



**GLENDALE**  
CITY CHURCH

**110**

*Celebrating 110 Years: 1906-2016*

Finding God at the Intersection of Our Lives

**September 17, 2016**

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



**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY, 10:45 A.M.:** *City Kids Worship and Open Door Teen Cafe begin just before morning worship service, then continue during the Sanctuary Service so that the whole family can get the most out of church (see inside of bulletin for more information).*

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

**Prelude** "Prelude on *Hyfrydol*" *Raymond Haan*  
Kemp Smeal, *organ*

**Call to Worship** This is the day that God has made; *Rudy Torres*  
**let us rejoice and be glad in it.**  
O come, let us worship and bow down;  
**let us kneel before God, our Maker.** —Ps. 118, 95

**Hymn of Praise** "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!" No. 167 (Tune: HYFRYDOL)

**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.

**Anthem** "Beloved, Let Us Love One Another" *Philip Young*

**Baby Dedication** *(Opportunity for members to greet each other before dedication.)* *Todd Leonard*

**Anthem** "The Gift of Love" *Hal Hopson*

**Scripture Reading** **John 9:1-16** *Margery Rich*

As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

**"Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."**

After saying this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes. "Go," he told him, "wash in the Pool of Siloam" (this word means "Sent"). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing.

**His neighbors and those who had formerly seen him begging asked, "Isn't this the same man who used to sit and beg?" Some claimed that he was. Others said, "No, he only looks like him." But he himself insisted, "I am the man."**

"How then were your eyes opened?" they asked. He replied, "The man they call Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes. He told me to go to Siloam and wash. So I went and washed, and then I could see." "Where is this man?" they asked him. "I don't know," he said.

**They brought to the Pharisees the man who had been blind. Now the day on which Jesus had made the mud and opened the man's eyes was a Sabbath. Therefore the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. "He put mud on my eyes," the man replied, "and I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath."**

**Sermon** "Wrong Ideas About God Are Killing Us" Rudy Torres

**Call to Offering** Arleene Chow

**Offertory** "Al Mundo, Dios Amó" Jaci Velasquez

Stephanie Aston, *soprano*

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

*"Al mundo Dios amó, que a su Hijo él nos dio  
Y todo aquel que creyera en él no peresca más tenga vida eternal."*

"God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son  
That whosoever believes in him will not perish but have everlasting life

I try so hard to find the words to say, to let you know how great is this God to whom I pray  
Nothing can nor ever will compare to the peace that flows in your soul when he is living there...

God so loved the world he gave, he gave his one and only Son,  
If you just believe it will set you free, he loves you so much, just believe."

**Hymn of Response** "O Love of God, How Strong and True!" No. 79

(1) O love of God, how strong and true! Eternal, and yet ever new;  
Uncomprehended and unbought, beyond all knowledge and all thought.

(2) O love of God, how deep and great, far deeper than man's deepest hate;  
Self-fed, self-kindled like the light, changeless, eternal, infinite.

(3) We read thee best in him who came to bear for us the cross of shame;  
Sent by the Father from on high, our life to live, our death to die.

(4) We read thy power to bless and save, e'en in the darkness of the grave;  
Still more in resurrection light we read the fullness of thy might.

(5) O love of God, our shield and stay through all the perils of our way!  
Eternal love, in thee we rest, Forever safe, forever blest.

**Benediction** *(Please be seated after the benediction)* Rudy Torres

**Choral Benediction** "A Prayer of St. Patrick" John Rutter

**Postlude** "Fanfare" Nicolas 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.



**Baby Dedication.** Today we introduce **Lucy Nilda Mendizabal Kropff** (born May 20, 2016) to her City Church family! She is the daughter of Alexis Mendizabal & Kenneth Kropff.

**Prayer Requests:** • Please lift **Marguerite Marsh** in prayer as she grieves the **passing of her daughter Victoria**. • **Audra Martin** has asked for prayers for her husband **Gordon**, who is seriously ill.

Please come up to the pulpit after Worship Service to tie knots on the **Prayer Quilts**.

**Getting to Know the People in Your Church Better 2016!** As an inclusive and welcoming congregation, Glendale City Church has a wonderfully diverse group of people who call this church home; we have tried to focus on a **different segment of our congregation each month**. In September we focus on **Hispanic Heritage Month**: We will have Hispanic heritage speakers each week, and will feature a **Hispanic cuisine potluck next Sabbath**, September 24. Nationally, Hispanic Heritage Month is the time between September 15–October 15 when we recognize the contributions, heritage, and culture of Hispanic Americans in the United States. This was first commemorated by President Lyndon Johnson in 1968, but only celebrated nationally since 1988. September 15 marks Central American Independence Day, followed by Mexico and Chile's Independence Days. We hope you enjoy the variety of experiences that help us grow together in acquaintance and friendship. As we acknowledge each other and our heritage, we each improve our own life.

In connection with next Sabbath's **potluck**, please note that we will be **signing up with the Ralphs Reward Program** during our meal. Please be sure to bring along your Ralphs card for this occasion!

