

City Church Announcements

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

We are saddened to report the death of lifelong City Church member, **Dr. Robert Marsh**, on August 21. Services to be announced; our prayers are with Marguerite as we all mourn his passing.

Please join us after the worship service **today 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!

August birthday celebration for the youth is this Sabbath during song service at 9:30 a.m. in the Multipurpose Room. Join us!

L.A. Forum today, Sabbath, August 23, 3 p.m., Chapel. The speaker will be Gerry Chudleigh, Communications Director of the Pacific Union and publisher of the Pacific Union Recorder. His topic: "How the Headship Principle Entered the Church, and Why You Should Care." All are welcome!



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!

Congratulations to our church member **Gabriela Keller**, who just had another of her books published! You can find this new title, "The Great War, Disability and Social Darwinism: Charity or Rehabilitation?" on Amazon.com by searching her name there.

The next **Young Adults' Open Door** will be Friday, September 5, 7:30 p.m.

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.

City Church is hosting a **German Youth Choir from October 1-5**, but we still need your help housing kids, ages 13-16. If you have space to host any of these young people, please consider opening your home. Contact the church office for further information.

Herman Kibble has developed a couple of **creative outreach cards** with easy-to-read biblical references on Sabbath & the Great Controversy; ideal to share with friends looking for answers. If interested, please speak to Herman or see the Media Center.

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.

Find us on Twitter! @CityChurchGlen or Online Campus @GCCChurchOnline.

Join our weekly spiritual blog@www.glendalecitychurch.org. Currently we are discussing Stuart Tyner's "Searching for the God of Grace."

City Church Online@citychurch-online.org. During "Live" streaming you can chat with others watching; archived sermons are available for later viewing. Take part in 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.

Upcoming Sermons & Events

Elder of the Day
August 30
September 6

Linda Nelson
Todd Leonard
Todd Leonard

Sunset tonight – 7:30 p.m. • Sunset next Friday – 7:23 p.m.

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	
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)

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Head Elder: John Nielsen (818-605-0057)
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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 23, 2014

Order of Worship

10:50 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.

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

Prelude “Like a River Glorious” *arr. Dan Miller*
Taylor Ruhl, *organ*; Leif Lind, *piano*

Call to Worship Rudy Torres
The voice of the LORD is over the waters; he thunders over the mighty waters.
The voice of the LORD is powerful; his voice is majestic.
The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; he sits enthroned as King forever.
The LORD gives strength to his people; the LORD blesses his people with peace.
—from Ps. 29

Hymn of Praise “Like a River Glorious” No. 74

Baptism Cherise Gardner
The Glendale City Church family extends a special blessing and welcome to our baptismal candidate today, Mikayla Goulmassian!

Prayers of the Congregation Arlene Chow

Prayer Response (No. 684)
Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord,
Incline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace.

Worship in Music “The Lord’s Prayer” *Malotte; arr. Fred Bock*
Taylor Ruhl, *organ*; Leif Lind, *piano*

Scripture **1 John 4:11-16, 19-21** Daisy Bolduc
Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. **If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God. And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.**

God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.

We love because he first loved us. Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. **And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.**

Sermon “Echoes of God” Cherise Gardner

Blessing of Teachers & Students for the New School Year Cherise Gardner

Offertory “God Be With You” *arr. Wilbur Held*
Taylor Ruhl, *organ*
(Unless otherwise marked, loose offering goes to local church expense)

Closing Hymn “Lord, Speak to Me” No. 541

LITANY OF FAREWELL AND THANKSGIVING

LEADER: Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, in the book of Ecclesiastes, the preacher writes:

“For everything there is a season,
and a time for every matter under heaven:
a time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
a time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to break down, and a time to build up;
a time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
a time to throw away stones,
and a time to gather stones together;
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
a time to seek, and a time to lose...”

