

## Order of Worship

10:50 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.

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

<b>Prelude</b>	Improvisation on “God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen”	<i>Myron J. Roberts</i>
<b>Call to Worship</b>	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.	
<b>Hymn of Praise</b>	“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”	No. 12
<b>Greetings &amp; Prayers of the Congregation</b>		Leif Lind
	<i>(please remain standing for prayer)</i>	
<b>Prayer Response</b>	Turn your eyes upon Jesus, Look full in His wonderful face; And the things of earth will grow strangely dim In the light of His glory and grace.	(No. 290)
<b>Worship in Song</b>	“O Holy Night” Jennifer Miller, <i>soprano</i>	<i>Traditional</i>
<b>Call to Offering</b>		Colleen Ford
<b>Offertory</b>	“Christmas Lullaby” Jennifer Miller, <i>soprano</i>	<i>Jason Robert Brown</i>
<b>Children’s Sermon</b>		Cherise Gardner
<b>Worship in Song</b>	“Rejoice Greatly, O Daughter of Zion” from <i>Messiah</i> Jennifer Miller, <i>soprano</i>	<i>G. F. Handel</i>
<b>Scripture</b>	<b>Luke 12:13-23</b>	Daisy Bolduc
<b>Sermon</b>	“The Parable About Finding Yourself”	Smuts van Rooyen
<b>Closing Hymn</b>	“O Come, O Come, Immanuel”	No. 115
<b>Benediction</b>		Smuts van Rooyen
<b>Musical Response</b>		
<b>Postlude</b>	Variations on “Adeste Fideles”	<i>Marcel Dupré</i>

## Sabbath School Options

<u>Class</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Symbols/Leaders</u>
Beginners	0-3 yrs	Room 3	Elephant
Kinder/Primary	4 yrs to 4th grade	Room 4	Giraffe
Early Teen	7th & 8th grade	Room 2	Eagle
Junior	5th & 6th grade	Room 1	Lion
Teen	13-17 yrs	Room 10b	Fish
Young Adults	19-99	Multipurpose Room	Rachel Pereyra
Armenian	General	Room 11	
Romanian	General	Room 13	
Pastor	General	Fellowship Hall	Leif Lind
SS Quarterly	General	Chapel	Allan McDonald

## Worship Options

<u>Option</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sequence</u>
Sanctuary Service	Main Sanctuary	Every Sabbath
Romanian Service	Chapel	1st and 3rd Sabbaths
Armenian Service	Chapel	2nd and 4th Sabbaths

## Activities

<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sequence</u>
Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room	Sabbath at 9:15 a.m.
Pathfinders	GAMC Gymnasium	Tuesday at 6:45 p.m.
Bible Study	Council Room	Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.
Children’s Choir	Room 10b	Sabbath at Noon
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 (626-484-8436)  
 Leif Lind, Church Administrator (909-557-5230)

Hovik Sarrafian, Armenian Senior Pastor (909-796-9536)  
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### Officers

Head Elder	Don Greathouse (626-796-8579)
Head Deacon	John Nielsen (818-605-0057)
Head Deaconess	Eleanor Posner (818-281-5822)
Church Board Chair	Vincent Haynes (213-276-2131)
Sanctuary Choir Director	Jean-Sébastien Vallée (831-420-7584)
Children’s Choir Director	Lissie Quishenberry (lissie@crazyladymusic.com)
Organist	Kemp Smeal (714-658-4885)
Secretary	Victoria Lucero (818-244-7241 office)
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A+ School Board Chair (interim)	Glen Christensen (plbboss@aol.com)
A+ School Director	Malisa Smith (818-241-9353 school)
Pathfinder Director	Warren Dale (818-384-2820)
Facilities Administrator	Wayne Libby (760-409-6719)

### 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**  
**“PREPARE THE WAY FOR THE LORD...”**

**December 3, 2011**  
*“Revealing Christ, affirming all.”*

## Responsive Reading

### Luke 12:13-23

Someone in the crowd said to him,  
“Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.”

Jesus replied,  
“Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?”  
Then he said to them,  
“Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed;  
life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.”

And he told them this parable:  
“The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest.  
He thought to himself,  
‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’

“Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do.  
I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones,  
and there I will store my surplus grain. And I’ll say to myself,  
‘You have plenty of grain laid up for many years.  
Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.’”

“But God said to him,  
‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you.  
Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’

“This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves  
but is not rich toward God.”

Then Jesus said to his disciples: “Therefore I tell you,  
do not worry about your life, what you will eat;  
or about your body, what you will wear.  
For life is more than food, and the body more than clothes.



## Christmas Events

**The Journey to Bethlehem, San Gabriel Academy, Saturday & Sunday, December 3 & 4, 6:30 p.m.** ([www.thejourneytobethlehem.org](http://www.thejourneytobethlehem.org))  
Free admission.