**Sabbath School Quarterlies.** The 4th Quarter books are here. \$3 for regular print, \$5 for large print. Thank you for helping to off-set the costs. Place your order with Victoria. If you prefer, you may find the quarterly online for free at: <https://www.absq.adventist.org>.

**Spirituality & Health Seminar, Thursday, November 3, 8–10 a.m., Multipurpose Room.** You are invited to this special event through GAMC to hear Harold G. Koenig, MD, MHSc present on the latest in spirituality and health, and the efforts with Adventist Health Systems on integrating spirituality into the outpatient practices of physicians. Light breakfast will be served. Open and free to all. To RSVP: Rita Ayvazian [ayvazirc@ah.com](mailto:ayvazirc@ah.com) or 818-409-8514.



**urban liturgy**

3 P.M.

**MULTIPURPOSE ROOM**

“THINGS JESUS  
WANTS US TO KNOW”  
**JOY OR HAPPINESS?**



Join us for campfire songs,  
devotional and s'mores!

*You may also bring a dish or snack to share.*

## UPCOMING SERMONS & EVENTS

**September: Hispanic Heritage Month**  
**September 24**  
Arleene Chow

**October: LGBT History Month**  
**October 1—Communion**  
Todd Leonard

**October 8**  
Leif Lind

**October 15**  
John Cress, Conference Secretary/  
Ministerial Director

**October 22**  
Todd Leonard

**October 29**  
Herb Montgomery

**Free Diabetes Workshop**  
*by Glendale Adventist Medical Center*

**September 20, 27 & October 4, 6, 10–12pm**

Glendale Adventist Medical Center 1509 Wilson Terrace, 91206

To RSVP: Rita Ayvazian [ayvazirc@ah.com](mailto:ayvazirc@ah.com) 818-409-8514

# WORSHIP FOR KIDS AND TEENS



City Kids' Worship kicks off in our downstairs multipurpose room with praise music. Then our children's teachers bring the kids up to the English Adult Worship for a story in the sanctuary. Following the story, kids head back downstairs to different classrooms for age-appropriate spiritual experiences with their friends. Children ages birth to 3 are required to have one parent stay with them throughout the City Kids' worship experience. Older kids can be dropped off at the multipurpose room and picked up at their age-designated classroom as soon as adult worship concludes.

