

Order of Worship

10:50 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.

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

Prelude "Water Music" *G. F. Handel*
Handbell Choir

Call to Worship: Lighting of the 2nd Advent Candle Halle Leonard
Today we light the second Advent candle, known as the Candle of Love. The Advent season speaks to us about God's love for all creation, and we remember that God sent the Messiah as the ultimate expression of His love. We commit ourselves to love as God has loved us, and to express that love in all our relationships.

Hymn of Praise "O Come, O Come Immanuel" No. 115

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.

Worship in Music "Sing We Now of Christmas" *arr. Kevin McChesney*
Handbell Choir

Introduction of Young Adult Ministries Director Todd Leonard

Children's Sermon Arleene Chow
(Opportunity for members to greet each other while children make their way up front.
Dismissal of children to Godly Play afterwards)

Scripture Isaiah 2:1-5 Kathy Glennie

Introduction of Communitas Congregations Ryan Bell

Sermon "The Irony of Awareness" Todd Leonard

Offertory "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" *arr. Sandra Eithun*
Handbell Choir
(Unless otherwise marked, loose offering goes to local church expense)

Hymn of Response "Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow" No. 138

Benediction Todd Leonard

Musical Response

Postlude Improvisation of "God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen" *Myron Roberts*

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	Fellowship Hall (N.)	Leif Lind
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) • Arleene Chow, *Young Adult Director* (818-472-5287) • 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) • Ryan Bell, *Executive Director; Communitas Congregations* (323-313-4035)

Officers

Head Elder John Nielsen (818-605-0057)
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Church Office Hours

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Glendale City Seventh-day Adventist Church

"Revealing Christ, affirming all."



December 7, 2013

THE SEASON OF ADVENT

Responsive Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5

This is what Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem:

**In the last days
the mountain of the Lord's temple will be established
as the highest of the mountains;
it will be exalted above the hills,
and all nations will stream to it.**

Many peoples will come and say,

“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the temple of the God of Jacob.

He will teach us his ways,

so that we may walk in his paths.”

The law will go out from Zion,
the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

**He will judge between the nations
and will settle disputes for many peoples.**

**They will beat their swords into plowshares
and their spears into pruning hooks.**

**Nation will not take up sword against nation,
nor will they train for war anymore.**

Come, descendants of Jacob,
let us walk in the light of the Lord.

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.

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.

Sermon Thoughts...

There appears to be an irreconcilable paradox in the prophecies of Advent, both first and second. We are told to get ready for the advent, or appearance, of God, because it is going to happen very, very soon. Yet we are not told when the advent is going to happen, and it may not happen for a long time ... even though it’s coming soon. How do we live in this teasing torment that is our hope in God’s salvation?

Closing Hymn #138: "Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow"

1. There’s a star in the east on Christmas morn.
Rise up, shepherd, and follow.
It will lead to the place where the Savior’s born,
Rise up, shepherd, and follow.

Refrain:

Leave your sheep and leave your lambs,
Rise up, shepherd, and follow.

Leave your ewes and leave your rams,
Rise up, shepherd, and follow.

Follow, Follow,

Rise up, shepherd, and follow.

Follow the star of Bethlehem,

Rise up, shepherd, and follow.

2. If you take good heed to the angel’s words,
Rise up, shepherd, and follow.
You’ll forget your flocks, you’ll forget your herds,
Rise up, shepherd, and follow.

Church Financial Snapshot

YEAR TO DATE 2013 (FOR 47 WEEKS, THROUGH NOVEMBER 23)

BUDGETED LOCAL FUNDS INCOME \$381,573

ACTUAL LOCAL FUNDS RECEIVED \$354,625

SHORTEALL \$26,948

Upcoming Sermons & Events

Elder of the Day

December 14

December 21

December 28

Wanda Koffman

Todd Leonard

Youth Play/Cherise Gardner

Todd Leonard

Sunset tonight – 4:43 p.m. • Sunset next Friday – 4:45 p.m.

City Church Announcements

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



Welcome to Arlene Chow! City Church is pleased to welcome Arlene to our staff as Director of Young Adult Ministry. Arlene comes to us from the Van Nuys Adventist Church where she served as Associate Pastor for six years. She has also been part of the core leadership of youth and young adult ministry in the Southern California Conference, helping to develop the annual One House Project and C3 Collegiate Retreat events. She’s a SoCal native and a graduate of La Sierra University, Riverside. On May 5 she married the love of her life, Danny, a web designer by trade: they live in Sherman Oaks. One thing you need to be aware of: Arlene is a practitioner of Krav-Maga, a form of self-defense taught in the Israeli military.

Please make a note of **Pastor Todd’s new email address**, and add it to your list of contacts: <Todd.J.Leonard@gmail.com>.

Young Adult Gathering, Friday, December 20, 7:30 PM. Join Arlene and 15 other twenty-somethings here for an evening of food, fun and fellowship. For more information, contact Arlene at <ArleneChow@gmail.com>.

You are invited to become a member of the **Friends of Music** at Glendale City Church. For decades, Friends of Music has provided support for concerts at the church. As we approach the end of the year and our largest concert, please consider contributing. For more information, call the church office at 818-244-7241.

Connect with our community through service: Glendale City Church is beginning to build relationships with our city! **Communitas Congregations**, the non-profit we launched last month, is providing us a couple opportunities to serve during the holiday season. **Ryan Bell, director**, will share more during worship. If you are interested in participating in one of these projects, text Ryan at 323-313-4035 with your name and email or sign up on the Communitas Christmas Service sheet in the narthex.

This month’s **Potluck**, December 21, will be International Cuisine. Bring your favorite ethnic dish to share in fellowship. All welcome.

Mark your calendar for our **annual petting zoo** on Sabbath, December 21, at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome. Bring a friend!

Godly Play in December will be held today and next week. On the 21st *all* children’s Sabbath School Classes will be suspended to meet on the courtyard for the annual **Petting Zoo & refreshments!**

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.

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 recently 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.