

Order of Worship

10:50 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.

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

Prelude “Those Who Love God, Let Things Happen” *J. S. Bach*
&
“Jesus Christ, God’s Only Begotten Son”

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 We Have Heard on High” No. 142

Gifts of the Congregation Linda Torres, Leif Lind

Anthem “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” *arr. Clay Christiansen*

Call to Offering Michael Bandy

Offertory Sherrill Baptist, *violin*

Children’s Sermon Cherise Gardner

Anthem “O Come, All Ye Faithful” *arr. Richard L. Elliott*

Scripture “God Works For Good”, #725 Jason Schlatter

Sermon “God Is Able” Dr. Kenneth Richards

Closing Hymn “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” No. 506

Benediction Dr. Kenneth Richards

Musical Response

Postlude “XII Noël Suisse, Grand Jeu, et Duo” *Louis Claude Daquin*

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	Kathy McFarland

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 17, 2011

“Revealing Christ, affirming all.”

Responsive Reading

“God Works for Good”, Hymnal #725

I consider that our present sufferings
are not worth comparing
with the glory that will be revealed in us

**The creation waits in eager expectation
for the sons of God to be revealed**

For the creation was subjected to frustration,
not by its own choice, but by the will of the one
who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself
will be liberated from its bondage to decay
and brought into the glorious freedom
of the children of God.

**And we know that in all things God works
for the good of those who love him,
who have been called according to his promises.**

What, then, shall we say in response to this?
If God is for us, who can be against us?

**He who did not spare his own Son,
but gave him up for us all—
how will he not also, along with him,
graciously give us all things?**

—From Romans 8

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Closing Hymn No. 506: “A Mighty Fortress”

1. A mighty fortress is our God,
A bulwark never failing;
Our helper He, amid the flood
Of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
Doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great;
And armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.
2. Did we in our own strength confide,
Our striving would be losing,
Were not the right man on our side,
The man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is He,
Lord Sabaoth His name,
From age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.
3. And though this world, with devils filled,
Should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed
His truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim,
We tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure,
For lo! his doom is sure,
One little word shall fell him.
4. That word above all earthly powers,
No thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
Through Him who with us sideth;
Let goods and kindred go,
This mortal life also;
The body they may kill;
God's truth abideth still,
His kingdom is forever.

Ⓒ Christmas Events Ⓒ

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

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

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

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 in honor of Darlene Weiss's birthday from Warren Dale.

We join today in **celebrating with the families** of church members **Winifred Coltrin and Jeevan and Armine Johnson!**

Today we welcome our guest speaker Dr. Kenneth Richards, formerly an associate Voice of Prophecy speaker, researcher, and producer. His father, H. M. S. Richards, was a long-time City Church member.

Sabbath School for Children and Youth will meet on the courtyard for the petting zoo, *today*; 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 will be on vacation for the holidays! Enjoy your holidays. Fellowship will resume in the New Year!

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.

Gentleman looking for a room to rent in the Glendale, Eagle Rock or Burbank area, \$500. Contact Norman, 310-591-7480.

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 24
December 31

Barbara Jones
Christmas Eve 11 a.m. Worship Service
Smuts van Rooyen

Sunset tonight – 4:44 p.m. Sunset next Friday – 4:47 p.m.