



# **GLENDALE CITY CHURCH**

**Finding God at the Intersection of Our Lives**



**December 19, 2015**

610 E. California Avenue, Glendale, CA 91206  
818-244-7241 • [www.glendalecitychurch.org](http://www.glendalecitychurch.org)

***“Revealing Christ, affirming all.”***

**WORSHIP**— 10:50 a.m. *(Please turn off all cell phones & pagers)*

**Prelude**

“Chorale Prelude on *What Child Is This?*”  
Taylor Ruhl, *organ*

Alec Rowley

**Call to Worship**

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

Arleene Chow

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

**Hymn of Praise**

“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”

No. 122

(1) Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King;  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!”  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;  
With th’angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”

**Refrain:** Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”

(2) Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ the everlasting Lord;  
In the manger born a king, while adoring angels sing,  
“Peace on earth, to men good will;” bid the trembling soul be still,  
Christ on earth has come to dwell, Jesus, our Immanuel!

(3) Hail! the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail! the Sun of Righteousness!  
Life and light to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays His glory by, born that man no more may die,  
Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.

**Prayers of the Congregation**

Doug Schultz

*(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**

“Christmas Hymn (While By My Sheep)” 17th cent., arr. Hugo Jungst  
*While by my sheep I watched at night, glad tidings brought an angel bright:  
How great my joy. Joy, joy, joy! Praise we the Lord in heaven on high.*

**Children’s Sermon**

Anthony Paschal

*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**

“African Noel”

André Thomas

*Sing Noel, sing Noel, Noel, Noel.  
O come, ye people, gather here to hear the news of good cheer,  
The King of kings, the Lamb of God is born today in Bethlehem.*

**Scripture****Luke 2:8-20**

Michael Acosta

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. **But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”**

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.” **When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”**

So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. **But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.**

**Sermon** “How the Grinch Stole Christmas!” Arleene Chow

**Call to Offering** Arleene Chow

**Offertory** “Jesus, What a Wonderful Child” *Spiritual Black Gospel*  
 Jesse L. Martin, *baritone*  
*(Unless otherwise marked, loose offering goes to local church expense)*

**Closing Hymn** “Angels We Have Heard on High” No. 142

**Benediction** Arleene Chow  
*(Please be seated after the benediction)*

**Postlude** “Improvisation on *God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen*” Myron Roberts



*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, want a visit, or need help.*

## CHURCH LIFE

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

Glendale City church warmly **welcomes Dr. Clarissa Shan as our new choir director**, as well as extending our **gratitude to Dr. John Dennison** for his willingness to be our interim choir director.

“Prayers & Squares” Quilting Ministry still has a few **handmade Christmas quilts at \$75 each** in the Lobby, helping to raise funds for those needing the comfort of a prayer quilt. A wonderful gift to remind that special someone in your life that you care for them. Contact the church office.

The public service of gratitude for God’s leading in **Lorenzo W. Paytee’s** life will be held on Sabbath, January 9, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. in the Vallejo Drive Church. Thank you for remembering Mrs. Phyllis Paytee and the family in prayer.

For those who would like to view the **Dec. 4 Christmas Concert video**, email the church office for the access link (or you can try: <https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B2s4IEhHJkI3ZGI2VVRBS24xZ1E>).

**Mark your calendars!** Glendale City Church’s **110th anniversary** is coming up the weekend of Jan. 22-23, 2016! We plan a full weekend to commemorate this important milestone, with events filling Friday evening and all Saturday. Make sure to keep this date open, and invite your friends!

Please help **Glendale Academy Drama students go to NYC!** Twenty-seven energetic and talented young actors from Glendale Academy have the opportunity to spend four days/three nights in New York City. Some highlights include: one Broadway show, one musical theater workshop, and one improvisation workshop. Please help them achieve this goal. Any amount that you can give will help those students who are financially struggling to attend. **Please donate** at: <https://fundrazr.com/campaigns/315EZe>.

