

Order of Worship

10:50 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.

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

Prelude "Now Thank We All Our God" *J. S. Bach*
from *Cantata No. 79*
(Please allow this time for quiet meditation for all)

Call to Worship Todd Leonard
This is the day that God has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
O come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before God, our Maker. —Ps. 118, 95

Hymn of Praise "Come, Ye Thankful People" No. 557

Prayers of the Congregation Leif Lind
(Please remain standing for prayer)

Prayer Response (No. 545)
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Hear, oh hear us when we pray,
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Anthem "Bless This House" *M. H. Brabe*
arr. F. Jansen

Thanksgiving Food Collection with The Pathfinders

Anthem "Thanks Be to God" *S. Dickson*
arr. N. Cain

Scripture Matthew 15:21-28 (NRSV) Abigail & Todd Leonard

Welcoming new members

Sermon "Stage Four Relationships" Todd Leonard

Offertory "Now Thank We All Our God" *arr. by Richard Walters*
Christina Bristow, *Soprano*
(Unless otherwise marked, loose offering goes to local church expense)

Hymn of Response "As Saints of Old" No. 556
Tune: FOREST GREEN

Benediction Todd Leonard

Musical Response

Postlude "Water Music Suite—Hornpipe" *G. F. Handel*

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	
Grace Center	General	Fellowship Hall (N.)	Leif Lind
SS Quarterly	General	Chapel	Greg Cox
Living Project	General	Fellowship Hall (S.)	

Worship Options

Option	Location	Sequence
Sanctuary Service	Main Sanctuary	Every Sabbath
Romanian Service	Chapel	Every Sabbath
Armenian Service	Chapel	Every Sabbath

Activities

Event	Location	Sequence
Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room	Sabbath at 9:15 a.m.
Midweek Bible Study	Council Room	Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.
Marathon Clinic	Verdugo Park	Sunday at 7:00 a.m.

Youth Activities

Event	Location	Sequence
Youth Game Night	Youth Room	2nd Sabbath, 6:00 p.m.
Godly Play	Room 2 (Giraffe)	1st & 3rd Sabbath, 11:30 p.m.
Pathfinders	Youth Room	1st & 3rd Sabbath, 1-3:30 p.m.
Children's Choir	Room 10b	Sabbath at noon

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* (714-318-1975) • 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	John Nielsen (818-605-0057)
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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."



November 23, 2013

Thanksgiving Service

PRAISE THE LORD AND GIVE THANKS FOR HE IS GOOD;

HIS LOVE ENDURES FOREVER.

THE LORD SAYS OF HIS PEOPLE,

"FROM THEM WILL COME SONGS OF THANKSGIVING AND
THE SOUND OF REJOICING. I WILL ADD TO THEIR NUMBERS,

AND THEY WILL NOT BE DECREASED;

I WILL BRING THEM HONOR,

AND THEY WILL NOT BE DISDAINED."

PSALM 106:1; JEREMIAH 30:19

Responsive Reading

Matthew 15:21–28 (NRSV)

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon.

Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.”

But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.”

But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.”

She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.”

And her daughter was healed instantly.



Closing Hymn (No. 556): “As Saints of Old”

(Tune: FOREST GREEN)

1. As saints of old their first-fruits brought, of orchard, flock, and field
To God, the giver of all good, the source of bounteous yield;
So we today first-fruits would bring, the wealth of this good land,
Of farm and market, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.
2. A world in need now summons us to labor, love, and give;
To make our life an offering to God, that all may live.
The church of Christ is calling us, to make the dream come true:
A world redeemed by Christ-like live; all life in Christ made new.
3. In gratitude and humble trust we bring our best today
To serve your cause and share your love with all along life’s way.
O God, who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ your Son,
Teach us to give ourselves each day until life’s work is done.

Thanksgiving is...

For our Thanksgiving Service, we want to give thanks for our new church family members who have joined us in the last year:

Maira Aldana	Ripsik Keshishian
Margarita Aleksandryan	Melina Khachikyan
Ingrid Beer	Ken Marefat
Rita Dekrmnjian	Carol Marts
Alexan Dekrmnjian	Mario Mendizabal
Mary Der-Sarkisian	Eriberito Mendoza
Anahit Dishaghajian	Jorge Moran
Kevin Dyer	Andrea Roth
Charlie & Lolita File	Corliss Shelton
Jim Henneberg	Ross Simonian
Michael Helm	Debbie Thomas
Jennifer Jacobsen	Brett Watts

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have in the presence of our God because of you? We always thank God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 3:9; 1 Corinthians 1:4

Thoughts from Today’s Sermon

As we discovered last Sabbath, a person’s growth in understanding life and God requires emptying self of pre-conceived beliefs and notions. In order for us to have stage four relationships, we have to do something similar with our expectations and requirements of others.