**Vallejo Drive presents “Rejoice This Day” Christmas Concert, Saturday, December 17, 4 p.m.** Admission free.

**Glendale City Church Petting Zoo, December 17,** will take place on Sabbath morning in lieu of all children’s Sabbath School classes.

**Glendale City Church Special Christmas Eve Worship Service, December 24, 10:50 a.m.**

## Offertory: “Christmas Lullaby” by Jason Robert Brown

I’ll never have the power to control the land  
Or conquer half the world or claim the sun  
I’ll never be the kind who simply waves her hand  
And has a million people do the things I wish I’d done  
But in the eyes of heaven my place is assured  
I carry with me heaven’s grand design  
Glory, Oh, glory I will sing the name of the Lord  
And He will make me shine  
And I will be like Mother Mary with a blessing in my soul  
And I will give the world my eyes so they can see  
And I will be like Mother Mary with a blessing in my soul  
And the future of the world inside of me  
And I will be like Mother Mary with the power in my veins  
To believe in all the things I’ve yet to be  
And I will be like Mother Mary and I’ll suffer any pains  
For the future of the world inside of me

## Closing Hymn No. 115: “O Come, O Come, Immanuel”

1. O come, O come, Immanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear.

### Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

2. O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,  
And order all things, far and nigh;  
To us the path of knowledge show,  
And cause us in her ways to go.

3. O come, Desire of nations, bind  
All peoples in one heart and mind;  
Bid envy, strife, and quarrels cease;  
Fill the whole world with heaven’s peace.

## Potlucks and LA Adventist Forum

The *next* potluck for **December** will be next week, December 10. We will resume potlucks on the fourth Sabbath of the month in January.

The **LA Adventist Forum** will be on hiatus for November and December. Forums will resume on January 28, 2012.

## City Church Announcements

*“All are welcome — whoever you are, whatever your journey or background.  
God excludes no one, and neither do we.”*

**Today’s flowers** are given by **Dr. Kathryn Magarian**: “I want to give these flowers with joy and appreciation for this wonderful church and our gracious, loving Lord. I love this church family; each of you is a dear friend. I am deeply blessed and thankful.” (We congratulate Kathryn on her special day!)

We regret to announce the passing this week of **Larry McFarland’s mother** and **Lee Posner’s uncle**. Our prayers are with them and their families at this time.

**Sabbath School for Children and Youth** will meet on the courtyard for the petting zoo, **December 17**; the weekends of **December 24 and 31** we will combine Children and Youth classes and meet in the Youth Room.

**Young Adults’ Fellowship.** We meet *every Sabbath* in the multipurpose room from 10–10:45 a.m. Don’t know where the multipurpose room is? Look for the signs in the courtyard or downstairs, or ask a church member to guide you!

The **Lit Knitters** group will meet tomorrow, Sunday, December 4th, 11:00 a.m. in the Youth Room (enter at the A+ entrance and walk downstairs). We’ve been reading “*Castle in the Backyard: The Dream of a House in France*” by Betsy Draine and Michael Hinden. Bring your craft if you like and have ideas about the next book you’d like us to read! Contact Didi at [dmumford1@aol.com](mailto:dmumford1@aol.com) with any questions.

We are now able to offer **secure online giving** for any cause, whether to your **regular weekly giving** or a **special project of your choosing**. Just visit the Church’s website, [www.glendalecitysda.org](http://www.glendalecitysda.org) and find “Online Giving” in the right side menu. Then simply click on the link that says “Donate to Glendale City Church Here.” Once you’re set up the first time, you can easily return at any future date.

“**God in the 66**” Bible study meets as usual Tuesday, 6-8 p.m. in the Council Room.

**Pathfinders’ Rose Parade Tickets.** Looking for a unique Christmas present or just a memorable way to spend your New Years? Let the Pathfinders reserve your space at the Rose Parade! Space is limited so book now. The cost is \$80 per person. Call Warren Dale, 818-384-2820 for reservations.

**Apartment needed** for a chaplain interning at Glendale Medical Center. Looking for a place that is ready by December first and needed for one year. Preferable washer and dryer hook up. For more information, please call Church Office.

**Adventist man** from Riverside County, now working in L.A., is **looking for a room** for 10-12 months, Sunday-Thursday nights. Able to pay utilities and will take care of his own food. Contact Jason: 909-936-1185.

*We cannot always fit all announcements in the bulletin. Please sign up for our e-Newsletter to keep up with the latest events! [www.glendalecitysda.org](http://www.glendalecitysda.org)*

## Upcoming Sermons & Events

**Elder of the Day**  
**December 10**  
**December 17**  
**December 24**

Michael Quishenberry  
Smuts van Rooyen  
Dr. Kenneth Richards  
Christmas Eve 11 a.m. Worship Service

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