

## Order of Worship

10:50 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.

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

(Please note below the changes in the worship service format)

**Prelude** Improvisation on "God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen" *Myron J. Roberts*

**Call to Worship** Todd Leonard

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**

**Lighting of the 2nd Advent Candle** Suki Mendizabal

**Hymn of Praise** "As With Gladness Men of Old" No. 123

**Prayers of the Congregation** Michael Quishenberry  
(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.

**Vocal Solo** "Sweet Little Jesus Boy" *R. MacGimsey*  
Jesse Martin, *baritone*

**Gifts of the Congregation** Robin Vandermolten

**Children's Choir** "A Star, a Song" *Hal H. Hopson*  
"Hallelujah, Glory Hallelujah" *Natalie Sleeth*

**Scripture** **Luke 1:68-79 (NRSV)** Louise Jorgenson  
**"The Song of Zechariah"**

**Vocal Solo** "O Thou That Tellest" (*Messiah*) *G. F. Handel*  
Jennifer Wallace, *mezzo-soprano*

**Sermon** "The Forerunner Chronicles" Todd Leonard

**Offertory Duet** "Go, Tell It On the Mountain" *Traditional*  
Jesse Martin, *baritone*

Jennifer Wallace, *mezzo-soprano*

(Unless otherwise marked, loose offering goes to local church expense)

**Hymn of Response** "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" No. 130

**Benediction** Todd Leonard

**Postlude** Variations on "Adeste Fideles" *Marcel Dupré*

Whether you're a regular member or a visitor,  
we encourage you to continue to fellowship with our Church family after the worship service!  
Please also feel free to contact any of our pastoral staff if you have a question or need help.

## Sabbath School Options (9:30-10:30 a.m.)

Class	Age	Location	Symbols/Leaders
Children's Meet & Great	All	Multipurpose Room	Sanctuary Basement
Beginners	0-3 yrs	Room 3	Elephant
Kinder/Primary/ & Junior	4 yrs to 6th grade	Room 1	Lion
Earliteen	7th & 8th grade	Room 4	Eagle
Teen	14-17 yrs	Youth Room, 10	Chapel Basement
Armenian	General	Room 11	
Romanian	General	Room 13	
Pastor	General	Fellowship Hall	Leif Lind
SS Quarterly	General	Chapel	Marquita Kibble

## 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	Fellowship Hall	1st & 3rd Sabbath, 12 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

Todd Leonard, Senior Pastor (818-441-3364)  
Cherise Gardner, Family & Children's Ministries (818-244-7241)  
Leif Lind, Church Administrator (909-557-5230)  
Rudy Torres, Pastor Emeritus

Hovik Sarrafian, Armenian Senior Pastor (909-796-9536)  
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Dorin Lataeanu, Romanian Pastor (909-528-2545)

### Officers

Head Elder Don Greathouse (626-796-8579)  
Head Deacon John Nielsen (818-605-0057)  
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Church Board Chair Vincent Haynes (213-276-2131)  
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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



*"Revealing Christ, affirming all."*

December 8, 2012

*The Season of Advent*

## Responsive Reading

### Luke 1:68–79 (NRSV) “Song of Zechariah”

‘Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,  
for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them.

**He has raised up a mighty savior for us  
in the house of his servant David,  
as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,  
that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of  
all who hate us.**

Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors,  
and has remembered his holy covenant,  
the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham,  
to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies,  
might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness  
before him all our days.

**And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,  
to give knowledge of salvation to his people  
by the forgiveness of their sins.**

By the tender mercy of our God,  
the dawn from on high will break upon us,  
to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,  
to guide our feet into the way of peace.’



### Vocal Solo (alto): “O Thou That Tellest” (Messiah)

Isaiah 40:9; 60:1 (KJV):

O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God!

Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

## Closing Hymn #130: “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

1. It came upon the midnight clear,  
That glorious song of old,  
From angels bending near the earth  
To touch their harps of gold:  
“Peace on the earth, good will to men,  
From heaven’s all-gracious King;”  
The world in solemn stillness lay,  
To hear the angels sing.
2. Still through the cloven skies they come,  
With peaceful wings unfurled,  
And still their heavenly music floats  
O’er all the weary world;  
Above its sad and lowly plains  
They bend on hovering wing,  
And ever o’er its Babel sounds  
The blessed angels sing.
3. And ye, beneath life’s crushing load,  
Whose forms are bending low,  
Who toil along the climbing way  
With painful steps and slow —  
Look now! for glad and golden hours  
Come swiftly on the wing;  
O rest beside the weary road,  
And hear the angels sing.

