



GLENDALE CITY CHURCH

Finding God at the Intersection of Our Lives

January 2, 2016

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

“Vieux Noël”
Taylor Ruhl, *organ*

César Franck

Invocation

Anthony Paschal

Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.

**Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

—Ps. 90:1, 2

Hymn of Praise

“I Cannot Tell Why”

No. 255

Prayers of the Congregation

(Please remain standing for prayer)

Mike Quishenberry

Prayer Response

(No. 545)

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Hear, oh hear us when we pray,
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Anthem

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

Wilbur Chenoweth

Scripture

Luke 1:5–13

Warren Dale

In the time of Herod king of Judea there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly division of Abijah; his wife Elizabeth was also a descendant of Aaron. Both of them were righteous in the sight of God, observing all the Lord’s commands and decrees blamelessly. But they were childless because Elizabeth was not able to conceive, and they were both very old.

Once when Zechariah’s division was on duty and he was serving as priest before God, he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to go into the temple of the Lord and burn incense. And when the time for the burning of incense came, all the assembled worshipers were praying outside.

Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. When Zechariah saw him, he was startled and was gripped with fear. But the angel said to him: “Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to call him John.

Anthem

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

John W. Work

Sermon

“The Pre-Advent”

Anthony Paschal

Call to Offering

Anthony Paschal

Offertory

“A Cradle Prayer”

R. St. James/Chas. Garrett

Jennifer Miller, *soprano*

*“Jesus I love you, my Lord, my Life, where would I be without you?
Here in the quiet, the still, the night, I am in awe of you.”*

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

Closing Hymn

“He Will Answer Every Prayer”

Tune: NETTLETON

Mary Bernstecher/Daniel B. Towner

(1) God has given you his promise
That he hears and answers prayer.
He will heed your supplication
If you cast on him your care.

Refrain:

He will answer every prayer,
He will answer every prayer,
Go to him in faith believing,
He will answer every prayer.

(2) He will not withhold one blessing,
He will give you what is best.
God will answer by his Spirit,
Every one who makes request.

(3) He can hear the great petition,
And the smallest, over there.
Unto God pray without ceasing,
He will answer every prayer.

(4) Take to God your plans and failures,
Any time and anywhere.
No one ever goes unanswered,
For he answers every prayer.

Benediction

Anthony Paschal

(Please be seated after the benediction)

Postlude

“Sortie pour Noël (Grand Chœur)”

César Franck

*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.

The public service of gratitude for God's leading in **Lorenzo W. Paytee's** life will be held next 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** you can find it on the church's **YouTube Channel** (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=okkyU2SE1dY&feature=em-subst_digest), or you can contact the church office to have the link emailed to 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!

Free Noon Concerts at City Church! Next is January 6, 2016—a violiin recital with Alberto Ginastera (Celebrating Ginastera's Centenary), with Jacqueline Suzuki, violin, and Rosa LoGiudice, piano.

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.

THANK YOU FROM GLENDALE COMMUNITAS INITIATIVE



You helped us make the season bright! A special thanks to the dozen people who participated in wrapping and sorting gifts for our families on the Sunday before Christmas. This year with the help of Incarnation Catholic Church, Glendale City Church, First Congregational Church, Salem Lutheran, and Vallejo Drive we were able to provide gifts, furniture, and household items totaling just over \$4,500. For many of the families, these were the only Christmas gifts they received. From the families directly, the Communitas staff and board, we offer our heartfelt thanks and wish you a happy and prosperous 2016.

UPCOMING SERMONS & EVENTS

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



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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.



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individuals coming together to work out their spirituality

Glendale City Church invites you to a safe gathering place for people to work out a shared spirituality that impacts the city for good. While our classic morning worship has provided this space for generations, **urban lit** is an alternative space where workshop spirituality can be done with new art forms and collaborative thinking and sharing.

The Next Urban Liturgy will meet on January 9, 3 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room.

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
(818) 409-8000



Glendale Adventist Medical Center
Adventist Health



2016 Calendar

Concerts are 5pm on the second Saturday of each month, except for the Christmas concert.

JANUARY 9

Weicheng Zhao, organ
Fang Gao, violin

APRIL 9

Children's Choir Festival

JULY 9

John West, Organ

OCTOBER 8

Hora Chiang Wrobel, piano
Limor Toren-Immerman, violin
Armen Ksajikian, cello

FEBRUARY 13

Yue Qian, violin - Yabing Tan, violin
Jiayi Shi, piano - Yu Eun Kim, violin

MAY 14

duoKYaria
flute and harp

AUGUST 13

Cal State
Choral Recital

NOVEMBER 12

Kemp Smeal, organ

MARCH 12

Harout Senekeremian, piano

JUNE 11

Sunset Chamber Festival
instrumental

SEPTEMBER 10

LA Horn Trio
Horn, Viola & Piano

DECEMBER 9

Christmas Concert
(Friday evening 7:30)

ELDER OF THE DAY: Mike Quishenberry • **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) – **New** study theme: “Rebellion and Redemption”, a study in the theme of the great controversy between good and evil. The author, David Tasker, a native of New Zealand, is the field secretary of the South Pacific Division and has a PhD in Old Testament studies.
- 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)
Arlene 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)
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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)
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Michael Acosta
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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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