

Order of Worship

10:50 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.

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

Prelude	Canonic Variations on "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"	<i>Raymond Haan</i>
Opening Hymn	"This Is My Father's World"	No. 92
Call to Worship	Smuts van Rooyen	
	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.	
Greetings & Prayers of the Congregation	Leif Lind	
	<i>(Please remain standing for prayer)</i>	
Prayer Response	O Jesus, blest Redeemer, sent from the heart of God, Hold us, who wait before Thee, near to the heart of God.	
Anthem	"Do You Hear What I Hear" <i>arr. Regney & Shayne</i>	Abdiel Gonzalez, <i>solo</i>
Morning Offering	Rosalyn Wortham	
Offertory	"XII Noël"	<i>Louis Claude Daquin</i>
Children's Sermon	Cherise Gardner	
Anthem	"Cantique de Noël"	<i>Adolphe Adam</i>
	Abdiel Gonzalez, <i>solo</i>	
Scripture	Philippians 4:4-8; Romans 12:3	Ellee Posner
Sermon	"A Lion Let Loose Downtown"	Smuts van Rooyen
Closing Hymn	"Higher Ground"	No. 625
Benediction	Smuts van Rooyen	
Musical Response		
Postlude	Variation on "Adeste Fideles"	<i>M. Dupré</i>

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
Young Adult	19-99 yrs	Youth Center	
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

Pastoral Staff

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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 26, 2009

Scripture Reading

Philippians 4:4-8

Romans 12:3

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again:

Rejoice!

Let your gentleness be evident to all.

The Lord is near.

**Do not be anxious about anything,
but in everything, by prayer and petition,
with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.**

And the peace of God,
which transcends all understanding,
will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

**Finally, brothers,
whatever is true,
whatever is noble,
whatever is right,
whatever is pure,
whatever is lovely,
whatever is admirable
—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—
think about such things.**

For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you.



Closing Hymn No. 625 , “Higher Ground”

1. I’m pressing on the upward way,
New heights I’m gaining every day;
Still praying as I onward bound,
“Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.”

Refrain:

Lord, lift me up, and I shall stand
By faith on heaven’s tableland;
A higher plane than I have found;
Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.

2. My heart has no desire to stay
Where doubts arise and fears dismay;
Though some may dwell where these abound,
My prayer, my aim is higher ground.

3. I want to live above the world,
Though Satan’s darts at me are hurled;
For faith has caught the joyful sound,
The song of saints on higher ground.

4. I want to scale the utmost height,
And catch a gleam of glory bright;
But still I’ll pray till heaven I’ve found,
“Lord, lead me on to higher ground.”

Upcoming Sermons & Events

Elder of the Day	Jeevan Johnson
January 2	Cherise Gardner
January 9	Fred Kinsey, Speaker/Director, Voice of Prophecy
January 9	Jim & Ann McClintock, 4:30 p.m. Vespers Concert

Sunset tonight – 4:49 p.m. Sunset next Friday – 4:52 p.m.

City Church Announcements

Year-end Tithes. Thank you for your continued support of Glendale City Church. We would like to remind you to get any donations for 2009 into the church that we may deposit by *noon*, Thursday, December 31.

Our **Rachel Pereyra** will be finishing up her college experience in UC Davis starting this January, and this Sabbath is her last day as morning secretary. We wish her all the best! Putri Tohdjojo will become the new morning secretary as of January 2.

New Flower Calendar is in the Narthex. Sign up to sponsor Sabbath flowers, or call the Church Office. Flowers are \$50 per week.

See the Rose Parade in style with the Glendale Pathfinders! Transportation and a wonderful breakfast is provided. Tickets are \$80 each. For reservations call Warren Dale, 818-384-2820.

Get an early start in 2010! Glendale City Health Education Program (formerly City University), together with Love Adds to Love Foundation, asks you to mark your calendars for **next Sabbath, January 2, 9:15 a.m. (note time!)** in the Fellowship Hall for its first health seminar/workshop, **“Good Nights: Rejuvenating Sleep,”** with **guest speaker Kathy Cavander**, coordinator of The Sleep Center at Glendale Adventist Medical Center. For questions, please contact Kathy McFarland, 626-398-1445. All are welcome—invite others as well!

Potluck and Toddler Shower for Katelyn, Pastor Cherise and Hugh Gardner’s niece after church service next week (January 2). Bring a dish and plan to celebrate! They are registered with **www.target.com** under the Baby Registry (Mother: Cherise Gardner, Dec. 19), but gently used gifts are also welcome. Please contact Didi Mumford at 626-676-2352 or *dmumford1@aol.com* if you would like to assist with decorations and/or food coordination.

The Music Committee is very grateful for the loyal support of this congregation. There are a number of special music events planned for 2010. As soon as we are able to complete the Chapel’s organ, we will be hosting noon-time concerts for area business people at least once per month, and we also plan to start scheduling weddings. Thank you for your continuing support.

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*.

The Pathfinders will take a holiday break for the next two weeks. Next meeting is January 5, 2010. Happy Holidays!

You are invited to **join us on Facebook** at **“Friends of Glendale City Church” group**. Invite others to join as well. To promote a church event to this group, please contact the church office or one of the pastoral staff.

A+ Adventist Children’s Center is looking for an **experienced school bus driver**. Please call the School Office for details and ask for Anoosh Keshishzade, 818-241-9353.