

## Order of Worship

10:45 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.

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

**Prelude** “Winter Fantasia” *J. M. Sellers*  
Jewel City Flute Choir

**Opening Hymn** “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” No. 12

**Call to Worship** Smuts van Rooyen

Hear the good news! When the time had fully come,  
God sent forth his own Son, born of a virgin, born under law  
to redeem those who are guilty of breaking that law.

**This Son of God is Jesus Christ, who died for our sins.**

**He forgives us of all our sins.**

We are no longer slaves of sin.

**Let us rejoice, in the name of the Father, of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit! Amen**

**Greetings & Prayers of the Congregation** Doug Schultz  
(please remain standing for prayer)

**Prayer Response** (No. 140, v. 1)

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.*

**Anthems** “Amen” *Jester Hairston*  
“Joyeux Noel” *arr. A. Young*  
Jewel City Flute Choir

**Call to Offering** Ronald Matusea

**Offertory** “Wexford Carol” *arr. A. Pearce*  
Jewel City Flute Choir

**Scripture** **Ephesians 3:14-21** Timothy Maina

**Anthem** “Gesù Bambino” *Pietro Yon*  
Jewel City Flute Choir

**Sermon** “The Power of Love” Smuts van Rooyen

**Closing Hymn** “I Cannot Tell Why” No. 255

**Benediction** Smuts van Rooyen

**Musical Response**

**Postlude** “A Renaissance Noel” *arr. C. McMichael*  
“We Wish You A Merry Christmas” *arr. A. Pearce*

## Sabbath School Options

Class	Age	Location	Symbols/Leaders
Beginners	0-3 yrs	Room 3	Elephant
Kindergarten	3-5 yrs	Room 4	Giraffe
Primary	6-9	Room 2	Eagle
Junior	10-12 yrs	Room 1	Lion
Teen	13-19 yrs	Room 10b	Fish
Armenian	General	Room 11	
Romanian	General	Room 13	
Pastor	General	Chapel	Leif Lind
SS Quarterly	General	Sanctuary	Don Greathouse

## Worship Options

Option	Location	Sequence
Sanctuary Service	Main Sanctuary	Every Sabbath
Romanian Service	Chapel	1st and 3rd Sabbaths
Armenian Service	Chapel	2nd and 4th Sabbaths

## Activities

Event	Location	Sequence
Bell Choir	Call Ariel Quintana	Friday at 8:00 pm
Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room	Sabbath at 9:15 am
Pathfinders	GAMC Gymnasium	Tuesday at 6:45 pm
Children's Choir	Room 10b	Sabbath at Noon
Marathon Clinic	Verdugo Park	Sunday at 7:00 a.m.

## Church Directory

### Pastoral Staff

Smuts van Rooyen, Senior Pastor (626-256-4240)  
Cherise Gardner, Family & Children's Ministries (626-484-8436)  
Leif Lind, Church Administrator (909-557-5230)

Hovik Sarrafian, Armenian Senior Pastor (909-796-9536)  
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Dorin Lataeanu, Romanian Senior Pastor (909-528-2545)

### Officers

Head Elder	Don Greathouse (626-796-8579)
Head Deacon	John Nielsen (818-605-0057)
Head Deaconess	Eleanor Posner (818-281-5822)
Church Board Chair	Vincent Haynes (213-276-2131)
Choir Director	Brenda Mohr (brendajmohr@gmail.com)
Children's Choir Director	Lissie Quishenberry (lissie@crazyladymusic.com)
Organist	Kemp Smeal (714-658-4885)
Secretary	Victoria Lucero (818-244-7241 office)
Treasurer	Dean Vendouris (818-244-7241 office)
Church Clerk	Mindi Rüb (mindilus@mac.com)
A+ School Board Chair	Beverly Tarr (626-449-7319)
A+ School Principal	Malisa Smith (818-241-9353 school)
Pathfinder Director	Warren Dale (818-384-2820)
Facilities Administrator	Wayne Libby (818-522-4297)

### 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

## “The Season of Advent”



December 11, 2010

“Revealing Christ, affirming all.”

## Scripture Response

### Ephesians 3:14-21

#### A Prayer for the Ephesians

For this reason I kneel before the Father,  
from whom his whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name.

