

## Order of Worship

10:50 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.

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

**Prelude** “Reflection on *Fairest Lord Jesus*” *Melvin West*  
Taylor Ruhl, organ

**Invocation** Todd Leonard

Almighty and ever living God,  
ruler of all things in heaven and earth,  
**hear our prayers for this church family.**  
Holy God, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ  
**be present among us today as we seek you.**

**Hymn of Praise** “Fairest Lord Jesus” No. 240

**Prayers of the Congregation** Rudy Torres

**Prayer Response** (No. 684)

Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord,  
Incline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace.

**Anthem** “This Is My Father’s World” *arr. Susan Geschke*  
Bell Choir, Deanna Simeone, *Director*

**Children’s Sermon** Arlene Chow  
(Opportunity for members to greet each other while children make their way up front. A special Lamb’s Offering for student assistance fund will be collected right after the story; then dismissal of children to Godly Play.)

**Anthem** “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” *arr. Susan Geschke*  
Bell Choir

**Scripture** **Matthew 16:1–3** Linda Nelson Torres

**Sermon** “Changing Times:  
Take a Deep Breath” Todd Leonard

**Offertory** “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” *arr. Susan Geschke*  
Bell Choir

(Unless otherwise marked, loose offering goes to local church expense)

**Closing Hymn** “If You But Trust in God to Guide You” No. 510

**Benediction** Todd Leonard

**Postlude** “Praise the Lord with the Drums and Cymbals” *Sigfrid Karg-Elert*

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 & Greet	All	Multipurpose Room	Sanctuary Basement
Beginners	0-3 yrs	Room 3	Elephant
Kinder/1st Grade	4-7 years	Room 2	Giraffe
Junior	2nd 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	
SS Quarterly	General	Chapel	Todd Leonard
Grace Center	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	Fellowship Hall	1st, 2nd, 3rd Sabbaths, 11 a.m.
Armenian Service	Chapel	Every Sabbath, 11 a.m.

## Activities

Event	Location	Sequence
Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room	Sabbath at 9:15 a.m.
Young Adults’ Open Door	Multipurpose Room	Friday at 7:30 p.m.
Marathon Clinic	Verdugo Park	Sunday at 7:00 a.m.

## Youth Activities

Event	Location	Sequence
Youth Game Night	Youth Room	2nd Sabbath, 6:30 p.m.
Godly Play	Room 2 (Giraffe)	1st & 3rd Sabbath, 11:20 a.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 & Online Campus Director* (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)

### Church Officers

Head Elder John Nielsen (818-605-0057)  
Head Deacon Ronald Matusea (818-730-0350)  
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)  
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Church Clerk Mindi Rüb (mindilus@mac.com)  
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Children’s Ministry Asst./PR Coordinator Anji Arm (818-632-7374)  
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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.”



August 16, 2014

## Responsive Scripture Reading

### Matthew 16:1-3

The Pharisees and Sadducees came to Jesus and tested him by asking him to show them a sign from heaven.

He replied, “When evening comes, you say, ‘It will be fair weather, for the sky is red,’ and in the morning, ‘Today it will be stormy, for the sky is red and overcast.’ **You know how to interpret the appearance of the sky, but you cannot interpret the signs of the times.**



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

- CHAPEL — SABBATH SCHOOL QUARTERLY (TRADITIONAL)—Current study theme: “The Teachings of Jesus” by Carlos Steger, dean of School of Theology at River Plate Adventist University, Argentina. Christ was the greatest teacher or rabbi—through sermons, parables, and interactions with individuals and crowds. Topics this quarter include Jesus’ words on salvation, the church, mission, God’s law, the Sabbath, and the Second Coming.
- GRACE CENTER (FELLOWSHIP HALL, north end) — Current book: “Searching for the God of Grace”, by Stuart Tyner. This book focuses on the dilemma we as Christians often have, where we acknowledge that we are “saved by grace”, yet fail to comprehend fully what that means. Written in a practical, easy-to-comprehend style, it concludes every chapter with a section of thought-provoking questions entitled “Grace Notes”, encouraging deeper discussion. Also: Follow City Church’s Online weekly blog of this book at <http://glendalecitychurch.org/index.php/easyblog.html>, or by going to the link on our Church website, [www.glendalecitychurch.org](http://www.glendalecitychurch.org), and add your questions, comments, and feedback!
- 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.

## Online Campus Announcements

Find us on Twitter! @CityChurchGlen or Online Campus @GCCChurchOnline. All Facebook postings will appear on Twitter.

Join our weekly spiritual blog on our link at [glendalecitychurch.org](http://glendalecitychurch.org). We will cover different books with practical spiritual questions. Currently we are discussing Stuart Tyner’s “Searching for the God of Grace.” Get a copy of the book from [www.adventistbookcenter.com](http://www.adventistbookcenter.com) or follow us on our church’s website link!

