



# GLENDALE CITY CHURCH



*January 9, 2016*

*The Ordinance of Humility 10:30–11:00 a.m.  
Communion Service 11:00 a.m.–12:10 p.m.*

*Family footwashing meets in the south side  
of Fellowship Hall.*

*Women's footwashing meets in the north side  
of Fellowship Hall.*

*Men's footwashing meets in Room 9, under the Chapel.*

*Those who wish to may sit in the Sanctuary  
for meditation and reflection.*

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***"Revealing Christ, affirming all."***

**WORSHIP**— 11:00 a.m. *(Please turn off all cell phones & pagers)*

**Prelude** “Improvisation on *Amazing Grace*” *Melvin West*  
Taylor Ruhl, *organ*

**Call to Worship** The grace of Jesus Christ be among us. *Todd Leonard*  
**The love of God be among us.**  
The communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all. **Amen.**

**Hymn for Epiphany** “Brightest and Best” *Reginald Heber; Tune: RODMAN*

(1) Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,  
Dawn on our midnight and lend us your aid.  
Star of the East the horizon adorning,  
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

(2) Cold on the cradle the dewdrops are shining,  
God’s holy Child with the beasts of the stall;  
Angels adore while this baby lies sleeping,  
Maker and Monarch and Savior of all.

(3) Shall we not offer our costly devotion,  
Fragrance of Edom and offerings divine.  
Gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean,  
Myrrh from the forest or gold from the mine?

(4) Vainly we offer each ample oblation,  
Vainly with gifts would we favor secure;  
Richer by far is the heart’s adoration;  
Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.

**Prayers of the Congregation** *(please remain standing for prayer)* *Kathie Glennie*

**Prayer Response** O Jesus, blest Redeemer, sent from the heart of God, *(No. 495)*  
Hold us, who wait before Thee, near to the heart of God.

**Meditation in Song for Epiphany** “A Stable Lamp Is Lighted” *R. Wilbur*  
*“A stable lamp is lighted, whose glow shall wake the sky. The stars shall blend their voices, and every stone shall cry,  
And straw like gold shall shine. A barn shall harbor heaven, a stall become a shrine.”*  
*Daniel Chaney, tenor*

**Worship in Giving & Offertory** “Let Us Break Bread Together” *Dale Wood*

**Meditation in Song for Communion** “I Am the Bread of Life” *Suzanne Toolan*  
*“I am the bread of life; they who come to me shall not hunger;  
They who believe in me shall not thirst. No one can come to me unless the Father draw them.  
And I will raise them up, and I will raise them up on the last day.  
The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world,  
And they who eat of this bread, they shall live for ever.” (John 6)*  
*Daniel Chaney, tenor*

**Scripture Reading** **Matthew 13:31-33, 44-46** *Pamela Kermgard*

**Homily** “The Sneaky Mother-in-Law Nature of Ancient Faith” *Todd Leonard*

**Communion Hymn** “Seek Ye First the Kingdom” *No. 224*

**Communion**—*Seventh-day Adventists practice open Communion, so we invite all members and guests to participate.*

**Breaking the Bread**

**Arleene Chow**

We remember Jesus who took bread in his hands, broke it, gave it to his friends, and said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. Take, eat, this is my body, which is for you. Do this to remember me."

**Offering the Cup**

**Anthony Paschal**

We remember Jesus who took the wine cup in his hands and gave thanks for it. He gave it to them and said, "This is the new covenant sealed by my blood. When you drink from it, do this in memory of me. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day."

**Congregational Response**

**God of the past and the present,  
with this bread and wine we remember your Son.  
We thank you for his life, his death, and resurrection.  
We look for his coming in glory  
and in him we give ourselves to you.**

**Prayer**

**Arleene Chow**

God of love, send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that as we receive this bread and wine we shall by faith receive the body and blood of Christ.

