

Order of Worship

10:50 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.

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

Prelude "Sonata I–Allegro moderato e serioso" *F. Mendelssohn*

Invocation Leif Lind

God of grace and wisdom,

Give us the courage to bring your love to a world in need of healing,

Your peace to people in need of reconciliation,

Your justice to communities in need of new hope. Amen.

Hymn of Praise "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" No. 100

Prayers of the Congregation Mike Quishenberry

(please remain standing for prayer)

Prayer Response (No. 672)

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me!

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Break me, melt me, mold me, fill me!

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me!

Mini-Concert: Message in Song Steve Darmody

Children's Sermon Jim Henneberg

Opportunity for members to greet each other while children make their way up front.

Scripture **Jonah 3:1-10; 1 Samuel 15:29** Danny Chow

Sermon "Myths We Tell Ourselves About God:
O Thou, Who Changest Not" Leif Lind

Call for Offering Leif Lind

Offertory Steve Darmody

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

Closing Hymn "O God, Our Help In Ages Past" No. 103

Benediction Leif Lind

Postlude "Toccata–Opus 59" *Max Reger*

A LOVE OFFERING FOR *WORLD VISION*,

THE SPONSOR OF STEVE DARMODY'S MINI-CONCERT TODAY,

WILL BE COLLECTED AT THE DOORS AFTER THE SERVICE.

THANK YOU FOR ANY CONTRIBUTION YOU CAN MAKE!

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
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
Earlteen	7th & 8th grade	Room 4, Eagle
Teen	14-17 yrs	Youth Café, 10:00 a.m., Chapel Basement
Armenian	General	Room 11, Chapel Basement
Romanian	General	Room 13, Chapel Basement
SS Quarterly	General	Chapel
Grace Center	General	Fellowship Hall (N.)
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.

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 (ages 5-12)	Multipurpose Room	Sabbath, 8:30-9:30 a.m.
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 Lataeanu, *Romanian Pastor* (909-528-2545)

Church Officers

Head Elder John Nielsen (818-605-0057)
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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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Responsive Reading

Jonah 3:1-10 (“The Message”): “Maybe God Will Change His Mind”

Next, God spoke to Jonah a second time: “Up on your feet and on your way to the big city of Nineveh! Preach to them. They’re in a bad way and I can’t ignore it any longer.”

This time Jonah started off straight for Nineveh, obeying God’s orders to the letter.

Nineveh was a big city, very big—it took three days to walk across it.

Jonah entered the city, went one day’s walk and preached, “In forty days Nineveh will be smashed.”

The people of Nineveh listened, and trusted God. They proclaimed a citywide fast and dressed in burlap to show their repentance. Everyone did it—rich and poor, famous and obscure, leaders and followers.

When the message reached the king of Nineveh, he got up off his throne, threw down his royal robes, dressed in burlap, and sat down in the dirt. Then he issued a public proclamation throughout Nineveh, authorized by him and his leaders: “Not one drop of water, not one bite of food for man, woman, or animal, including your herds and flocks! Dress them all, both people and animals, in burlap, and send up a cry for help to God. Everyone must turn around, turn back from an evil life and the violent ways that stain their hands. Who knows? Maybe God will turn around and change his mind about us, quit being angry with us and let us live!”

God saw what they had done, that they had turned away from their evil lives. He *did* change his mind about them. What he said he would do to them he didn’t do.

1 Samuel 15:29 (NIV)

“He who is the Glory of Israel does not lie or change his mind; for he is not a human being, that he should change his mind.”

Church Financial Snapshot

YEAR TO DATE 2015 (FOR 2 WEEKS, THROUGH JANUARY 10)

BUDGETED LOCAL FUNDS INCOME \$19,912

ACTUAL LOCAL FUNDS RECEIVED \$17,012

SHORTFALL \$2,900

Upcoming Sermons & Events

Elder of the Day	Mary Khayat
Deacon of the Day	Glenda Mendizabal
March 7	Todd Leonard
March 14	Todd Leonard

Sunset tonight – 5:47 p.m. • Sunset next Friday – 5:54 p.m.

New Sermon Series: “Myths We Tell Ourselves About God”

“[Spiritual] myths are dangerous things. We’re positive they’re true, and we base our hopes and plans and aspirations on them. But because they have a foundation at least *partially* false, we can find ourselves trapped in mistaken ideas and attempting impossible tasks because of them. And myths are especially frightening when it comes to Christian living.” — *George Knight, “Myths in Adventism.”*

We all hold, consciously or not, myths that are meaningful to us. Some involve everyday life; others, our life in Christ. Today’s sermon examines the belief of “the unchanging God”. While it is certainly true that God’s character is eternal and unchanging, how He adapts His approach towards our changing and changeable lives offers fresh hope to all who seek to follow God’s plan for them.

City Church Online

• **City Church’s Online Campus** (www.citychurch-online.org): rebroadcast Sunday through Friday at 8:00 p.m. PT & ET; Saturday mornings at 11:00 a.m., PT & ET

• **Romanian Sabbath school and worship services** daily at 1:30 p.m. Sunday-Friday, and 5:00 p.m. on Saturday (Pacific Time).

