



**GLENDALE**  
CITY CHURCH

**110**

*Celebrating 110 Years: 1906-2016*

Finding God at the Intersection of Our Lives



**December 10, 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** "Canonic Variations on *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*" *Raymond H. Haan*  
Kemp Smeal, organ

### **Call to Worship: Lighting of the 3rd Advent Candle**

*Today we light the third Advent candle. This candle, known as the Candle of Joy, remembers the promise of balance restored and all things made new. John the Baptist jumped for joy in his mother's womb. Later, when he was in prison, he needed Jesus to remind him that prophecies of justice and healing were being fulfilled all around him. We commit ourselves to believe that, after times of darkness, there can again be the miracle of joy.*

**Hymn of Praise** "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" No. 127

**Greetings & Prayers of the Congregation** Kathie Glennie  
*(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.

**Anthem** "Love Came Down at Christmas" *Leo Sowerby*

**Scripture Reading** **Luke 1:46-55** Margery Rich  
And Mary said: "My Soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me — holy is his name.

**His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation. He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts. He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble.**

He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful to Abraham and his descendants forever, just as he promised our ancestors."

<b>Call to Offering</b>		Todd Leonard
<b>Offertory</b>	“What Songs Were Sung” Clarissa Shan, <i>soprano</i> <i>(Unless otherwise marked, loose offering goes to local church expense)</i>	<i>John Jacob Niles</i>
<b>Anthem</b>	“Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella”	<i>arr. John Rutter</i>
<b>Sermon</b>	“Skeptical Incarnation”	Todd Leonard
<b>Healing Prayer Service</b>		
<b>Hymn of Response</b>	“O Little Town of Bethlehem”	No. 135
<b>Benediction</b>	<i>(Please be seated after the benediction)</i>	Todd Leonard
<b>Musical Response</b>		
<b>Postlude</b>	“Vom Himmel Hoch”	<i>Garth Edmundson</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.*

Today's flowers are given in honor of **Lee and Eleanor Posner's 21st wedding anniversary**. Congratulations!

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

**Elders' meeting** at Panera next week, **December 17**, following worship service. Please contact John Nielsen or Mike Quishenberry for more information.

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) **tomorrow**, 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.

**Crescenta Valley Adventist School** Annual Christmas Concert, Tuesday, December 13, 6 p.m. 6235 Honolulu Avenue.

### UPCOMING SERMONS & EVENTS

December 17	Petting Zoo	Todd Leonard
December 24	Lessons & Carols	Leif Lind
December 31		Todd Leonard
January 7		Todd Leonard
January 14	Communion	Todd Leonard



**Urban Liturgy**  
every saturday in january  
3pm, multipurpose room

bring in the new year  
with a proactive positive perspective

new years eve party  
saturday, december 31  
9pm, multipurpose room

[glendalesda@gmail.com](mailto:glendalesda@gmail.com)



[www.GlendaleCommunitasInitiative.org](http://www.GlendaleCommunitasInitiative.org)

## COMMUNITAS TOY DRIVE

Saturday, December 10 & 17

Bring holiday cheer to children by donating a new unwrapped toy.

Look for the Donation Bin in the foyer at

Glendale City Church

610 E. California Ave

818-244-7241

(or contact the Church Office to make arrangements).



**NEW TOYS NEEDED FOR CHILDREN AGED 5-12 (UNWRAPPED)**

## WORSHIP FOR KIDS AND TEENS



City Kids' Worship meets downstairs in different classrooms for age-appropriate spiritual experiences with their friends. Join us at 10:45 am for song service in Room 2. Children ages birth to 3 are required to have one parent stay with them throughout the City Kids' worship experience. Older kids can be picked up from their classrooms once adult worship has concluded.



**Open Door will meet at 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.

# 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*



# Courtyard Campfire

**Dec  
17**



**6:30  
pm**

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

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



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**ELDER OF THE DAY:** Judson Ravi

• **DEACON OF THE DAY:** Ronald Mausea

### 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

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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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