**Congregational Response**

**Called to follow him, help us to reconcile and unite.  
Called to serve, give us hope in our calling.**

*Deacons will distribute the bread and wine.*

**Receiving the Bread**

**Arleene Chow**

The Bread we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

**Receiving the Cup**

**Anthony Paschal**

The Cup we take is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

**Congregation Response**

**We who are many are one body, for we all share the one bread.**

**Partaking of the Bread**

**Arleene Chow**

Here are bread and wine; the gifts of God for the people of God.

**Partaking of the Cup**

**Anthony Paschal**

May we, who share these gifts, be found in Christ and Christ in us. *Take, eat and drink.*

**Congregational Prayer Response**

**May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;  
we who drink his cup bring life to others.  
We whom the Spirit enlightens give light to the world.**

**Hymn of Response**

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

No. 407

**Benediction**

**Anthony Paschal**

**Postlude**

"Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals"

*Sigfrid Karg-Elert*

## CHURCH LIFE

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



Today, the Christian Church throughout the world remembers **the season of Epiphany**, which for the next few weeks focuses on the Three Wise Men following the star to Bethlehem, the baptism of Jesus, and Jesus' miracle at the wedding in Cana. In the true meaning of "epiphany", may we each receive a clearer insight into the mysteries of God's providence in our lives.

Please note that a regular **Emergency Fund offering** will be collected at the door after the service.

**Second Saturday Series today** — see bulletin announcement.

The public service of gratitude for God's leading in **Lorenzo W. Paytee's** life will be held **today**, 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.

**Get to Know the People in Your Church Better This Year!** As an inclusive and welcoming congregation, Glendale City Church has a wonderfully diverse group of people who call this church home. In 2016, we are focusing on a **different segment of our congregation each month**. In **January**, we will have a special Sabbath on the 29th addressing the reality of poverty as part of some of our members' lives. **February** will focus on black history. **March** is Women's Month. We hope you enjoy the variety of experiences that will help us grow together in friendship.

Tickets are now available for the next **Caesura Benefit concert on January 24** with the La Sierra University Orchestra. See Dave Ferguson to get your ticket. Because we have had all expenses donated already, 100% of the funds received are a donation to Caesura. Many thanks for supporting these students!

**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).

**Glendale Adventist Elementary School** invites all children who will be entering Kindergarten next school year to attend our "Kindergarten Visitation Day," Friday, January 22, 10 a.m.–noon. There will be a pizza party in your honor. See you there! Age group for acceptance to Kindergarten is five years by September 1. For more information call 818-246-4867.

## UPCOMING SERMONS & EVENTS

January 16

January 22, 23

January 30

February 6

February 13

February 20

February 27

Dr. Arlene Taylor; GAMC Health Screening

110th Anniversary (inc. Rudy Torres, John Brunt, GAMC history and music concert by GAA & members)

Todd Leonard

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Herman Kibble

Anthony Paschal

Cherise Gardner



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



Urban Liturgy will meet *today* 3 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room.

**lit•ur•gy**, n  
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.

**introduction / q&a** : friday, october 2 @ 7:30p, after "a shared table" by herb montgomery  
**preview sessions**: begin saturday, october 17 @ 3:00p



*Glendale City Church presents:*  
**Weicheng Zhao - organ**  
**Fang Gao - violin**

**Saturday, January 9th - 5pm**

*Among numerous scholarships and awards, Weicheng Zhao has completed the USC Master of Music Degree program and is currently finishing his Doctor of Musical Arts degree. Mr. Zhao is associate organist - choirmaster at All Saints Episcopal Church, Pasadena, California.*

*Born in Tianjin China, Fang Gao started her violin studies at the age of four. Only one year later, as the youngest contestant, she won the Excellence Prize of the First Philharmonic Cup Violin Competition in Tianjin. She is currently enrolled in the Graduate Certificate program and studies with Susan Feldman in Baroque Violin Performance at the University of Southern California, Thornton School of Music.*

**This concert will feature music by Johann Schmelzer, Larry King, Gang Chen and Zhanhao He, Zhang Changcheng and Yuan Ye.**

