



**GLENDALE**  
CITY CHURCH

**110**

*Celebrating 110 Years: 1906-2016*

Finding God at the Intersection of Our Lives



**December 3, 2016**

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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**

"O Come, O Come, Immanuel"  
Kemp Smeal, *piano*

*arr. Kemp L. Smeal*

### **Call to Worship: Lighting of the 2nd Advent Candle**

Kristoffer Wahagheghe

*Today we light the second Advent candle, known as the Candle of Love. The Advent season speaks to us about God's love for all creation, and we remember that God sent the Messiah as the ultimate expression of His love. We commit ourselves to love as God has loved us, and to express that love in all our relationships.*

### **Hymn of Praise**

"O Come, O Come, Immanuel"

No. 115

### **Greetings & Prayers of the Congregation**

Mike Quishenberry

*(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**

"Lo, how a rose e'er blooming"  
Argenta Walther, *mezzo-soprano*

*arr. Richard Walters*

### **Scripture Reading**

**Matthew 1:18-23**

Glenda Mendizabal

This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

**But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."**

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us").

<b>Worship in Song</b>	“Do you hear what I hear?” Argenta Walther, <i>mezzo-soprano</i>	<i>N. Regney/G. Shayne</i>
<b>Sermon</b>	“I've Got Good News & Bad News”	Todd Leonard
<b>Call to Offering</b>		Todd Leonard
<b>Offertory</b>	“It was the winter wild” Argenta Walther, <i>mezzo-soprano</i> <i>"It was the winter wild, while the heaven born child, All meanly wrapt in the rude manger lies; Nature in awe to him had doffed her gaudy trim, With her great Master so to sympathize..."</i> <i>(Unless otherwise marked, loose offering goes to local church expense)</i>	<i>Ralph Vaughan Williams</i>
<b>Hymn of Response</b>	“The Advent of Our God”	No. 117
<b>Benediction</b> <i>(Please be seated after the benediction)</i>		Todd Leonard
<b>Postlude</b>	“XII. Noël Suisse, Grand Jeu, et Duo”	<i>Louis Claude Daquin</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** in this Thanksgiving season and in memory of their recent wedding anniversary.

**Prayer concerns: Choir member Daniel Chaney** can receive cards at his mailing address: 610 S. Kenmore Ave #306, Los Angeles, CA 90005.

**Building a Pile of Thanksgiving.** Two weeks ago 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 there will be **no potluck** this month.

**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](http://www.glendalecitychurch.org)).

**Community Blood Drive** at First United Methodist Church (North Wing Fellowship Hall), Sunday, December 11, 9:30–3:30 p.m. Sponsored by the American Red Cross. To make an appointment, call 818-243-2105, or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and enter sponsor code: GlendaleMethodist.

**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](mailto: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.

**Clerk needed: Adventist Book Center, temporary part-time.** The position consists of assisting with stocking shelves, maintaining a clean environment, price inventory, and moving boxes (able to lift 50 lbs.) from the warehouse. Good communication skills and customer service oriented is a must. If interested, contact the Human Resources Department to submit application and resume at 818-546-8415 or e-mail [hr@sccsda.org](mailto:hr@sccsda.org).

**Crescenta Valley Adventist School:** 1. Christmas Festival, Sunday, December 4, Noon-5pm. Free Admission; 2. Annual Christmas Concert, Tuesday, December 13, 6pm. 6235 Honolulu Avenue.

## **UPCOMING SERMONS & EVENTS**

<b>December 10</b>		Todd Leonard
<b>December 17</b>	<b>Petting Zoo</b>	Todd Leonard
<b>December 24</b>	<b>Lessons &amp; Carols</b>	Leif Lind
<b>December 31</b>		Todd Leonard

# FREE PETTING ZOO!

**Saturday, December 17th**

**9:30 - 11:00 am**



*Join us for Hot Cocoa & Pastries!*

*Enjoy animals  
like the ones that  
welcomed baby Jesus*



## ADVENT

Dec 3 I've Got Good News & Bad News  
Dec 10 Skeptical Incarnation  
Dec 17 Joseph & Mary Fleeing Aleppo

## WORSHIP FOR KIDS AND TEENS

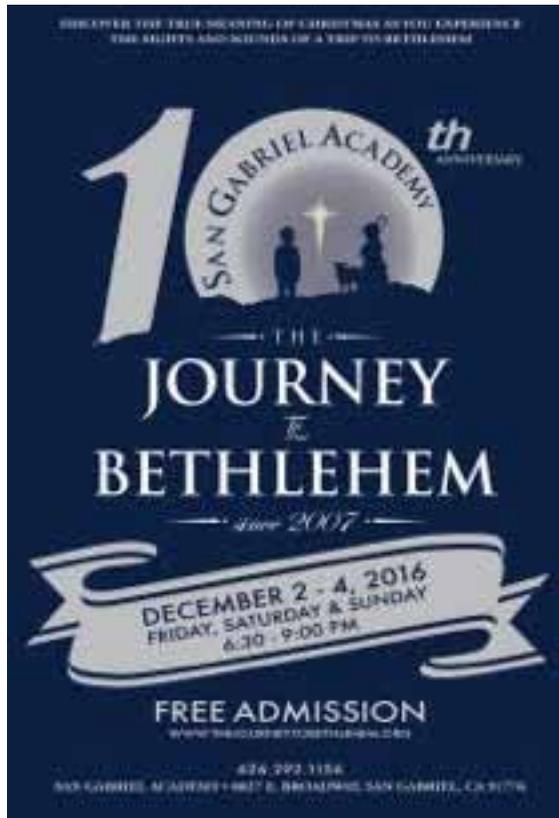


City Kids' Worship meets downstairs to different classrooms for age-appropriate spiritual experiences with their friends. Children ages birth to 3 are required to have one parent stay with them throughout the City Kids' worship experience. Older kids can be dropped off at the multipurpose room and picked 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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**Thursday**

**December 8, 2016**

**7am-10pm**

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**ELDER OF THE DAY:** Didi Mumford

• **DEACON OF THE DAY:** Glenda Mendizabal

### 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 DIRECTORY

#### Pastoral Staff

Todd Leonard, *Senior* (818-244-7241 office)  
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#### Church Officers

Head Elder—John Nielsen (818-605-0057)  
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Secretary—Victoria Lucero (glendalesda@gmail.com)  
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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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