



GLENDALE
CITY CHURCH

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Celebrating 110 Years: 1906-2016

Finding God at the Intersection of Our Lives



November 26, 2016

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

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



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY, 10:45 A.M.: *City Kids' Worship and Open Door Teen Café 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).*

Prelude

“From Heaven Above To Earth I Come”
Kemp Smeal, *organ*

J. S. Bach

Call to Worship: Lighting of the 1st Advent Candle

Halle Leonard

Today we light the first Advent candle. This candle, known as the Candle of Prophecy and Hope, remembers especially the hope that was brought into the world by the prophetic words that told of the coming of Christ.

The candle flame that burns here represents the presence of Christ in a dark world. Let us honor that fire that burns within us, the longing for justice and healing.

Hymn of Praise

“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

No. 204

Greetings & Prayers of the Congregation

John Nielsen

(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

“Gesu Bambino”
Jennifer Miller, *soprano*

Pietro Yon, arr. Mark Hayes
words Fredrick H. Martens

City Kids' Story Time

Anthony Paschal

Opportunity for members to greet each other while children come forward. A special Lamb's Offering for student assistance fund will be collected right after the story; then dismissal to children's respective programs.

Worship in Song

“Jesus, What a Wonderful Child”
Jennifer Miller, *soprano*

Traditional Spiritual,
arr. by Mark Hayes

Scripture Reading**Matthew 24:36–44**

But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left.

Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

Sermon	“Come, Holy Thief”	Todd Leonard
Call to Offering		Todd Leonard
Offertory	“Bethlehem Morning” Jennifer Miller, <i>soprano</i>	<i>Morris Chapman</i>
	<i>(Unless otherwise marked, loose offering goes to local church expense)</i>	
Hymn of Response	“O Come, O Come, Immanuel”	No. 115
Benediction	<i>(Please be seated after the benediction)</i>	Todd Leonard
Postlude	Variations on “O Come All Ye Faithful”	<i>Marcel Dupré</i>



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 (or fill out the Connection Card located in your pew holder) if you have questions or feedback, need a visit or help, or wish to assist in any way!

CHURCH LIFE

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

The **flowers** today have been given in appreciation by **Loli and Charlie File** on the occasion of Thanksgiving and their wedding anniversary this week.

Prayer concerns: Choir member **Daniel Chaney** can receive cards at his mailing address: 610 S. Kenmore Ave #306, Los Angeles, CA 90005. Also, please remember in prayer the health challenges of choir member **Stephanie Aston's father, James Aston.**

Building a Pile of Thanksgiving. Last week we built a pillar of stone to remember all that God has done for us to help us re-center our lives in gratitude. If you would like to add a stone or two to our pile at the front of the sanctuary to speak to God's goodness towards you, please do so. There are stones available in the basket next to it.

New City Kids' Worship Teachers Needed. If you love working with children, consider helping Glendale City Church carry out its mission: raising kids who know they are loved by God and who learn to love others in the way of Jesus. If you can give two Saturday mornings a month for three hours, you will be compensated \$45 each time. If interested, connect with Anji Arm, Children's Ministries director, or Pastor Anthony Paschal.

Please note these calendar items: (1) **Church Board**, November 29, 7:00 p.m. (2) There will be **no potluck** this month. (3) The date of the **Christmas concert is December 2** (not Dec. 9) — see ad in bulletin.

Get weekly reminders of Church events by signing up for our eNewsletter. Go to our website and sign up at the bottom of the home page (www.glendalecitychurch.org).

Hacksaw Ridge, a movie just released in theaters, tells the story of Corporal **Desmond Doss**, an Adventist recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor for his bravery in single-handedly rescuing at least 75 soldiers over 12 hours in the heat of one of World War II's bloodiest battles in Okinawa, Japan. Doss, who was a conscientious objector, refused to carry a weapon, trusting in God to help him rescue "just one more". The movie stays close to the true lifestory of this man's unwavering faith in God and compassion for his fellow soldiers. Documentary material on Doss's life, provided by *It Is Written*, as well as booklets to share with friends and family are available from the Ginger Dale Memorial Media Library in the foyer.

Church member has car for sale, 2013 white Chrysler 200, 40,000 miles. Contact Anji for more info, anjimom2@hotmail.com.

Single Seventh-day Adventist male **looking for a room to rent** from a member. Has a new job with a long commute and looking to make that commute shorter. If you can assist, please contact Evan Friedrich, 530-321-9226.

UPCOMING SERMONS & EVENTS

December 3		Todd Leonard
December 10		Todd Leonard
December 17	Petting Zoo	Todd Leonard
December 24	Lessons & Carols	Leif Lind
December 31		Todd Leonard



Glendale City Church
CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Directors: Clarissa Shan and Tim Hansen - Organist: Kemp Smeal



Friday, Dec. 2nd - 7:30pm

Featuring:

**Glendale City Church Sanctuary Choir
Chamber Orchestra**

**Glendale Adventist Academy Chamber Choir
Caesura Youth Orchestra**

The church choir and the chamber orchestra will be performing an array of British works including "In Terra Pax," by Gerald Finzi, and "Fantasia on Christmas Carols," by Ralph Vaughan Williams'.

A newly commissioned work will be premiered by the Caesura Youth Orchestra.

Admission: Freewill Offering

Join us for a Holiday Dessert Reception following the concert!



ADVENT

Nov 26 Come, Holy Thief
Dec 3 I've Got Good News & Bad News
Dec 10 Skeptical Incarnation
Dec 17 Joseph & Mary Fleeing Aleppo

WORSHIP FOR KIDS AND TEENS



City Kids' Worship meets 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 CAFE'



Open Door will meet *today*, 10:45 a.m. – 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 at the Worship Service, upstairs in the Main Sanctuary.

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ELDER OF THE DAY: Anoosh Keshishzade

• **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: “The Book of Job”. If God exists, and is so good, so loving, and so powerful, why is there so much suffering? This quarter’s theme takes up this subject, paying close attention to the controversy between Christ and Satan.
 - English Language Study—Chapel
 - Armenian Language Study—Room 11
 - Romanian Language Study—Room 13
- GRACE CENTER (FELLOWSHIP HALL, NORTH SIDE)— Current 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 (MULTIPURPOSE ROOM)—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.

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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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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