

Order of Worship

10:50 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.

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

Prelude Christmas Carol Medley *Traditional*
Monique McGuffin Newman, *harp*

Call to Worship Todd Leonard

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

We come to worship the Savior born on Christmas Day.

We come to greet the promised one—the child of Mary.

We come to adore the King—born a servant in Bethlehem.

We come to praise the Son of God—our Lord and our brother.

Hymn of Praise “Angels We Have Heard on High” No. 142
Lighting of the 4th Advent Candle during this hymn

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.

Anthem “O Holy Night” *John Rutter*

Children’s Sermon Emily Estrada
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 “For Unto Us” from *Messiah* *G. F. Handel*

Scripture Luke 1:46b–55 (“The Magnificat”) Tom Chatt

Communitas Update Jason Schlatter

Sermon “Gabriel’s Annunciation ... to You” Todd Leonard

Call for Offering Todd Leonard

Offertory Meditation *Bach/Gounod*
Duquessa McGuffin, *violin*; Monique McGuffin Newman, *harp*
(Unless otherwise marked, loose offering goes to local church expense)

Hymn of Response “O Little Town of Bethlehem” No. 135

Benediction Todd Leonard

Blessing “Advent Blessing” *Roger Summers*

Postlude “Symphony V–Toccatà” *Charles Marie Widor*

*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 Café, 10:00 a.m.	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.
Marathon Clinic	Verdugo Park	Sunday at 7:00 a.m.

Youth Activities

Event	Location	Sequence
Godly Play	Room 2 (Giraffe)	1st & 3rd Sabbath, 11:20 a.m.
Youth Movie Night (grades 9–12)	Youth Room	4th Sabbath, 6:30 p.m.
Youth Church weekend	See Bulletin details	4th Friday & Sabbath
Youth Café	Youth Café	4th Fridays, 7:00 p.m.
Children’s Choir	Room 10b	Sabbath at Noon
Young Adult Lunch	Youth Café	Every Sabbath after Church

Church Directory

Pastoral Staff

Todd Leonard, *Senior Pastor* (818-244-7241 office) • Arlene Chow, *Youth and Young Adult Director* (818-472-5287) • Leif Lind, *Church Administrator & Online Campus Director* (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 Latacanu, *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)
Interim Youth Choir Director	Lisa Fenderson
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)
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)
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Church Office Hours

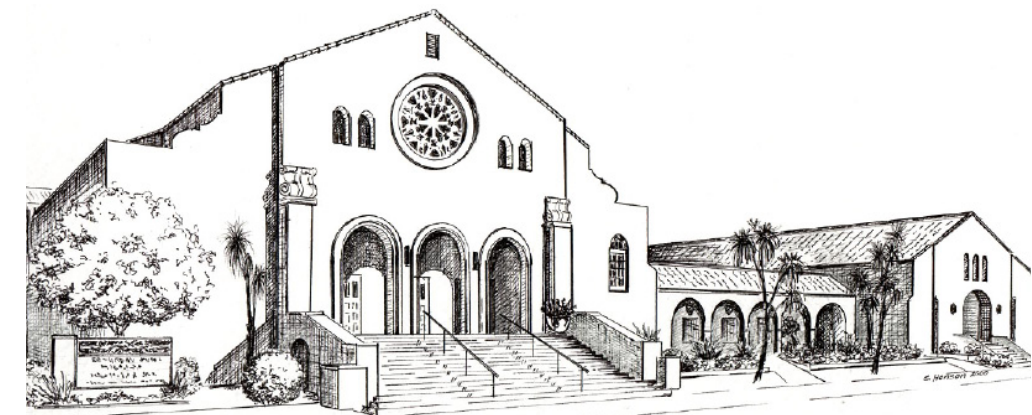
Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.; Friday 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
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Glendale City Seventh-day Adventist Church



“Revealing Christ, affirming all.”

December 20, 2014

Responsive Reading

“The Magnificat” Luke 1:46b–55

“My soul glorifies the Lord
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has been mindful
of the humble state of his servant.

**From now on all generations will call me blessed,
for the Mighty One has done great things for me —
holy is his name.**

**His mercy extends to those who fear him,
from generation to generation.**

He has performed mighty deeds with his arm;
he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts.
He has brought down rulers from their thrones
but has lifted up the humble.

**He has filled the hungry with good things
but has sent the rich away empty.**

He has helped his servant Israel,
remembering to be merciful
to Abraham and his descendants forever,
just as he promised our ancestors.”