**Admission: Freewill offering**

*A reception will be held following the concert to allow an opportunity to meet the artists.*

## **FREE Health Assessments**

**Glendale City Church will host free health assessments on Saturday, January 16, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.**



# Understanding Our Brains: Understanding Each Other

A Saturday with Dr. Arlene Taylor,  
Brain Function Specialist

January 16, 2016  
GlendaleCityChurch.org



## Schedule

11:00 am: “The Brain and Spirituality”

2:00 pm: “

3:00 pm: “

Arlene R. Taylor PhD, a leading speaker on brain function, is sometimes referred to as the *brain guru*. She specializes in simplifying this complex topic, with the goal of helping individuals understand more about the brain in general and their own in particular. She delights in helping others learn how to thrive by design. As a sought-after charismatic speaker who presents practical brain-function information in entertaining, educational, and empowering ways, her illuminating seminars are life-changing. Taylor has spoken to thousands of attendees around the world and is frequently invited back—perhaps the biggest compliment a speaker can receive.

Continuing education credit available to nursing professionals.



Love Adds to Love Seminars, a ministry of Glendale City Church, seeks to provide events where people can improve their health in all aspects of life—physical, mental, spiritual and relational.





**GLENDALE**  
CITY CHURCH

**110**

***Celebrating 110 Years: 1906-2016***

**Friday, January 22, 7:00 p.m. &  
Saturday, January 23**

Let's celebrate this full weekend together to commemorate this important milestone of God's blessing upon us! We will be sharing our history with Glendale Adventist Medical Center and Glendale Adventist Academy.

*If you are in touch with former members, invite them to attend;  
having them in attendance will make our celebration remarkable.*

*Send them this flyer, call, text, or email them and let them know that we are eager to see them.*



**Friday, January 22, 7:00 p.m.**

Sharing Memories with One Another  
Pastor Rudy Torres, Dr. Hovik  
Sarrafian, and Dorin Lateanau  
Heritage Room Inauguration

**Saturday, January 23**

**9:30 a.m.**—Our Shared History, GAMC

**11:00 a.m.**—Worship Service with  
Pastor John Brunt and  
the Mayor of Glendale

Catered Luncheon  
following Worship Service

**2:30 p.m.**—Alumni Concert,  
former GAA Alumni and  
City Church Musicians

**4:30 p.m.**—Vespers with our new  
regular evening service, Urban Liturgy

**ELDER OF THE DAY:** Mike Quishenberry • **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  
**Kinder**, 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 Cafe, 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: “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 Pastor* (818-244-7241 office) Rudy Torres, *Pastor Emeritus* (714-318-1975)  
Arleene Chow, *Youth & Adult Director* (818-472-5287) Hovik Sarrafian, *Armenian Senior Pastor* (909-796-9536)  
Leif Lind, *Church Administrator* (909-557-5230) Vartkes Azadian, *Armenian Associate Pastor* (626-335-6507)  
Anthony Paschal, *Church Life* (951-756-3605) Dorin Lateanu, *Romanian Pastor* (909-528-2545)

### **Church Officers**

Head Elder—John Nielsen (818-605-0057) Secretary—Victoria Lucero (glendalesda@gmail.com)  
Head Deacon—Ronald Mausea (818-730-0350) Treasurer—Dean Vendouris (818-244-7241, office)  
Head Deaconess—Eleanor Posner (818-281-5822) Church Clerk—Mindi Rüb (mindilus@mac.com)  
Church Board Chair—Rudy Torres (714-318-1975) Children's Ministry Asst.—Anji Arm (818-632-7374)  
Sanctuary Choir—John Dennison (760-949-5275), *interim director* Audio Visual—Charome Kaocharoen (818-749-5423);  
Children Choir—Lisa Fenderson (lfenderson6@gmail.com) Michael Acosta  
Organist—Kemp Smeal (714-658-4885); A+ School Board Chair—Glen Christensen  
Taylor Ruhl, *assistant* (909-557-5229) (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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