ADULT SABBATH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY OPTIONS (9:30-10:30 A.M.):

- CHAPEL — SABBATH SCHOOL QUARTERLY (TRADITIONAL) — Current study theme: “The Sanctuary” by Martin Pröbstle. Subject headings for this uniquely Adventist doctrine include topics such as “The Heavenly Sanctuary,” “The Eschatological Day of Atonement,” and “The Cosmic Conflict Over God’s Character.”
- GRACE CENTER (FELLOWSHIP HALL, north end) — Current book study: “The Book That Made Your World: How the Bible Created the Soul of Western Civilization” by Vishal Mangalwadi. Indian-born author Dr. Mangalwadi maintains that the Bible has shaped and enriched Western democracy, science, and technology in ways that other non-Christian cultures have been unable. Coming from a unique understanding of both Eastern and Western faith and culture, he presents extensively-documented support for his occasionally controversial premises (“What Made the West the Best?”), citing facts such as the biblically-driven abolitionist movement, the founding of America’s great universities, and the 19th century missionary movement.
- THE LIVING PROJECT (FELLOWSHIP HALL, south end) — Social and interactive sharing of personal, cultural, religious, scientific, and scriptural stories. As we connect with our stories we seek to discover our common story in God.

Church Financial Snapshot

YEAR TO DATE 2013 (FOR 45 WEEKS, THROUGH NOVEMBER 9)

BUDGETED LOCAL FUNDS INCOME \$365,336

ACTUAL LOCAL FUNDS RECEIVED \$337,594

Upcoming Sermons & Events

Elder of the Day	Didi Mumford
November 30	Beginning of Advent/Healing Prayer Service
December 7	Leif Lind
December 14	Todd Leonard

Sunset tonight – 4:45 p.m. • 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.*

Proud grandparents, Charles & Loli File, would like to announce the birth of **Albert Y. File**, to their son and daughter-in-law Gabriel & Rezille File, on November 20. Albert came into the world at 9:55 a.m., weighing in at 6 lbs, 8.2 oz., at Glendale Adventist Medical Center. Congratulations!

Welcome home and Happy Thanksgiving to our **students** who have been away at college. We are glad to see you here!

Potluck after worship service today — all are welcome!

The Pathfinder Rummage Sale, was a success and has brought the Pathfinders closer to their goal of having their annual trip to Oshkosh fully funded. Thank you for your continued support!

Pathfinder Thanksgiving Food Collection today! If you have brought a non-perishable item, place it in the collection box in the Narthex. If you have any names of families in need, please submit them to Hugh Gardner, a pastor, or elder by today. If you did not have time to bring items, consider giving a cash donation to Hugh, a pastor, or elder, so that when they are assembling the goods and find they are short, they can purchase what they need. Thank you, church family, for your consideration and support!

Healing Prayer Service, November 30. After expressing our gratitude at Thanksgiving for all of God’s blessings in the past year, our hearts become aware that our world and our own lives still need salvation from injustice, loneliness, indignity, war, disease, dysfunction and so much more. We still need a Savior, and this yearning is given voice during the season of Advent. As we begin this season, City Church will have a special healing prayer service during our November 30th worship. You are invited to participate in this beautiful experience to seek God’s healing—physical, mental, emotional, or relational—for you, your family, or significant others in your life.

Coming Soon: Online Church Campus—City Church Goes Global! The Sabbath morning worship will be rebroadcast three times a week for all who are unable—due to distance, health challenges etc.—to be physically present at church. There will be opportunity for viewers to discuss and interact with comments or questions through the chat feature, and to receive counseling or Bible study. *We are currently looking for additional chat hosts for the weekly rebroadcasts.* Spread the word to those you know: City Church will soon be globally available!

Attention e-Newsletter Subscribers! The *GCC News* was sent out last Tuesday to 151 subscribers; however, **all** the AOL addresses bounced back, and many of the *earthlink.net* addresses were rejected. If you have an AOL or Earthlink email address, please contact your email provider and request that they allow email from our Church’s **new email address, glendalecitychurch.org**. Make sure our email address the e-Newsletter comes from, **webmaster@glendalecitychurch.org**, is in your address book, contacts list, or approved sender list, and have our email address white-listed with your company if you have subscribed from a business email address.

Let Us Know When You Want a Visit. Our pastoral staff and elders are anxious to meet with you, pray with you, and support you. Help us help you! Contact the church office to set up a visit if you are being admitted to a hospital, or if you know of another member being admitted, get their permission and let us know as well. Hospitals will not contact us due to their patient privacy guidelines. As spiritual leaders, special time with you is one of our pastors’ and elders’ highest privileges.