

## 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)

<b>Prelude</b>	Christmas Carol Medley Monique McGuffin Newman, <i>harp</i>	
<b>Call to Worship</b>		Todd Leonard
	The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. <b>And also with you.</b> We come to worship the Savior born on Christmas Day. <b>We come to greet the promised one—the child of Mary.</b> We come to adore the King—born a servant in Bethlehem. <b>We come to praise the Son of God—our Lord and our brother.</b>	
<b>Lighting of the 4th Advent Candle &amp; Entering of the Nativity Crèche Figures</b>		Kristoffer Wahagheghe
<b>Hymn of Praise</b>	“The First Noel”	No. 118
<b>Prayers of the Congregation</b> (Please remain standing for prayer)		Doug Schultz
<b>Prayer Response</b>		(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.	
<b>Anthem</b>	“Joy to the World”	John Rutter
<b>Greetings of the Congregation &amp; Children’s Sermon</b>		Cherise Gardner (Opportunity for members to greet each other while children are gathering for their sermon)
<b>Anthem</b>	“O Come, All Ye Faithful”	arr. R. Elliott
<b>Scripture</b>	<b>Luke 1:46–55 (NRSV)</b> “Mary’s Song (The Magnificat)”	Jesse Martin
<b>Sermon</b>	“What to Expect When You’re Expecting”	Todd Leonard
<b>Offertory</b>	“Silent Night” Monique McGuffin Newman, <i>harp</i> & Duquessa McGuffin, <i>violin</i> (Unless otherwise marked, loose offering goes to local church expense)	Traditional
<b>Hymn of Response</b>	“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”	No. 122
<b>Benediction</b>		Todd Leonard
<b>Musical Response</b>	“Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring” Duquessa McGuffin, <i>harp</i> & Kemp Smeal, <i>organ</i>	J. S. Bach
<b>Postlude</b>	“Symphony V–Toccatà”	Charles Marie Widor

Whether you’re a regular member or a visitor, we encourage you to continue to fellowship with our Church family! 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	Don Greathouse

## 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)  
Vartkes Azadian, Armenian Associate Pastor (626-335-6507)  
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 22, 2012

*The Season of Advent*

## Responsive Reading

**Luke 1:46–55** (NRSV)  
“Mary’s Song” (The Magnificat)

And Mary said,

“My soul magnifies the Lord,  
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,  
for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.

**Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;  
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,  
and holy is his name.**

His mercy is for those who fear him  
from generation to generation.  
He has shown strength with his arm;  
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

**He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,  
and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry  
with good things, and sent the rich away empty.**

He has helped his servant Israel,  
in remembrance of his mercy,  
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,  
to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”



• Did you like what you heard in today’s sermon?  
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## Closing Hymn #122: “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”

1. Hark! the herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the newborn King;  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!”  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,  
Join the triumph of the skies;  
With th’angelic host proclaim,  
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”

*Refrain:*

Hark! the herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the newborn King!”

2. Christ, by highest heaven adored,  
Christ the everlasting Lord;  
In the manger born a king,  
While adoring angels sing,  
“Peace on earth, to men good will;”  
Bid the trembling soul be still,  
Christ on earth has come to dwell,  
Jesus, our Immanuel!

3. Hail! the heaven-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail! the Sun of Righteousness!  
Life and light to all He brings,  
Risen with healing in His wings.  
Mild He lays His glory by,  
Born that man no more may die,  
Born to raise the sons of earth,  
Born to give them second birth.

## Church Financial Snapshot

**YEAR TO DATE 2012 (FOR 50 WEEKS, THROUGH DECEMBER 15)**  
**BUDGETED LOCAL FUNDS INCOME \$407,127**  
**ACTUAL LOCAL FUNDS RECEIVED \$376,444**  
**SHORTFALL \$30,683**

## Upcoming Sermons & Events

**Elder of the Day**  
**December 29**  
**January 5**  
**January 12**  
**January 19**

**Judson Ravi**  
Cherise Gardner  
Todd Leonard  
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*Sunset tonight – 4:47 p.m. Sunset next Friday – 4:51 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!

Welcome to our returning choral director, **Dr. Don Thurber!**

Enjoy our Christmas service **petting zoo today**, 9:30-10:50 a.m. in the courtyard, with refreshments. This will take the place of Children’s Sabbath Schools today. All welcome!

We are saddened to share the news that **Celia Geli**, mother of Pastors Pete and Sam Geli, and grandmother of City Church member member Andrea Geli Turner, passed away last Sunday. Funeral services for her will be held at the Santa Barbara church **today**, December 22, at 2:30 p.m. The church address is 425 Arroyo Road, Santa Barbara.

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.

**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.

**Lit Knitters** are happy to report that the families and adults at the Ascencia Winter Weather Shelter in Glendale are happily distributing the toiletry gift bags that you all generously donated to this project. We look forward to a continued partnership with this homeless shelter. For more information about Lit Knitters and future community service activities, please friend us at Lit Knitters on FACEBOOK or email me at [dmumford1@aol.com](mailto:dmumford1@aol.com).

**Mid-week Bible Study Class** “God in the 66,” will **not meet** during the holidays. We will resume on Tuesday, January 8, Council Room, 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).

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 Queen’s Secret**, presented by the Armenian American Theatrical & Musical Society. This original story will have one show only at Beyond the Stars Palace **tomorrow**, 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 **next Sabbath** at 11:30 a.m. in Room 2 (Giraffe).

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.