**City Church Online:** So far this year we have had an audience or viewings of 6,800 from over 70 countries! During “Live” streaming you can chat with others watching; archived sermons are available for later viewing, [citychurch-online.org](http://citychurch-online.org). Become part of our ministry by becoming a Chat Host. See Leif Lind for details, or call the church office.

**City Church Audio Sermons available on iTunes!** Our podcast has the last 20 episodes. Subscribe and never miss a sermon.

## Closing Hymn #510 “If You But Trust in God to Guide You”

1. If you but trust in God to guide you  
And place your confidence in Him,  
You’ll find Him always there beside you,  
To give you hope and strength within.  
For those who trust God’s changeless love  
Build on the rock that will not move.
2. What gain is there in futile weeping,  
In helpless anger and distress?  
If you are in His care and keeping,  
In sorrow will He love you less?  
For He who took for you a cross  
Will bring you safe through every loss.
3. In patient trust await His leisure,  
In cheerful hope, with heart content  
To take whatever your Father’s pleasure  
And all discerning love have sent;  
Doubt not your inmost wants are known  
To Him who chose you for His own.
4. Sing, pray, and keep His ways unswerving,  
Offer your service faithfully,  
And trust His word; though undeserving,  
You’ll find His promise true to be.  
God never will forsake in need  
The soul that trusts in Him indeed.



*This German hymn, written in 1641 after its author experienced times of stress and change, became very popular; being even sung at the funeral of Friedrich Wilhelm I of Prussia. Mendelssohn and J. S. Bach both used the tune in several of their works; more than 400 texts have been sung to this tune!*

**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.

## Upcoming Sermons & Events

**Elder of the Day**  
**August 23**  
**August 30**  
**September 6**

Taylor Ruhl  
Cherise Gardner  
Todd Leonard  
Todd Leonard

*Sunset tonight – 7:38 p.m. • Sunset next Friday – 7:30 p.m.*

## City Church Announcements

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

Note, there is **no** potluck today. **Next Sabbath**, please join us after Worship Service for a special potluck in honor of Cherise’s new leadership position. We all know the wonderful ministry she has put in place for City Church these last seven years, and the Conference has recognized her time and talent by calling her to a Senior Pastor position with the Long Beach church. Be sure to attend this special day—which will be her last here—and give your blessings to our Cherise!

There will be a bonus program in the **Second Saturday Series, this afternoon** at 4 p.m., presented by Ariana Solotoff, violist; Tao Ni, cellist; and Harout Senekeremian, pianist. Don’t miss this treat!

The **Lit Knitters** would like to thank City Church for its generosity and support! The Back-to-School backpack/supply program for underprivileged students was a success! We provided 32 backpacks full of supplies to Glendale Unified School District children this past week. Thank you for the blessing!

**L.A. Forum, Sabbath, September 27, 3 p.m., Chapel.** The speaker will be Ron Graybill, Ph.D., previously assistant secretary to the White Estate. He will be addressing “The Big Bible, Bigger Still: A Study of the Harmon Family Bible and Its Role in Adventist History.” All are welcome.

**Young Adults’ Open Door** will not meet the rest of August; we will return Friday, September 5, 7:30 p.m.

**City Church is hosting a German Youth Choir from October 1–5**, but we need your help. There are 41 kids, ages 13-16, and if you have space to host any of these young people please consider opening your home. Contact the church office.

**A+ Children’s Center** has room to watch your little ones (18 mos. to 5 yrs.!) Come and take a tour and talk to the Director Malisa Smith, any time from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. You will find this is truly a place where “everybody is somebody special”! 818-241-9353.

Glendale City Church will be a part of the **AIDS Walk L.A., October 12!** We are now registering participants; for more information see Pastor Arlene, or contact the church office.

**GAMC is offering free Quit Smoking** counseling. Contact Michael Olivares 818-409-800 x 5861 ([michael.olivares@ah.org](mailto:michael.olivares@ah.org)) for more information.

**CREATION Health** ([www.creationhealth.com](http://www.creationhealth.com)) is a faith-based wellness plan complete with lifestyle seminars and a special training program for those who want to teach and start their own wellness program. A Leadership Training Seminar will be conducted September 8 and 9 in Pasadena; cost is \$99 (see flyer in Narthex for more details). You may also visit their website for other resources, or get the Creation App.

**Retreat at Asilomar Conference Center, Monterey Bay**, sponsored by Heart, Soul & Mind Ministries, **October 24–26**. Featured speaker will be well-known speaker **Brian McLaren**. Details at [www.hsmretreat.org](http://www.hsmretreat.org).

## Church Financial Snapshot

**YEAR TO DATE 2014 (FOR 31 WEEKS, THROUGH AUGUST 2)**

**BUDGETED LOCAL FUNDS INCOME \$279,579**

**ACTUAL LOCAL FUNDS RECEIVED \$276,103**

**SHORTFALL \$3,476**