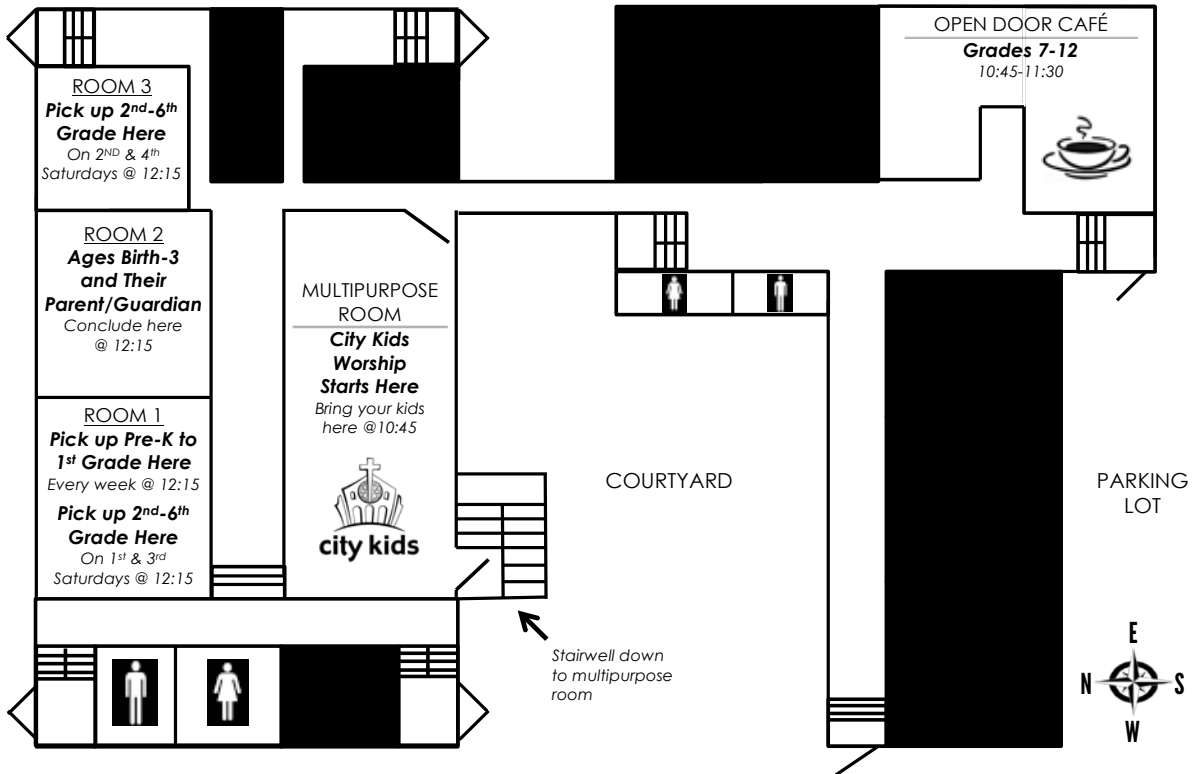
## THE OPEN DOOR TEEN CAFÉ



Open Door is a safe space for middle- and high-school students to talk about the issues facing them. Pastor Arleene Chow leads thought-provoking discussions on what spirituality looks like in all their relationships and helps them make smart decisions as they move towards adulthood. At 11:30, the teens are dismissed to join the adults for the sermon and the remainder of worship.

## Map to City Kids Worship & Open Door Café

Both Gatherings Meet in Lower Level Rooms





# A Plus Adventist

## Children's Center

"Where Everybody is Somebody Special"

### *News....*

Hello Church Family...

**We have our NEW Pre-K teacher!**

**WELCOME MS. CASSANDRA or/AKA MS. JOHNSON**



Ms. Kathy did an AMAZING job filling in for almost ALL of last year! Thank you.

\*\*\*\*\***SAVE THE DATE:** \*\*\*\*\*

1 **Fall Festival/Pasta Dinner** (\$10.00 per person) with silent and live auctions, bounce house and petting zoo- will be on:  
**Thursday, October 27, from 3 to 8 p.m.**

**Bring your friends and families!**

**A+ Adventist Children's Center**  
234 N. Isabel St, Glendale, CA 91206  
818-241-9353  
Malisa Smith, Director





American  
Red Cross

#ChooseYourDay  
Donate blood or platelets.

Help us get a Bloodmobile to City Church on a Saturday.  
We need a commitment of at least 40 people, so please contact the church office  
and pledge to donate...invite others!

818/244-7241 glendalesda@gmail.com Thank you!

## Partner with us.

Red Cross work impacts lives every day: **Real impact. Saving lives.**



**190**

times a day we help a family  
affected by a **disaster**.



**5,600**

times a day someone receives  
a Red Cross unit of **blood**.



**424,000**

times a day a child receives  
a measles **vaccination** from the  
Red Cross or our partners.



**1,000**

times a day we provide services  
to **military members**, veterans  
and their families.



**25,000**

times a day we teach someone  
**lifesaving skills**, like CPR.



### Did You Know?

To meet the needs of patients, the Red Cross must collect 15,000 units of blood each day.

80% of donations are collected at blood drives, hosted by generous sponsors - close to where people live and work.

The Red Cross needs over 60,000 blood drive sponsors willing to hold 2 or more drives a year to ensure blood is available when needed.

**ELDER OF THE DAY:** Colette Witt

• **DEACON OF THE DAY:** Jerry Wahagheghe

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

- **SABBATH SCHOOL QUARTERLY (TRADITIONAL, CHAPEL)**— Current study theme: “Adventist Churches That Make a Difference”. The authors, Drs. Gaspar and May-Ellen Colón, show how Christ’s ministry to people’s physical as well as spiritual needs is a model for the Christian Church today. Using a fishing analogy, they stress that Christians need to assist their neighbors with (1) relief (giving hungry people a “fish”); (2) personal development (teaching people how to “fish”); (3) community development (providing “fishing tools”); and (4) social justice (ensuring that all have equal access to the “fishing pond”).
  - English Language Study—Chapel
  - Armenian Language Study—Room 11
  - Romanian Language Study—Room 13
- **GRACE CENTER (FELLOWSHIP HALL, NORTH SIDE)**— **New** book study: “The Lost History of Christianity: The 1000-Year Golden Age of the Church in the Middle East, Africa, and Asia — and How It Died” by Philip Jenkins. Here is the untold story of the Christian Church’s first 1200 years **outside** of Western Europe, how it thrived and expanded as far as China and India —even after the arrival of Islam — and what that may signify in today’s conflict between Islam and Christianity. Hailed by Forbes as “one of America’s top religious scholars”, author Jenkins presents his substantial findings in a very readable style.
- **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.

Because of the commitments made by many of you during our Pledge+ season, **Glendale City Church will receive an additional \$ 1700.00 per month** to support our various ministries. Thanks to the following individuals for the new Pledge+ monthly commitments made just this week:

Anonymous: an increase of \$ 30 a month to church budget

Anonymous: an increase of \$ 50 a month to church budget

Anonymous: \$ 50 per month commitment to the organist budget

Anonymous: an increase of \$ 250 a month to church budget

**Thanks to everyone for your financial support of your church!**

**WORSHIP OPTIONS**

**Sanctuary Service**

Sanctuary, every Saturday, 11 a.m.

**Romanian Service**

Fellowship Hall, 1st, 2nd, 3rd Saturdays, 11 a.m.

**Armenian Service**

Chapel, every Saturday 11 a.m.



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