



GLENDALE CITY CHURCH

Finding God at the Intersection of Our Lives



December 12, 2015

610 E. California Avenue, Glendale, CA 91206
818-244-7241 • www.glendalecitychurch.org

"Revealing Christ, affirming all."

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

Prelude

“Sleepers, Wake!”
Ty Woodward, *organ*

J. S. Bach

Call to Worship

Todd Leonard

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

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

Hymn of Praise

“The Advent of Our God”

No. 117

(1) The advent of our God with eager prayers we greet,
And singing haste upon his road his coming reign to meet.

(2) The everlasting Son was born to make us free;
And he a servant’s form put on to gain our liberty.

(3) As Judge, on clouds of light, he soon will come again,
His scattered people to unite with them in heaven to reign.

(4) Praise to th’incarnate Son who comes to set us free,
With Father, Spirit, ever one, to all eternity.

Prayers of the Congregation

Jay Lantry

(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

“There Shall a Star from Jacob Come Forth”

Felix Mendelssohn

There shall a star from Jacob come forth
and a scepter from Israel rise up,
and dash in pieces princes and nations.
There shall a star from Jacob come forth.

How brightly beams the morning star!
With sudden radiance from afar
With light and comfort glowing!
(Matt. 2:1, 2; Num. 24:17; Ps. 2:9)

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.

Worship in Song

“How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings”
Pierre van der Westhuizen *(see program notes)*

S. Liddel

Scripture**Luke 3:7-18**

Beverly Tarr

John said to the crowds coming out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.”

“What should we do then?” the crowd asked.

John answered, “Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same.”

Even tax collectors came to be baptized. “Teacher,” they asked, “what should we do?”

“Don’t collect any more than you are required to,” he told them.

Then some soldiers asked him, “And what should we do?”

He replied, “Don’t extort money and don’t accuse people falsely—be content with your pay.”

The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. **John answered them all, “I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.** His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.” **And with many other words John exhorted the people and proclaimed the good news to them.**

Anthem

“E’en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come”

*Paul Manz***Sermon**

“So THIS IS XMAS? — Call”

Todd Leonard

Call to Offering

Todd Leonard

OffertoryCharles Lane, *tenor**(Unless otherwise marked, loose offering goes to local church expense)***Closing Hymn**

“Joy to the World”

No. 125

Benediction*(Please be seated after the benediction)*

Todd Leonard

Postlude

“Fanfare”

Jacques Lemmens

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.

Be sure to remember this afternoon's concert at 3 p.m. by **Pierre van der Westhuizen!** He will also be sharing one vocal item with our congregation this morning.

"Prayers & Squares" Quilting Ministry is selling **4 beautiful 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. These quilts will not be available much longer — checks may be written to Glendale City Church, but remember also to mark "Quilting Ministry". Thank you!

We extend our deepest condolences to the family of **Eugeniu Gasman** on the sudden passing of his daughter Corina. Our prayers are with the family at this time.

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=0B2s4IEhHJk13ZGI2VVRBS24xZ1E>).

Donations for local animal shelter needed! Towels, blankets, sheets, newspapers, stainless steel bowls, litter pans, cat/dog treats, toys, carriers, grooming supplies, baby wipes, fabric softener sheets. Josie Arm is the collector; just bring them to the church office in a bag marked "animal shelter." For monetary donations, visit <http://josiearm.wix.com/helptheanimals>. Thank you!

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!

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.

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 19		Arleene Chow
December 26	"Lessons & Carols"	Leif Lind
January 2		Anthony Paschal
January 9		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

Relax During Your Lunch Hour With Live Music
**GLENDALE
NOON CONCERTS**
Every 1st & 3rd Wed 12:10–12:40p.m.
FREE ADMISSION

Glendale City Church
110 E. California Street, Glendale 91205
818-244-7241 / www.glendalecitychurch.org
glendalenoonconcerts.blogspot.com

December 16

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Catherine Del Russo

OBOE

Mark Robson

PIANO

music by

JOHN SCOTT

& PAUL HINDEMITH



Urban Liturgy warmly invites you at 3 pm in the Multipurpose Room next Saturday:

VILLAGE PEOPLE

December 19 **Village People: Change**



A great privilege indeed, spreading the Good News of God's Salvation and Love through Godly Music, to make people aware of the 'God of Wonders - The Eternal Faithful One'.

GOD OF WONDERS THE ETERNAL FAITHFUL ONE!

Pierre van der Westhuizen is a Full Time Singing Evangelist, spreading the Word of God through Great Inspirational Music. He has been touring the USA, Russia, New Zealand, Australia and Southern Africa, bringing the Good News of Salvation through Jesus Christ - in a special presentation of singing.

Anina Wassermann is a professional singer and part-time lecturer at the department of Performing Art at Tshwane University, Pretoria, South Africa. Her studies in Europe and the U.K. led to a solid classic foundation and numerous performances. Anina's great love for the Lord, and the strong calling on her life, is the passion of her heart. She is dedicated to use the talent He gave her to glorify God and advance His Kingdom.

Since 2010, Anina and Pierre, who are from South Africa, have been collaborating with mutual vision and great success: to serve God with their voices: Voices of Praise!

Saturday, December 12th - 3pm



610 E. California Ave., Glendale CA 91206

**Please note that, due to a family illness, Anina will unfortunately not be part of this program.*

CDs will be available for sale after this Vespers Program, as well as a Love Offering will be collected.

FREE PETTING ZOO!

Saturday, Dec. 19th - 9:30 am



Join us for Hot Cocoa & Pastries!

*Enjoy animals
like the ones that
welcomed baby Jesus*



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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** 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).

WAYS TO GIVE TO YOUR CHURCH

Mark a tithe envelope & place it in the offering plate with the deacons. • Donate online through our website • Donate in the Lobby. A Giving Kiosk is located in the booth opposite the Media Center (debit/credit cards*)
*Swipe the card to ensure a Year-End giving receipt; manually keyed-in donations register as anonymous.

FIND US ON SOCIAL MEDIA



Videos of our worship services can be viewed on demand at any time at glendalecitychurch.org, YouTube, or Vimeo. Live broadcasts will soon be available.



KALEIDOSCOPE CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

S E R I E S 2 : I V E S & B R A H M S

Ives: Unanswered Question / Brahms: Symphony No. 4

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11 @ 8 PM

First Presbyterian Church . 1220 2nd Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13 @ 3 PM

Glendale City Church . 610 East California Avenue, Glendale, CA 91206

TICKET PRICES

General Admission - \$30

Seniors - \$20

Students - \$10

Ages under 18 - FREE

Tickets are available in person 1 hour before performance & in advance at

WWW.KCO.LA

The always conductorless concert is about one hour and performed without intermission. Please stay afterwards to meet the musicians and enjoy a complimentary reception!

ELDER OF THE DAY: Anoosh Keshishzade • **DEACON OF THE DAY:** Jerry Wahagheghe

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)
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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—Clarissa Shan (909-709-3596), *director*
Children Choir—Lisa Fenderson (l.fenderson6@gmail.com)
Organist—Kemp Smeal (714-658-4885);
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Secretary—Victoria Lucero (glendalesda@gmail.com)
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Michael Acosta
A+ School Board Chair—Glen Christensen
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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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