**Ascencia Winter Shelter Program, November 16–March 31, 4:30 p.m.** 1219 Los Angeles Street., Glendale, for **homeless single adults** 18+, first come, first serve (no early line-ups). If you are working and cannot come earlier, call 818-246-7900 x 100. **Homeless families** must call during business hours (after hours call 211). Volunteer information or food donations, email [volunteer@ascenciaCA.org](mailto:volunteer@ascenciaCA.org).

**Michael Bandy’s book, *Granddaddy’s Turn***, has just been nominated for an NAACP Image Award for Outstanding Literary Work (Children). The **movie *White Water***, based on another of his books, was also nominated in two categories: Outstanding Writing in a Motion Picture (Television) and Outstanding Directing in a Motion Picture (Television). We extend our congratulations to Michael!

## UPCOMING SERMONS & EVENTS

December 26	“Lessons & Carols”	Leif Lind
January 2		Anthony Paschal
January 9	Communion	Todd Leonard
January 16	Dr. Arlene Taylor; GAMC Health Screening	
January 22, 23	110th Anniversary (inc. Smuts van Rooyen, Rudy Torres, John Brunt, GAMC history, music concert by GAA & members)	
January 30		Todd Leonard



**Urban Liturgy** warmly invites you at 3 pm in the Multipurpose Room **today**.



**Videos** of our worship services can be viewed on demand at any time at [glendalecitychurch.org](http://glendalecitychurch.org), **YouTube**, or **Vimeo**. Live broadcasts will soon be available.

# Make the Season Bright!

**Adopt - A - Family  
Holiday Donations**

In celebration of the season and helping our families up and out of poverty we want to make this a Christmas to remember. Some have escaped domestic violence and others homelessness and are starting life anew.

We still need gift cards to: Ross, Target, JC Penny (or any clothing store); gasoline cards; or Ralph's market. Any amount will help.

We will wrap other gifts we have received tomorrow, here, in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your gifts by at 1:00 p.m. If you can bring them by TODAY, Urban Lit will be meeting later and you can give your gifts to the pastors—Arleene—818-472-5287 or Anthony—951-756-3605. Or Contact Jason Schlatter at: [jason@glendalecommunitasinitiative.org](mailto:jason@glendalecommunitasinitiative.org)—(818) 477-0792 for alternate drop off.

Let these families know that City Church wishes them a very Merry Christmas!





## THANK YOU FOR INCLUDING GLENDALE CITY CHURCH ON YOUR CHRISTMAS GIFT-GIVING LIST.

We depend on your generosity in December to power our church ministry into the spring.

*Make sure to include gifts to our two core ministry funds:*

### TITHE

Two Full-Time Pastoral Salaries at Glendale City Church and Support to Seventh-day Adventist Ministry in L. A.

### CITY CHURCH BUDGET

Everything Else: Church Staff, Facility, Utilities, Worship Music, Kids, Marketing, Outreach, Sabbath School and More!

## **DONATE NOW!** We have three convenient ways to give your tax-deductible donation:

1. **CASH OR CHECK:** Use a Glendale City Church **donation envelope** and turn your donation in during the offering collection or mail it to: **610 E California Avenue, Glendale, CA 91206.**
2. **CREDIT/DEBIT CARD ONLINE:** Visit **[www.GlendaleCityChurch.org](http://www.GlendaleCityChurch.org)** and click on the "Online Giving" link on our homepage. You will then be taken to our Adventist Giving portal.
3. **CREDIT/DEBIT CARD GIVING KIOSK.** Visit the **church lobby** to make your donation to City Church Budget. (Please note: donations to Tithe cannot be received at the kiosk).

# FREE Health Assessments

Offered by Glendale Adventist Medical Center/UniHealth Foundation



## GAMC Health Assessments

**Saturday, January 16, 2016**

**10AM-1PM**

### Location:

Glendale City Church  
610 E. California Ave  
Glendale, CA 91206



### One Minute of Prevention Can Provide a Lifetime of Health

Prevention provides numerous benefits to managing your health. Our free health assessments can help you find out if you are at risk for conditions such as heart disease, hypertension and other related chronic conditions. Take 10-15 minutes to own your health!