• City Church Online is also broadcasting San Francisco’s **Church 1.0 service** Sunday–Friday at 3:30 p.m., and Saturday at 1:30 p.m., PT. The **L.A. Adventist Forum sessions** will likewise be broadcast every Saturday at 3:00 p.m.

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

• **Join our weekly spiritual blog** @www.glendalecitychurch.org. Currently we are discussing Stuart Tynes’ “Searching for the God of Grace.”

• **City Church audio sermons available on iTunes or worship service videos on YouTube and Vimeo**, or visit the Church’s website.

GLENDALE COMMUNITAS INITIATIVE NEWS

• **Communitas is now officially a 501(c)3 Organization!** Please consider giving a tax-deductible donation to support this collaborative community organization.

• **Visit our new Website!** www.GlendaleCommunitasInitiative.org.

• **New Office is now open!** Thanks to First Lutheran Church of Glendale for providing two offices for our staff.

• **Case Manager now working.** Priscila Vergara will be organizing mentors and resources for the family stability program.

• **Communitas-in-Motion Seminar: How to Obtain Your Worker’s Permit.** Sunday, 4:00 p.m., Iglesia Dios Restaura, 360 W Windsor Rd., Glendale, CA 91204. Seminar is free of charge and open to the public.

• **To Learn More or to Register for an Event, contact Jason Schlatter, Executive Director:** 818.477.0792, jason@glendalecommunitasinitiative.org.

• **Thank you, Glendale City Church, for your support of Communitas!** We couldn’t do it without you!

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City Church Announcements

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

Prayers for Pastor Todd’s family: Pastor Todd’s father, **Rodney Leonard**, fell this week and suffered a serious head injury; Todd has flown to Georgia to be with him. At the time of this writing, we understand that his father’s surgery went well, though the next few days are critical.

Today Glendale City warmly welcomes **Gospel recording artist, Steve Darmody**. Known for many appearances on Christian TV networks around the country, Steve has also performed in venues ranging from the Pentagon, the US Senate, the Crystal Cathedral, and Carnegie Hall. Eight CDs and 30 years of music ministry later, he will today be presenting a mini-concert, supported by **World Vision**, a well-known Christian organization working to improve the plight of needy children around the globe (<http://www.stevedarmody.org/worldvision>). A special **love offering for World Vision** will be collected at the doors after the service today.

Today’s flowers are given by Reuben Dator in honor of his father, Carlos Dator, Jr.’s, 80th birthday! We wish God’s blessing on the family!

Want to remember a loved one or friend with **pulpit flowers**? Or simply to add beauty to the service? If so, please contact the church office to pay for their order; thank you to those who have supported this meaningful project.

Potluck today in the Fellowship Hall, following the worship service. (*Note:* potlucks will now be held monthly on the 4th Sabbath.) Today’s cuisine theme is Mexican — all welcome!

L.A. Adventist Forum, today, 3:00 p.m., Chapel. The speaker is Zane Yi, PhD, Assistant Professor of Religion, Loma Linda University. Topic: “Telling a Better Story: Reasoning about Religion in a Secular Age.” All are welcome!

Prayers and Squares Quilting Ministry starting at Glendale City! **Evie Salzman**, recently moved here from Forest Lake Church in Florida, is eager to start a prayer quilting ministry with us. Her family’s escape from Nazi Austria, her conversion story in Haiti, and how she became involved in prayer quilting (over 2700 quilts made!) were all captivatingly described at our February 7 service (see 8-min. clip on <http://youtu.be/w7LjVS80s0> or watch our sermon archives page online). Be sure to **contact Evie (213-369-6898 or salzmannevic@gmail.com)** if interested — this may be your talent waiting to be used!

Five Dollars A Week, One Percent A Month. Your faithful generosity has always allowed City Church to create new opportunities for social connections and spiritual growth within our congregation. For 2015, consider increasing your giving to Church Budget by \$ 5 per week, or, increasing your giving by 1% of your income. We thank you for being a contributing member of your community.

One Sabbath A Month. We are calling on our church family to give their time and energy to ministry one Sabbath a month. Can you be a greeters, deacons, or potluck team member? Be a part of City Church’s comfortable and welcoming environment. Contact the Church Office or directly speak with the leaders of the following:

Greeters, Lela Leong: laleleong@earthlink.net, 818-723-5352

Deacons, Ron Matusca: rmsimi1@yahoo.com, 818-730-0350

Potluck, Eleanor Posner: posnereleanor@gmail.com, 818-281-5822

Trayfena Zambre is collecting **blankets and warm clothing** for shipping to **orphanages in Armenia**. Please contact her 818-414-8277 or Jeevan Johnson (jeevanjohnson@gmail.com) if you are able to help!

GAA Annual Music Department Benefit Concert. “Against All Odds” will take place at the Hall of Liberty, Forest Lawn, Hollywood Hills, Sunday, March 8, 7:00 p.m. Tickets: \$15/adults; \$10/students. To purchase tickets call 818-244-8671.

Have an old **CD player** you no longer use? A church member would greatly appreciate being able to use it for listening to the weekly CD audio of the church service! Please contact the church office if you are able to help.

Church member looking for a ride to church living in Eagle Rock/Glassel Park. If you can, contact Helena 989-475-6697.