City Church Online Holiday Schedule

All Broadcast times are at 5 p.m. & 8 p.m., PT

- Sabbath, December 20: December 13 Worship Service
- Sunday, December 21 through 25: Annual Christmas Concert
- December 26 through 30: December 20 Worship Service
- December 31 & January 1: Annual Christmas Concert
- January 2 through 6: December 27 Worship Service

During this time period, the Church 1.0, Adventist Forum, and Romanian services will continue to be broadcast as scheduled. *Note* that Church 1.0 *will not* live stream on December 27, due to Christmas break.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Romanian Sabbath School and Worship Services Sunday–Friday, 1:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. on Sabbath, PT.

Church 1.0, San Francisco’s church **services** are Sunday–Friday at 3:30 p.m., and Saturday at 1:30 p.m., PT.

L.A. Adventist Forum broadcast every Saturday at 3 p.m., PT.

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

GCC’s Spiritual Blog is discussing Stuart Tyner’s “Searching for the God of Grace.” www.glendalecitychurch.org

City Church Audio Sermons available on iTunes or Video on YouTube (“Glendale City Seventh-day Adventist Church”). Subscribe and never miss a sermon.

Closing Hymn No. 135: “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

1. O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

2. For Christ is born of Mary; and gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars together proclaim the holy birth!
And praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.

3. How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heaven.
No ear may hear His coming; but in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him still, the dear Christ enters in.

4. O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in — be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell —
Oh, come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Immanuel!



Let Us Know When You Want a Visit. 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.

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

- CHAPEL – SABBATH SCHOOL QUARTERLY (TRADITIONAL)— Current study theme: “The Book of James” by Clinton Wahlen, associate director of the Biblical Research Institute. Scornfully called an “Epistle of Straw” by Martin Luther, the Book of James emphasizes the importance of practical works in the Christian life.
- GRACE CENTER (FELLOWSHIP HALL, north end)— *New* book study: “131 Christians Everyone Should Know” by the Editors of Christian History Magazine. Examining the lives of history-changing Christians, this book shows how thought leaders among preachers, musicians, missionaries, denominational founders, and others have forever changed the course of the Christian Church. Vignettes of life-stories as diverse as Martin Luther, Billy Graham, J. S. Bach, Harriet Tubman, and William Miller inspire us today to learn from their examples. (See also christianhistoryinstitute.org for more fascinating historical data, carefully and objectively researched.)
- 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.

City Church Announcements

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

National Homeless Persons’ Memorial Day: The nonprofit organization Ascencia (www.Ascencia.org) will be holding a **vigil at 3 p.m. on Monday, December 22** at Cerritos Park (3690 San Fernando Rd, Glendale) to remember the homeless people of our community who have died this past year (at least six people in Glendale alone). National Homeless Day, commemorated on the first day of winter — the longest night of the year — falls on a Sunday this year; for that reason the vigil will be held on the following day, Dec. 22. All are invited to be a part of the vigil and to recommit themselves to the goal of ending homelessness.

Please note that there will be *no* young adult luncheon or church potluck today.

We regret to announce the **passing of Mrs. Ruth Moore** on December 16 in Huntsville, Alabama. She used to attend Glendale City, and was part of the committee that selected our choir robes; she also assisted Pastor Denise Kasischke in playing piano for the children’s divisions. Additionally, some physicians may remember her from the time she worked at County Hospital. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family at this time.

Year End Tithing & Contributions. Please be sure for tax purposes to have your year-end contributions in no later than noon on Wednesday, December 31. If making donations online, it must be by 9:00 p.m. the evening of December 31. The office will be open until noon on December 31; after-hours contributions may be deposited in the church office mail slot. Call for special arrangements. Thank you for your blessings — and Happy New Year!

Listening Assistance Devices Available. If you would appreciate additional amplification while attending City Church’s worship, you can visit the Media Center or Audio-Visual desk to pick up a listening-assist device. We hope you will be able to join us!

Adventist female & male student each looking for housing within about a 15-mile radius in Glendale. If you can house either, please contact the church office.

Church member is in urgent need of a full-time day caretaker; female Adventist with self-transportation. Please contact church office for more information.

Glendale Communitas Initiative Looking for Mentors. Help bring love, encouragement, and stability to low-income families in Glendale by serving as a mentor to an adolescent or adult 1-2 hours a week in January 2015. Contact Jason Schlatter, executive director, to learn more about the Communitas mentorship program: communitasjs@gmail.com, 818-477-0792.

Church Financial Snapshot

YEAR TO DATE 2014 (FOR 48 WEEKS, THROUGH NOVEMBER 29)

BUDGETED LOCAL FUNDS INCOME \$441,332
ACTUAL LOCAL FUNDS RECEIVED \$437,229
SHORTFALL \$4,103

Upcoming Sermons & Events

Elder of the Day	Linda Nelson
Deacon of the Day	Jerry Wahagheghe
December 27	Lessons & Carols
January 3	Leif Lind
January 10	Todd Leonard
	Todd Leonard

Sunset tonight – 4:47 • Sunset next Friday – 4:50 p.m.