



GLENDALE
CITY CHURCH

110

Celebrating 110 Years: 1906-2016

Finding God at the Intersection of Our Lives



December 17, 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 "On Christmas Night" based on the *Sussex Carol* Robert Elmore
Kemp Smeal, organ

Call to Worship: Lighting of the 4th Advent Candle Shelby Mumford
Today we light the fourth Advent candle, the Candle of Peace. At Christmas time we celebrate the God of Love who came to Earth as the Prince of Peace. If we are inspired by love, let us be the peacemakers that Jesus calls the children of God.

Hymn of Praise "Good Christians, Now Rejoice" No. 132

Greetings & Prayers of the Congregation Myron Counts
(Please remain standing for prayer)

Prayer Response (No. 132)
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Anthem "Joy to the World" Handel/Rutter
Jenny Wong, *guest director*

Scripture Reading **Luke 2:1-7; Matthew 2:13b-15a** Katherine Counts
Now in those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus, that a census be taken of all the inhabited earth. This was the first census taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. And everyone was on his way to register for the census, each to his own city.

Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, in order to register along with Mary, who was engaged to him, and was with child. While they were there, the days were completed for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son; and she wrapped Him in cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

An angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up! Take the Child and His mother and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is going to search for the Child to destroy Him." So Joseph got up and took the Child and His mother while it was still night, and left for Egypt. He remained there until the death of Herod.

Anthem	“For Unto Us a Child Is Born”	<i>G. F. Handel</i>
Sermon	“Joseph & Mary Fleeing Aleppo”	Todd Leonard
Call to Offering		Todd Leonard
Offertory	“The Time of Snow” Stephanie Aston, <i>soprano</i>	<i>Bob Chilcott</i>
	<i>They journey onward to find their rest, Mary and Joseph, forever blessed. They travel wearily as they go, the time of winter, the time of snow... It may not have been winter then, that certain night in Bethlehem, But with the beauty of this birth came the renewal of the earth, As a flower that grows through the melting snows.</i>	
	<i>(Unless otherwise marked, loose offering goes to local church expense)</i>	
Hymn of Response	“Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne”	No. 140
Benediction	<i>(Please be seated after the benediction)</i>	Todd Leonard
Musical Response		
Postlude	“Symphony V – Toccata”	<i>Charles M. Widor</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.

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

We welcome **Jenny Wong** as the guest director for our choir today!

Elders' meeting at Panera **today** following the worship service. Please contact John Nielsen or Mike Quishenberry for more information.

Please note there will be **no potluck** this month.

We regret to announce the passing of **Bruce Bacon** on December 12. His service will be held at the West Covina Adventist Church on Tuesday, December 27 at 4 p.m.

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). Please also note that the **December 2 Christmas Concert** is now available there under recently archived sermons (also on YouTube).

Christmas tree recycling: For Glendale residents, the City of Glendale will help recycle your tree. Remove all decorations and place your tree with your trash on the collection day. A special crew will come and pick it up (please allow up to a week if demand is high).

UPCOMING SERMONS & EVENTS

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



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 a.m. 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 Arlene 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.

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.

Give Communitas a Helping Hand!



Communitas has some openings for **talented individuals** who can give an hour or two each week to help us better serve Glendale and Northeast Los Angeles. **Please check the box for what interests you**, tear out this page and turn in during today's offering collection.

- Social Media Guru.** Post daily updates and info on our social media platforms
- Grant Writer.** Adapt our pre-written templates to send requests to charitable foundations and trusts
- Marketer.** Help us write or design material for brochures, our website and advertising campaigns
- Fundraiser.** Plan an event or party for friends, work colleagues, students or local businesses; or help us recruit new donors through your personal networks

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ELDER OF THE DAY: Beverly Tarr

• **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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