**I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you  
with power through his Spirit in your inner being,  
so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.**

And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love,  
may have power, together with all the saints,  
to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ,  
and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—  
that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

**Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more  
than all we ask or imagine, according to his power  
that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church  
and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations,  
for ever and ever! Amen.**



## Keeping the Joy Present (because each day is a Gift), Part 2

*How long is your holiday gift list?* Statistics on holiday gift giving are limited, but intriguing. In 1982, Theodore Caplow investigated the pattern of gift giving during the Christmas season among 110 respondents. An average of 27 gifts were given. *How does that compare to your list?* And depending upon the survey, shoppers intend to spend \$658 to \$715 for gifts this holiday season. A family of 2 adults could spend \$1,500.

It seems that holiday gift giving is a double-edged sword. On one hand, researchers in the late 1970s/early 1980s suggested that the giving of gifts during Christmas is a means of symbolizing and strengthening social and family ties. In an exploration of the meaning of Christmas, Hirschman and LaBarbera (1989) evaluated essays written by 220 participants from 4 populations: Evangelical Christians, Quakers, undergraduate business students, and candidates for the Master of Business Administration degree. Some of the statements associated with gift giving and the sacred bonds of relationships include: "To show people through presents that you care about them"; "We give presents to each other to represent the gladness and celebration of Christ's birth"; "As I wrap gifts I think of the person who's going to receive them and become filled with pleasure."

On the other hand, holiday gift giving can be a source of stress. *Who should I include in (and leave off) my list? What will I give each person? When will I be able to shop and wrap presents? How much will I spend?* Hirschman and LaBarbera (1989) noted statements about gift giving opposite of those previously expressed: "I get up early with cash and credit cards in hand and go about the difficult and dirty task of spreading Christmas cheer"; "I feel duty bound to buy, buy, buy"; "I enjoy receiving gifts, but would be willing to forego that to be released of the burden and expense of buying gifts for others."

How can we find a balance and **keep the joy present** when it comes to giving gifts at Christmas? Be honest with yourself (and others). Choose a realistic and appropriate budget for your situation. See the budget as a tool to decrease holiday stress. Think creatively: give the gift of time (offering to baby-sit, make a meal, yard work, etc.), or the gift of making memories by sharing your talents, skills, or love of a hobby. Stay inspired by your holiday mission statement. Last, remember that joy is not found in things, but in God. *The Journal of Happiness Studies* (2002) published a study by Tim Kasser, Ph.D. and Kennon Sheldon, Ph.D. on the Christmas experiences of 117 individuals. They found that people who emphasized time spent with families and meaningful religious or spiritual activities reported greater happiness (merrier Christmases) than those whose Christmas was predominated with spending money and receiving gifts.



Following today's potluck, stay for the **cooking demonstration** by Dr. Harold Fanselau and Dr. Kathy McFarland, featuring **gourmet vegetarian soups**.

## City Church Announcements

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

### DON'T FORGET! HOLIDAY NOTICES

**L.A. Adventist Forum** will take a break for the holidays in November and December. New session will start January 2011.

**Potluck** will be *today*.  
All welcome—see you there!

**Second Saturday Series** will take a break for the holidays in December. New season starts in January with Christoph Bull, organist in residence at Royce Hall, UCLA.

We extend a warm welcome today to our visiting **Jewel City Flute Choir** members!

**Pledge Cards.** A huge thank you to those who turned in the October Pledge Card for Church Budget. There is still an opportunity to make a pledge. If you have a Pledge Card, you may place it in the offering or mail it to the Church Office. If you need another card, see one of the pastoral staff or contact the Church Office.

**Help us reach out** to members who are sick or who have stopped attending for any reason. If you have contact information for such a member, write it on a pew card and let a pastor know or call/email the church office. We cannot let members of our Church family be forgotten.

**Candelight Christmas Concert, Vallejo Drive, Saturday, December 18, at 4 p.m.** This program is sure to delight you with traditional lessons and carols and music of the Advent of Jesus' birth, featuring the Vallejo Drive Chancel, Bell Choir and Brass Ensemble.

**For Rent.** Studio apartment in Glendale with separate entrance, floors, central a/c & heat, utilities included. Call 818-243-9266.

**Save this Date: February 12, 2011!** Homecoming Sabbath and 105<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Glendale City Church Celebration.

## Upcoming Sermons & Events

**Elder of the Day**  
**December 18**  
**December 25**

Hugh Gardner  
Smuts van Rooyen  
Smuts van Rooyen

**Sunset tonight – 4:43 p.m. Sunset next Friday – 4:43 p.m.**