

Order of Worship

10:50 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.

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

Prelude Variations on “Adeste Fideles” *Marcel Dupré*

Call to Worship: Lighting of the 3rd Advent Candle Vivien Lee Posner
Today we light the third Advent candle. This candle, known as the Candle of Joy, remembers the promise of balance restored and all things made new. John the Baptist jumped for joy in his mother’s womb. Later, when he was in prison, he needed Jesus to remind him that prophecies of justice and healing were being fulfilled all around him. We commit ourselves to believe that, after times of darkness, there can again be the miracle of joy.

Hymn of Praise “Angels We Have Heard On High” No. 142

Prayers of the Congregation Mike 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.

Anthem “Christmas Lullaby” *John Rutter*

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

Anthem “O Come, All Ye Faithful” *arr. R. Elliott*

Scripture **Romans 1:1-7** Adrianna Zambre

Sermon “Have You No Shame?” Todd Leonard

Offertory “Rose of Bethlehem” *Lowell Alexander*
 Sébastien Vallée, *baritone*
(Unless otherwise marked, loose offering goes to local church expense)

Hymn of Response “What Child Is This?” No. 141

Benediction Todd Leonard

Musical Response “Advent Blessing” *A. L. Page*

Postlude Troisième suite, Opus 54—*Carillon de Westminster* *Louis Vierne*

*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	
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) • Arlene 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)
Head Deacon	Ronald Matusea (805-581-7021)
Head Deaconess	Eleanor Posner (818-281-5822)
Church Board Chair	Rudy Torres (714-318-1975)
Sanctuary Choir Director	Sébastien Vallée (831-420-7584)
Children’s Choir Director	Lissie Quishenberry (lissie@crazyladymusic.com)
Organist	Kemp Smeal (714-658-4885)
	Assistant: Taylor Ruhl (909-557-5229)
Secretary	Victoria Lucero (818-244-7241 office)
Treasurer	Dean Vendouris (818-244-7241 office)
Church Clerk	Mindi Rüb (mindilus@mac.com)
Pathfinder Director	Hugh Gardner (626-698-8044)
Children’s Ministry Asst./PR Coordinator	Anji Arm (818-632-7374)
Audio Visual	Michael Bandy (702-577-8005)
	Assistant: Charome Kaocharoen (818-749-5423)
A+ School Board Chair	Glen Christensen (plbboss@aol.com)
A+ School Director	Malisa Smith (818-241-9353 school)
Facilities Administrator	Wayne Libby (760-409-6719)

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 14, 2013

THE SEASON OF ADVENT

Responsive Reading

Romans 1:1-7

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God — the gospel he promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures regarding his Son, who as to his earthly life was a descendant of David, and who through the Spirit of holiness was appointed the Son of God in power by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord. **Through him we received grace and apostleship to call all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from faith for his name's sake. And you also are among those Gentiles who are called to belong to Jesus Christ.**

To all ... who are loved by God and called to be his holy people:

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.



Sermon Thoughts...

What determines whether someone has God working in their lives? How can you tell? Joseph's decision on whether to stay together with Mary might give a clue.

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.

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

SHORTFALL \$26,948

Upcoming Sermons & Events

Elder of the Day

December 21

December 28

January 4

January 11

Judson Ravi

Youth Play/Cherise Gardner

Todd Leonard

Todd Leonard

Communion

Sunset tonight – 4:45 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.*

Thanks to Wayne Libby for the sanctuary's beautiful decor! We are grateful for the hard work that Wayne and his team put in to make our sanctuary so beautiful for the holidays.

Continue to pray for Pastor Cherise, Pastor Mike Elias, and the Long Beach Church. Cherise and her family are underway with their two-month interim ministry assignment in Long Beach. Thanks for keeping them in your prayers as well as their Senior Pastor, Mike Elias, as he recovers from his cancer surgery.

Young Adult Gathering, Friday, December 20, 7:30 p.m. 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>.

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

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

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

Adventist Community Services Offering Today. In 2013 ACS served communities by providing assistance to people affected by flooding, fire, and other disasters. Today's offering will help ACS continue this important work. To learn more or to donate, go to www.communityservices.org.

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 under **Ryan Bell, director**, is providing us a couple opportunities to serve during the holiday season. If you are interested in participating in one of these projects, text Ryan at 323-313-4035 with your name and email.

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!

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

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.

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, please consider contributing. For more information, call the church office at 818-244-7241.