



# GLENDALE CITY CHURCH of SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

Finding God at the Intersection of Our Lives

December 15, 2018

## TODAY'S OPTIONS @ THE PERSONAL GROWTH MARKETPLACE

- 9:00 a.m.: Courtyard Café, Central Courtyard
- 9:00-11 a.m.: Communitas JumpStart Center
- 9:30 a.m.: Study, Discussion, and Support Groups:
  - Chapel*—"Oneness in Christ" Bible study group (traditional Sabbath School lesson).
  - Fellowship Hall, North*—Grace Center book discussion: "Original Blessing: Putting Sin In Its Rightful Place" by Danielle Shroyer
  - Room 4*—The Living Project Support Group



## CITY KIDS' MORNING SCHEDULE

- 11:00 a.m.: Praise Time in the Lower Level Multipurpose Room
- 11:15 a.m.: Age-Appropriate worship experiences in the following classrooms:

Beginners: Ages 0-3, Room 2

Primary: Grades 2-5, Room 3

Kindergarten: Grades PreK-1, Room 1

Early-teen: Grades 6-8, Room 4

## OPEN DOOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT MINISTRY

- 11:00 a.m.: Worship with Pastor Lemar in the Open Door Lounge

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- 9:00 a.m. Petting Zoo
- 11:00 a.m.: Sanctuary: Pastor Lemar and A+ Adventist Children's Center Kids

# SATURDAY WORSHIP — 11:00 A.M. (PLEASE SILENCE YOUR ELECTRONIC DEVICES)

*We welcome you as you worship with us today. Whether you're a regular member or a visitor, we encourage you to continue to fellowship with our Church family after the service! Please also feel free to contact any of our pastoral staff if you have a question, want a visit, or need help.*

**Prelude** "Canonic Variations on 'Infant Holy, Infant Lowly'" *Raymond Haan*  
Kemp Smeal, *organ*

*Today we light the third Advent candle. This candle, known as the Candle of Joy, remembers the promise of balance restored and all things made new. John the Baptist jumped for joy in his mother's womb. Later, when he was in prison, he needed Jesus to remind him that prophecies of justice and healing were being fulfilled all around him. We commit ourselves to believe that, after times of darkness, there can again be the miracle of joy.*

**Welcome and Call to Worship** *Mike Kim*

As people of the Advent, we watch, wait, and prepare for the return of Christ to the world.

**Come, Lord Jesus, come!**

As people of the Advent, we watch for signs of your action in this chaotic world,  
actions of compassion, hospitality and grace breaking in.

**Come, Lord Jesus, come!**

Holy God, we recognize that we do not know the day or the hour,  
but we know that the day is near.

**Come, Lord Jesus, come! Be born anew in our world and in our lives.**

**Candlelighting & Opening Hymn** "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne" *No. 140*  
*Lighting of the Advent Candle during the opening hymn*

**Child Dedication** *Lukas Nathanael Ciocan; Mike Kim*

**Worship in Song** "Soft, Sweet Hay" *Karyn Henley*  
"Jump for Joy"  
A+ Children's Choir

**Greetings & Prayers of the Congregation** *(Please remain standing for prayer)* *Suki Mendizabal*

**Prayer Response** *(No. 135)*

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!

**Anthem** "African Noel" *André Thomas*

**Scripture Reading** **Philippians 4:4-7** *Yvanna Matusea*

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

**Anthem** "O Holy Night" *Arr. John Rutter*

**Sermon** "Bang... Pow... Zing... Clang... Peace... Noise... Noise...Noise... Lemar Sandiford  
Peace... Anxiety... Pain... Peace... Stress... Peace. Peace. Peace."

**Call to Offering**

**Offertory** "The Birthday of a King" *W. H. Neidlinger*  
Stephanie Aston, *soprano*  
(Unless otherwise marked, loose offering goes to local church expense)

**Hymn of Response** "When Peace Like a River" No. 530

**Benediction** *(Please be seated after the benediction)* Lemar Sandiford

**Musical Response** "Come, Lord Jesus" *Laura Anna Page*

**Postlude** "XII Noël: Suisse, Grand Jeu, et Duo" *Louis Claude Daquin*



**DEACON OF THE DAY:** Jerry Wahagheghe

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Baby Dedication:** Today we warmly welcome little **Lukas Nathanael Ciocan** (the baby brother of Matthew Ciocan), second son of Madalin Ciocan and Gentiana Lamba Cuvinan.

**Today's flowers** are given by Judson Ravi in recognition and appreciation of all that **Zack and Lillian Abaro** do for our church!

**Homeless Persons' Memorial Service**, Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Museum Plaza. Please join Ascencia on **Friday, December 21, 4:00 p.m.** as they pay homage to those men, women, and children lost to homelessness. For more information, contact Tarry Kang, Ascencia, 818-246-7900, [events@ascenciaca.org](mailto:events@ascenciaca.org).

Thank you for remembering your **year-end giving to City Church**. See *Intersections* magazine for more ideas of how to stretch your church dollar!

**Extended deadline for "Exodus" tour (Egypt, Jordan, and Israel):** Registration and deposit deadline for the Cultural, Educational & Religious "Exodus" tour is now **December 15!** For further information, see the latest *Intersections* or email [drcjorgeramirez@gmail.com](mailto:drcjorgeramirez@gmail.com).

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