

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	“Fugue on the Magnificat”	J. S. Bach
Call to Worship		Todd Leonard
	The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. And also with you. 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.	
Lighting of the 3rd Advent Candle		Vivien Lee Posner
Hymn of Praise	“Joy to the World”	No. 125
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	“And the Glory of the Lord” (<i>Messiah</i>)	G. F. Handel
Children’s Sermon		Cherise Gardner
	(Opportunity for members to greet each other while children are gathering for their sermon)	
Anthem	“Hallelujah” (<i>Messiah</i>)	G. F. Handel
Scripture	Luke 3:10-18 (NRSV)	Beverly Tarr
Sermon	“Earth, Wind, and Fire”	Todd Leonard
Offertory	“Rejoice Greatly” (<i>Messiah</i>) Clarissa Shan, <i>soprano</i>	G. F. Handel
	(Unless otherwise marked, loose offering goes to local church expense)	
Hymn of Response	“O Little Town of Bethlehem”	No. 135
Benediction		Todd Leonard
Musical Response	“Amen” (<i>Messiah</i>)	G. F. Handel
Postlude	“Go, Tell It On the Mountain”	arr. Richard Elliott

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	Eileen Lantry

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

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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 15, 2012

The Season of Advent

Responsive Reading

Luke 3:10–18 (NRSV)

And the crowds asked [John], “What then should we do?” In reply he said to them,

“Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.”

Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, “Teacher, what should we do?” He said to them,

“Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.”

Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what should we do?” He said to them,

“Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.”

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying,

“I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.



Scripture references for today's Anthems from "Messiah"

1ST ANTHEM: “And the Glory of the Lord” (Isaiah 40:5)

2ND ANTHEM: “Hallelujah” (Revelation 19:6; 11:15; 19:16)

OFFERTORY: “Rejoice Greatly” (Zechariah 9:9, 10)

Closing Hymn #135: “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

1. O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.

2. For Christ is born of Mary;
And gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars together
Proclaim the holy birth!
And praises sing to God the King,
And peace to men on earth.

3. How silently, how silently
The wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of His heaven.
No ear may hear His coming;
But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him still,
The dear Christ enters in.

4. O holy Child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in —
Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell —
Oh, come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Immanuel!

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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

Elder of the Day	Barbara Jones
December 22	Todd Leonard
December 29	Cherise Gardner
January 5	Todd Leonard
January 12	Todd Leonard

Sunset tonight – 4:44 p.m. Sunset next Friday – 4:47 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. Also, keep in prayer Pastor Smuts van Rooyen, as he faces some health challenges.

If you are making a **donation to support our concerts**, please mark your tithe envelope, “FOM” (Friends of Music). It was discovered after the Christmas concert that several had made contributions that were intended for the concert, but had marked “Music Ministry”. Music Ministry covers the expenses for our *weekly* music program, while Friends of Music covers our *concerts*. If you recently made a donation intended for the concerts, please let us know so we can properly acknowledge your gift on our programs during the coming year. We apologize for the confusion, and are grateful for your support of both parts of our music program.

Come to our **Christmas Service Petting Zoo next Sabbath, December 22, 9:30–10:50 a.m. in the courtyard, with refreshments. This will take the place of Children's Sabbath Schools that morning.** Invite friends—see you there!

Rose Parade with the Pathfinders, 2013! Buy your tickets now, \$90. This includes your transportation to the event, breakfast, and seating. Arrive by 6 a.m. for the bus. 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.

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 Snow Queens Secret, presented by the Armenian American Theatrical & Musical Society. This original story will have one show only at Beyond the Stars Palace on Sunday, December 23, 3 p.m. A select number of special tickets have been reserved for church members. See Trayfena Zambre for tickets, or contact the church office.

Youth Events

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

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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.