LEADER: Our associate pastor, Cherise Gardner, led by the Spirit, is leaving us to follow God’s call. The time has come to mark the ending of her seven years of ministry here at Glendale City Church. God has blessed us with her faithful service as our co-worker in Christ. With a mixture of joy and sadness, we give thanks to God for our time together and mark the ending of her ministry with us.

CONGREGATION: Pastor Cherise, you were called here to minister among us. Sharing our joys and sorrows, you and Hugh have been important to our life together in the Church of Jesus Christ and in our service to the community.

PASTOR CHERISE: People of God, you called me to serve in this place. Now God has seen fit to lead me elsewhere, bearing witness to what we have done together. I am thankful for the time God has given us together. I have known your love and patience. In Christ’s name, you have ministered to me as I have to you; you have been my teachers as I have sought to be yours; you have forgiven me as I have forgiven you. Side by side we have walked together in Christ’s service. The Holy Spirit brought us together for a time, and you will remain in my thoughts and prayers.

LEADER: Let us pray for Pastor Cherise and give thanks for our life together. Dear God, we thank you for Cherise, and for our life together in this congregation and community. You have led her by the Holy Spirit to serve your people here. And now as we bid her farewell, we pray that you will bless her in her ministry at Long Beach.

CONGREGATION: Amen.

PASTOR CHERISE: Scripture tells us that endings are only new beginnings, therefore, let us go forward, doing God’s will in our respective places, for the sake of the gospel of Christ. As you have been a blessing to me, so also may you be a blessing to others.

CONGREGATION: As God’s faithful people, let us each serve as we are called to do. Let us strive for righteousness, godliness, faithfulness, love, endurance, and gentleness, giving and receiving comfort as we serve within the Church.

LEADER: The God of peace make you perfect in every good work to do God’s will, working in you that which is well pleasing in His sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom be honor and glory forever and ever.

CONGREGATION: Amen.
God’s blessing go with you to guide and equip you and give you peace. Amen.

Postlude “Be Still, My Soul (Finlandia)” *Sibelius; arr. McKechmie*
Taylor Ruhl, *organ*; Leif Lind, *piano*

Welcome to our Church potluck meal after the service!

TODAY’S ORGAN AND PIANO PRELUDE & POSTLUDE

• **PRELUDE: “LIKE A RIVER GLORIOUS” (SDAH #74):**

This piano and organ meditation, arranged by Dan Miller, is based on the hymn text:

“Like a river glorious is God’s perfect peace,
Over all victorious in its bright increase.
Perfect, yet it floweth fuller every day,
Perfect, yet it groweth deeper all the way.
Trusting in Jehovah, hearts are fully blest —
Finding, as He promised, perfect peace and rest.”

The arrangement starts with a quiet, flowing piano melody, indicating the peaceful course of the river (perhaps reminiscent of the river story in Smetana’s “Moldau”). Then, as the hymn tune starts, we observe the simple and beautiful melody — somewhat unique, since nearly three-quarters of the hymn consists of many pairs of unhurried, repeated notes.

Finally, after modulating through six key changes, the arrangement quietly ends with the piano repeating the peaceful river motif that opened the piece.



• **POSTLUDE: “BE STILL, MY SOUL (FINLANDIA)” (SDAH #461):**

“Finlandia,” an orchestral piece written in 1899, made its Finnish composer Jean Sibelius famous overnight. His native Finland, brutally oppressed for centuries, was under Russian domination and longed for its freedom. To avoid censorship the piece, which was written as a covert protest, was originally given a different title, though the Finnish people knew very well what the music signified in their struggle for independence.

The hymn theme “Be Still, My Soul” — which comes from this piece — doesn’t occur until nearly halfway through. It has become one of the most-loved hymns of all time.

The prelude and postlude both assure the listener of God’s quiet, guiding presence in the midst of change and uncertainty.

Pathfinders Had a Wonderful Time in Oshkosh!



Thank you, City Church for all your support!