Tuesday, July 28 at 7:00 p.m. At that meeting discussion will take place regarding the future involvement and relationship between Glendale City Church and the A+ School. Church members wishing to speak to the issue are requested to express their ideas to one of the pastoral staff members *before* the Board meeting date.

Castle Newell just celebrated his 93 birthday on July 1. Anyone wishing to send him a birthday greeting may contact him at *The Posada*, 8120 South Painter Ave., Whittier, CA 90602.

Join us for our annual **Summer Family Night Week** tomorrow, Sunday, July 12, through Thursday, July 16, 6:30–8:30 p.m. (dinner provided). Please RSVP to Pastor Cherise or the church office—personally or by email. *Also, anyone wishing to volunteer to help Pastor Cherise with this event, please call her or the church office!*

There will be a joint **Youth Church Worship Service** with Eagle Rock and Vallejo Drive youth, all ages, at Vallejo Drive, July 25, 9:30–11 a.m. GCC will host the joint worship service for youth on August 29, 9:30–11 a.m.

Adventist Glendale woman looking for another woman **roommate**, 818-307-8865.

Romanian Adventist church member, **master tailor** by trade, available to do men's and women's clothing alterations, 818-548-7556.

The Church Social Committee is organizing a group trip to the annual Laguna Beach **Sawdust Art Festival** Sunday, August 24. Group admission is \$6; bus transportation will be provided. If interested, please contact Sascha Allen or the church office.

**Part-time sales associate needed** at the Adventist Book Center. Stop and pick up an application and job description, Mon.–Thurs. 9-6 p.m. No phone calls please.

Our A+ Center invites you to join the Summer Camp children on a **trip to the Long Beach Aquarium**, Wednesday, July 29. The cost of \$40 includes a 30-minute boat ride 500 ft. off-shore, followed by a tour of the aquarium (818-241-9353).

## Upcoming Sermons & Events

**Elder of the Day**  
**July 18**  
**July 25**

Anoosh Keshishzade  
Communion  
Smuts van Rooyen