



# GLENDALE CITY CHURCH

Finding God at the Intersection of Our Lives



**December 5, 2015**

610 E. California Avenue, Glendale, CA 91206  
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*"Revealing Christ, affirming all."*

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

**Prelude**

“Fantasy on *O Come, O Come, Immanuel*”  
Taylor Ruhl, *organ*

Noël Goemanne

**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**

“Blest Be the King Whose Coming”

F. Pagura/Fred Pratt Green

Tune: ST. THEODULPH

(1) Blest be the King whose coming is in the name of God  
For him let doors be opened, no hearts against him barred!  
Not robed in royal splendor, in power and pomp, comes he;  
But clad as are all poorest, such his humility!

(2) Blest be the King whose coming is in the name of God  
By those who truly listen his voice is truly heard;  
Pity the proud and haughty, who have not learned to heed  
The Christ who is the Promise, who has atonement made.

(3) Blest be the King whose coming is in the name of God  
He only to the humble reveals the face of God.  
All power is his, all glory! All things are in his hand,  
All ages and all peoples, till time itself shall end!

(4) Blest be the King whose coming is in the name of God  
He offers to the burdened the rest and grace they need.  
Gentle is he and humble! And light his yoke shall be,  
For he would have us bear it so he can make us free!

**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.

**Worship in Song**

“I Wonder as I Wander”  
Daniel Chaney, *tenor*

*John Jacob Niles*

**Child Dedication**

Todd Leonard

**Worship in Song**

“Some Children See Him”  
Daniel Chaney, *tenor*

*Alfred Burt*

## Responsive Reading

**Baruch 5:1-9**

Allan McDonald

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem,  
and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God.

**Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God;  
put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting;  
for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven.**

For God will give you evermore the name,  
“Righteous Peace, Godly Glory.”

Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height;  
look toward the east,

and see your children gathered from west and east  
at the word of the Holy One,  
rejoicing that God has remembered them.

For they went out from you on foot,  
led away by their enemies;

but God will bring them back to you,  
carried in glory, as on a royal throne.

**For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low  
and the valleys filled up, to make level ground,  
so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God.**

The woods and every fragrant tree  
have shaded Israel at God’s command.

**For God will lead Israel with joy,  
in the light of his glory,  
with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.**

## Sermon

“So THIS IS XMAS? — Promise”

Todd Leonard

## Call to Offering

Todd Leonard

## Offertory

“Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring”

*J. S. Bach*

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

## Closing Hymn

“O Come, O Come, Immanuel”

No. 115

## Benediction

Todd Leonard

*(Please be seated after the benediction)*

## Musical Response

### Postlude

“Festive Postlude on *O Come, O Come, Immanuel*” *George Schafer*

*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.*

Let us remember in prayer the families and friends of those killed in this week's **shooting in San Bernardino**.

"Prayers & Squares" Quilting Ministry is inviting anyone wishing to tie a knot to symbolize a **healing prayer** for **Evie Salzmman** and Marguerite Marsh's daughter **Victoria's** prayer quilts, to do so by meeting briefly at the front of the Sanctuary after the service today. Also, the Quilting Ministry is selling **4 beautiful handmade Christmas quilts** at \$125 each, helping to raise funds. A wonderful gift to remind that special someone in your life that you care for them. 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.

Congratulations to **Gille Nielsen** on the birth of her boy this week, and to John and Patty Nielsen on becoming grandparents!

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.

**Potluck today!** Fellowship Hall, all welcome.

**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](mailto:volunteer@ascenciaCA.org).

**Just printed:** "A Bouquet of Adventures in History: Daring Women and Their Stories" by **member Gabriela Keller**, now through Amazon.com. Congratulations to Gabriela on the publication of this, her third book!

The **Glendale Adventist Academy** Theatre Arts Department is running a **fundraiser** for the Christmas season, selling **Christmas trees** to bring joy to families all across greater Los Angeles. One great fundraiser option, **Trees for Troops**, is to purchase a tree for families serving our country. Orders can be placed at Glendale Academy front office or by going to: [www.reindeertrees.com](http://www.reindeertrees.com). When asked to enter a school's name, customers will need to type: Glendale Academy Drama Department (**see flyer here**).

## UPCOMING SERMONS & EVENTS

### Continuing Sermon Series: *So This Is Xmas*

December 12	"Call"	Todd Leonard
December 19		Arleene Chow
December 26	"Lessons & Carols"	Leif Lind



**Urban Liturgy** warmly invites you at 3 pm in the Multipurpose Room on these dates:

### VILLAGE PEOPLE

December 5 **Village People: Them**  
December 19 **Village People: Change**



## **BABY DEDICATION OF ADRIEL ELIAS DENA**

In every birth, blessed is the wonder.  
In every creation, blessed is the new beginning.  
In every child, blessed is life.  
In every hope, blessed is the potential.  
In every transition, blessed is the beginning.  
In every existence, blessed are the possibilities.  
In every love, blessed are the tears.  
In every life, blessed is the love.

There are three names by which a person is called:  
One which her father and mother call her,  
and one which people call her,  
and one which she earns for herself.  
The best one of these is the one  
that she earns for herself.

—A Jewish Blessing



*CITY CHURCH, give a warm congratulations to the Estrada-Dena family on the dedication of their new baby, **ADRIEL**, born May, 20, 2015.*

*His father Jesse, mother Karina, and big sister Jazzy join him in his blessing, along with family and friends.*

# **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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# PRAY FOR SAN BERNARDINO



Pray that God will—

*Comfort those who mourn,  
Bind up the brokenhearted,  
Heal our land.*

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Relax During Your Lunch Hour With Live Music

**GLENDALE  
NOON CONCERTS**  
Every 1st & 3rd Wed 12:10–12:40p.m.  
**FREE ADMISSION**

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**December 16**

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Catherine Del Russo  
*OBOE*  
Mark Robson  
*PIANO*  
music by  
JOHN SCOTT  
& PAUL HINDEMITH

## 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

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## 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](http://glendalecitychurch.org), YouTube, or Vimeo. Live broadcasts will soon be available.

# Trees for Troops

In Partnership with **FedEx**  
delivering the Spirit of Christmas

Imagine a smiling U.S. Military family at Camp Pendleton, CA receiving a Christmas tree grown on an American tree farm delivered to them from local high school students, and being able to sharing joyous memories through the gift of a real Christmas Tree...

**You can make this vision a reality!**

**The trees we have are beautiful...**

- You have a choice of Noble or Douglas Fir trees- sizes 5' to 9'
- They are hand-selected for their shape, color and health
- They are very fresh ... delivered to us within 48 hours

Since 2005, Trees for Troops has provided **121,000 plus** Christmas Trees to military families and troops!

You can be a part of this important program through your tax deductible donation. For more information visit:  
**[www.reindeertrees.com](http://www.reindeertrees.com)**

Delivering the spirit of Christmas to military families one tree at a time. Even if you are out of town or unable to get a tree, you can donate one to Trees for Troops and they will get your tree to an army family.

Our Oregon-grown trees are supplied by **REINDEER FOREST TREE FARMS**

**ELDER OF THE DAY:** Barbara Jones • **DEACON OF THE DAY:** Steve Packard

## **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)— *New book study:* “MISREYDING 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 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);  
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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