### Your assessment includes the following:

- Height/Weight/Pulse readings and blood pressure monitoring.
- Referrals to risk reduction services and resources.
- Education workshops.

**No appointment is necessary!**

HEALTHCARE *at a Higher Level*

[AdventistHealth.org/Glendale](http://AdventistHealth.org/Glendale)

(818) 482-8222



Glendale Adventist Medical Center

**ELDER OF THE DAY:** Wanda Koffman • **DEACON OF THE DAY:** Ronald Mausea

## WORSHIP OPTIONS

**Sanctuary Service**  
Sanctuary, every Saturday

**Romanian Service**  
Fellowship Hall, 1st, 2nd, 3rd Sabbaths, 11 a.m.

**Armenian Service**  
Chapel, every Saturday 11 a.m.

## SABBATH SCHOOL CLASSES

**Children's Meet & Greet**, all ages, Room 3, Below the Sanctuary  
**Beginners**, 0-4 yrs, Room 2, Below the Sanctuary  
**Kindergarten**, 4-7 years, Room 1, Below the Sanctuary  
**Primary/3-5th gr**, Room 3, Below the Sanctuary  
**Juniors/6-8th gr**, Room 4, Below the Sanctuary  
**Teens/9-12th gr**, Teen Room, YA Café, Below the Chapel  
**Armenian**, Room 11, Below the Chapel  
**Romanian**, General, Room 13, Below the Chapel

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

- CHAPEL – SABBATH SCHOOL QUARTERLY (TRADITIONAL) — Current study theme: “Jeremiah” by Imre Tokics, PhD, LLD, head of the Old Testament Department at the Adventist Theological College in Pecel, Hungary.
- GRACE CENTER (FELLOWSHIP HALL, NORTH SIDE) — Current book study: “MISREADING SCRIPTURE WITH WESTERN EYES: REMOVING CULTURAL BLINDERS TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE BIBLE” by E. R. Richards & B. J. O'Brien. Who we are and where we come from affects how we read the Bible. This fascinating study examines 9 key areas where Westerners may have significantly different assumptions than what is actually going on in the text, including differences in societal mores, language, the honor and shame codes, individualism vs. collectivism, the perception of time, and virtue and vice. Welcome to a thought-provoking discussion!
- THE LIVING PROJECT (FELLOWSHIP HALL, SOUTH SIDE) — 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.

## CHURCH DIRECTORY

### **Pastoral Staff**

Todd Leonard, *Senior* (818-244-7241 office)  
Arleene Chow, *Youth & Young Adults* (818-472-5287)  
Leif Lind, *Church Administration* (909-557-5230)  
Anthony Paschal, *Church Life* (951-756-3605)

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)  
Head Deacon—Ronald Mausea (818-730-0350)  
Head Deaconess—Eleanor Posner (818-281-5822)  
Church Board Chair—Rudy Torres (714-318-1975)  
Sanctuary Choir—Clarissa Shan (909-709-3596), *director*  
Children Choir—Lisa Fenderson (l.fenderson6@gmail.com)  
Organist—Kemp Smeal (714-658-4885);  
Taylor Ruhl, *assistant* (909-557-5229)

Secretary—Victoria Lucero (glendalesda@gmail.com)  
Treasurer—Dean Vendouris (818-244-7241, office)  
Church Clerk—Mindi Rüb (mindilus@mac.com)  
Children's Ministry Asst.—Anji Arm (818-632-7374)  
Audio Visual—Charome Kaocharoen (818-749-5423);  
Michael Acosta  
A+ School Board Chair—Glen Christensen  
(plbboss@aol.com)  
A+ School Director—Malisa Smith (818-241-9353)  
Facilities Administrator—Wayne Libby (760-409-6719)

### **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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