

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” *Raymond H. Haan*

Call to Worship

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.

Hymn of Praise “Angels From the Realms of Glory” No. 119

Greetings & Prayers of the Congregation Leif Lind
(please remain standing for prayer)

Prayer Response (No. 140)

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 “City Called Heaven” *arr. Josephine Poelinitz*

Call to Offering Beverly Tarr

Offertory “Steal Away” *Spiritual*
Sébastien Vallée, *baritone* *arr. H. T. Burleigh*

Ordination of Deacons

Children’s Sermon Cherise Gardner

Anthem “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation” *Dale Wood*

Scripture **Matthew 2:1-12** Bryan Garey

Sermon “On Being Fully Human” Smuts van Rooyen

Closing Hymn “The First Noel” No. 118 (verses 1-3, 5)

Benediction Smuts van Rooyen

Musical Response

Postlude Toccata on “Vom Himmel Hoch” *Garth Edmundson*

Sabbath School Options

Class	Age	Location	Symbols/Leaders
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	Hugh Gardner

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
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

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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



THE SEASON OF ADVENT

“PREPARE THE WAY FOR THE LORD...”

December 10, 2011

“Revealing Christ, affirming all.”

Responsive Reading

Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked,
“Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews?
We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born.
“In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied,
“for this is what the prophet has written:

“But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for out of you will come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel.”

Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said,
“Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.”

After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.



⊙ Christmas Events ⊙

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.

1st Anthem: “City Called Heaven”

I am a poor pilgrim a poor pilgrim of sorrow.
I’m left in this old wide world alone!
I ain’t got no hope, got no hope for tomorrow
I’m trying to make it make heaven my home.

Sometimes I’m tossed and I’m driven, Lord.
Sometimes I just don’t know which way to turn.
Oh, I heard of a city, of a city called heaven
I’m trying to make it, make heaven my home.

2nd Anthem: “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone;
Chosen of the Lord, and precious,
Binding all the church in one;
Holy Zion’s help forever,
And her confidence alone.

To this temple where we call thee,
Come, O Lord of Hosts, today;
With thy wonted loving-kindness
Hear thy servants as they pray,
And thy fullest benediction
Shed within its walls away.

Laud and honor to the Creator
Laud and honor to the Son
Laud and honor to the Spirit,
Ever three and ever one,
One in might, and one in glory,
While unending ages run.

Closing Hymn No. 118: “The First Noel”

1. The first noel the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter’s night that was so deep.

Refrain:
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel.

2. They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east, beyond them far,
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.

3. And by the light of that same star,
Three wise men came from country far;
To seek for a king was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went.

5. Then entered in those wise men three,
Full reverently upon the knee,
And offered there, in His presence,
Their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense.

City Church Announcements

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

Our warmest wishes and prayers are with **Jonatan Cvetko, Mikael Long, and Anthony Salinas** on the occasion of their **ordination as deacons** today!

Today is Potluck! If you do not have a dish, join us anyway for this special Christmas lunch.

Tomorrow, December 11, 4 p.m. in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd: “**The Modern Organ in Concert,**” presented by Robert Tall (\$15 admission).

We look forward **next Sabbath to our guest speaker Dr. Kenneth Richards**, formerly an associate Voice of Prophecy speaker and producer. His father, H. M. S. Richards used to be a member of this church.

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.

Church Board reminder: our next meeting is Tuesday, December 20 at 7 p.m.

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!

Lit Knitters Aimee, Anna, Carol, Denise, Patty, and Rosalyn had a most enjoyable time discussing the book and working on crafts. Thanks to Aimee for setting a lovely French table and special thanks to Patty who baked *gâteau de noyer* (walnut tart) that was featured in the book! **Our next meeting will be Sunday, January 8, 2012 at 11:00 a.m.** to discuss *A Year in Provence* by Peter Mayle. Please email Didi (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 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 Tuesdays, 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.

Do you have any information or recollection of the time when **Pastor Jesse C. Stevens** was senior pastor at Glendale City (1931-1936)? A relative would appreciate any information on family members, including names and contact information for the grandchildren.

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

Upcoming Sermons & Events

Elder of the Day
December 17
December 24
December 31

Judson Ravi
Dr. Kenneth Richards
Christmas Eve 11 a.m. Worship Service
Smuts van Rooyen

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