



GLENDALE
CITY CHURCH

110

Celebrating 110 Years: 1906-2016

Finding God at the Intersection of Our Lives

December 31, 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

"Gesù Bambino"
Taylor Ruhl, *organ*

Pietro A. Yon

Call to Worship

Todd Leonard

We launch our ship on the unknown waters of this year,
with you, O God, as our harbor,
you, O Christ, at our helm,
you, O Spirit, filling our sails.

—Adapted from *Puritan Prayers: The Valley of Vision*

Hymn of Praise

"I Cannot Tell Why"

No. 255

Greetings & Prayers of the Congregation

Dave Ferguson

(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!

Worship in Song

"There's a Song in the Air"
Christina Bristow, *soprano*

arr. John Ness Beck

City Kids' Story Time

Anthony Paschal

A special Lamb's Offering for student assistance fund will be collected right after the story

Worship in Song

"Watchman, Tell Us of the Night"
Christina Bristow, *soprano*

arr. John Ness Beck

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7

Ruth Counts

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.

You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy;
they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest,
as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder.

For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them,
the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor.

Every warrior's boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood
will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire.

**For to us a child is born, to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.**

**And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end.
He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom,
establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness
from that time on and forever.

The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.

Sermon "Embracing New Leadership in 2017" Todd Leonard

Call to Offering Todd Leonard

Offertory "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" *arr. Harry T. Burleigh*
Christina Bristow, *soprano*
(Unless otherwise marked, loose offering goes to local church expense)

Hymn of Response "What Child Is This?" No. 141

Benediction *(Please be seated after the benediction)* Todd Leonard

Musical Response

Postlude "Ding Dong! Merrily on High" *Clay Christiansen*



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.

Join us today after worship service in the courtyard to give our best wishes, prayers, and fond farewells to the Paschal family. Light refreshments will be served.

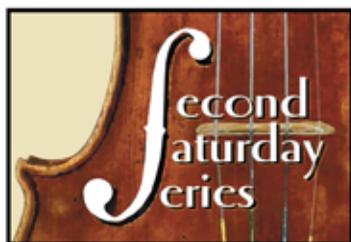
Today's flowers are sponsored by Ruben and Genaro: "Happy New Year! May 2017 bring abundant life to all our Glendale City Church family!"

We regret to announce the passing of **Lamona Terwilliger** on Monday, December 26. Please keep the Terwilliger family in your prayers; Carl is recovering from a recent hip replacement surgery. Memorial service information to be announced.

Our prayers and thoughts are with **Kemp Smeal** and his father as they mourn the **passing of his mother** on December 28 in Pennsylvania. Cards may be sent to him at 525 E Seaside Way, #2211, Long Beach, CA 90802

Thank you for making City Church the recipient of Ralph Rewards! Because a number of you signed up this fall our church received \$133.85 for the fall quarter (compared to the previous quarter of \$10). Imagine if another 10-20 members signed up? Pick up an application in the foyer today! Thank you for your support.

Winter Shelter Program. The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority has a list of emergency shelters and/or transportation to a shelter in the County. Call 800/548-6047 or log-on to lahsa.org for locations.



Glendale City Church presents:
Wolfgang Reisinger
ORGAN
Saturday, Jan. 14th - 5pm



Since 1986 Wolfgang Reisinger has been concertizing regularly in Europe, China, South Korea, and the U.S.A. He has composed numerous works, and recorded several CDs as organist and choir director. Wolfgang studied church music and organ performance at the Vienna University of Music, and received his first doctorate in organ performance from the University of Kansas (2003).

Another doctorate (musicology) followed in 2008 (University of Music in Vienna).

**This concert will feature works by J.S. Bach, J.G. Rheinberger,
L. Vierne, M. Duruflé, and an improvisation!**

Admission: Freewill offering

A reception will be held following the concert to allow an opportunity to meet the artist.

UPCOMING SERMONS & EVENTS

January 7		Todd Leonard
January 14	Communion	Todd Leonard
January 21		Michael Jenkins
January 28		Johnny Ramirez-Johnson
February 4		Gerard Kiemeney
February 11		Greg Hoenes
February 18		Cherise Gardner
February 25		Mike Kim

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.

 **2017**
proactive
positive
perspective

new years eve party
saturday, december 31
9pm, young adults cafe

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RISE
CHOOSING
TO BE BETTER
— IN 2017 —

january

7 positive thinking + vulnerability

14 healthy grieving

21 moving forward

28 potluck

Urban Liturgy 
multipurpose room
3 pm





2017
the year of
friending



As we enter the new year, Glendale City Church wants 2017 to be the year where old friendships are strengthened, disconnected friendships are reestablished and new friendships are formed.

Throughout the year, we'll be providing opportunities where each of us can intentionally engage with others to build and strengthen our faith community. We want to take the loving power of this faith community and let it loose to flow into lives of others. Take a look at what's coming up!



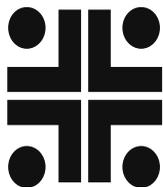
Phone-a-friend

membership connection parties

January 17 & 24. 7:00-8:30p

On the Tuesdays of January 17 & 24, join us in the Fellowship Hall for a soup & salad supper as we team up to reach out and call each member and friend of Glendale City Church. We want to hear from each person who calls this church home to find out how they are doing, if there is anything we can do to support them and to listen to any concerns they may have. All you need to participate is a working cell phone and a loving spirit!

If you are ready to RSVP for this party with a purpose, take one of the lilac-colored "connection cards" in the pew, write "Phone-a-Friend" on it and provide your name and contact info, and turn it in during the offering collection or hand it to a pastor or elder. To make this a great party, we need at least 30 people each night. Be there or be square!



**YOUR YEAR-END
GIVING
MAKES A DIFFERENCE**

**THANK YOU FOR INCLUDING GLENDALE CITY CHURCH
ON YOUR CHRISTMAS GIFT-GIVING LIST!**

**We depend on your generosity in December
to power our church ministry into the spring.**

Thanks for your commitment to our Pledge+ Giving Plan:



DONATE NOW! We have four convenient ways to give your tax-deductible donation:

1. **CASH OR CHECK:** Use a Glendale City Church **donation envelope** and turn your donation in during the offering collection or mail it to: **610 E California Avenue, Glendale, CA 91206.**
2. **CREDIT/DEBIT CARD ONLINE:** Visit **www.GlendaleCityChurch.org** and click on the "Online Giving" link on our homepage. You will then be taken to our Adventist Giving portal.
3. **CREDIT/DEBIT CARD GIVING KIOSK.** Visit the **church lobby** to make your donation to City Church Budget. (Please note: donations to Tithe cannot be received at the kiosk).
4. **DONATION BY STOCK.** Please contact our treasurer, Dean Vendouris, to arrange a gift from your investment portfolio:

ELDER OF THE DAY: Anoosh Keshishzade

• **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 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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