## Children’s Choir

Lissie Quishenberry, *director*  
Josie Arm  
Derek Canales  
Jordan Gaspar  
Mikayla Goulmassian  
Rachelle Matusea  
Yvanna Matusea  
Suki Mendizabal  
Kelsey Mumford  
Drew Quishenberry  
Kyrie Rabello  
Ian Wahagheghe  
Adrianna Zambre

## Church Financial Snapshot

**YEAR TO DATE 2012 (FOR 48 WEEKS, THROUGH DECEMBER 1)**  
**BUDGETED LOCAL FUNDS INCOME \$390,842**  
**ACTUAL LOCAL FUNDS RECEIVED \$364,813**  
**SHORTFALL \$26,029**

## Upcoming Sermons & Events

<b>Elder of the Day</b>	<b>Anoosh Keshishzade</b>
<b>December 15</b>	Todd Leonard
<b>December 22</b>	Todd Leonard
<b>December 29</b>	Cherise Gardner

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

## City Church Announcements

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

**New Worship Service format:** You will notice we are trying out some **changes in our morning order of service.** We will be implementing these for a three-month trial period, after which we will review the format. Please feel free to give us your feedback!

Remember in prayer: **Glenda Mendizabal’s uncle Cesar and Nayeli** (family friend), both battling cancer.

**There is a potluck today** — all welcome!

**Rose Parade with the Pathfinders, 2013!** Buy your tickets now, \$90. This includes your transportation to the event, breakfast, and seating. See Hugh Gardner for details.

**Pathfinders Christmas Toy Drive!** Pathfinders are calling on you to bless families in need. The same families we blessed for Thanksgiving can be blessed again by bringing an unwrapped toy. See Hugh Gardner or church office for details!

**Mid-week Bible Study Class** “God in the 66” meets in Council Room, Tuesday, 6-8 p.m.

**Attention Adventist Creatives!** Here is an opportunity to share your gift with the world—the first ever *inSpire Design and Songwriting Contest*, sponsored by Pacific Union Conference. Now accepting applications through February 22, 2013. Make a difference with your artistic/songwriting abilities and win an iPad. [www.visitinspire.org/contest](http://www.visitinspire.org/contest).

**Crescenta Valley School Christmas Tree Fundraiser.** Purchase a beautiful, fresh tree from Oregon. There are a variety of styles, sizes, even wreaths or centerpieces. Trees will be available for pick-up by Sunday, December 9 at the school (orders, 818-249-1504).

In case you can help: **Accommodation** needed for Michael (615-972-4659), **son of a Kentucky-Tennessee Conference worker**, who is attending the Pasadena Art Center for some months, while working at Glendale Adventist Medical Center.

**The Journey to Bethlehem**, San Gabriel Academy, this weekend, Dec. 7-9, 6:30–9 p.m. Discover a new experience of Christmas ([www.thejourneytobethlehem.org](http://www.thejourneytobethlehem.org)).

• *Did you like what you heard in today’s sermon?  
Have questions, comments, or a differing view?  
Join the discussion online by sharing your comments on  
[www.ReconcileRestore.wordpress.com](http://www.ReconcileRestore.wordpress.com).*

• *Visit [www.glendalecitysda.org](http://www.glendalecitysda.org) to download podcasts  
or visit the Media Center to order CDs of this series’ presentations*

### Youth Events

**Godly Play** will resume *today* at 11:30 a.m. in Room 2 (Giraffe).

**All senior youth & young adults (10th grade and up):** There will be a Christmas party *today*, December 8, 2-6 p.m., hosted by the Kirk family at The Americana. RSVP with Roxy Kirk, 818-736-1388 or see Pastor Cherise for details.

The regular **Pathfinder** meetings will be on the **first and third Sabbath** of the month in the Youth Room after the worship service, 1–3:30 p.m.

**Youth Game Nights** are on the **second Saturday night of every month**, at 6 p.m., in the Youth Room.