



**GLENDALE**  
**CITY CHURCH**  
of SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

Finding God at the Intersection of Our Lives

***February 11, 2017***

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# **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 the morning worship service. See inside of bulletin for more information.*

## **Prelude**

"Jesus Loves Me" (based on *Clair de Lune*)  
Kemp Smeal, *piano*

*arr. Fred Bock*

## **Call to Worship**

Leif Lind

Happy are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the LORD. Happy are those who keep his decrees, who seek him with their whole heart, who also do no wrong, but walk in his ways. You have commanded your precepts to be kept diligently.

O that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes! Then I shall not be put to shame, having my eyes fixed on all your commandments. I will praise you with an upright heart, when I learn your righteous ordinances. I will observe your statutes; do not utterly forsake me.

— Psalm 119:1-8

## **Hymn of Praise**

"Wake the Song of Joy and Gladness"

No. 34

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

Dave Ferguson

*(Please remain standing for prayer)*

## **Prayer Response**

Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord,  
Incline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace.

(No. 684)

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS (NRSV):**

Tom Chatt

### **1st Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20**

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess.

But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess.

I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

## **Anthem**

"This Little Light of Mine"

*arr. John Wesley Work*

### **2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9**

And so, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations?

For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human? What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth.

So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

**Anthem**

“Down By the Riverside”

*arr. Moses Hogan*

**3rd Reading: Matthew 5:21-37**

[Jesus said:] "You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. **So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift.** Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

**"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.**

"It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

**"Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.' But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be 'Yes, Yes' or 'No, No'; anything more than this comes from the evil one."**

**Sermon**

“Living Rightly: To the Heart of the Matter”

Greg Hoenes

**Ministries from the Pew**

Barbara Jones

**Call to Offering**

Johnny Ramirez-Johnson

**Offertory**

“There Is a Balm in Gilead”  
*(Unless otherwise marked, loose offering goes to local church expense)*

Charles Lane, *tenor*

**Hymn of Response**

“Take My Life and Let It Be”

No. 330

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

Greg Hoenes

**Choral Response**

“Let Us Now Depart In Thy Peace”

**Postlude**

“Fanfare”

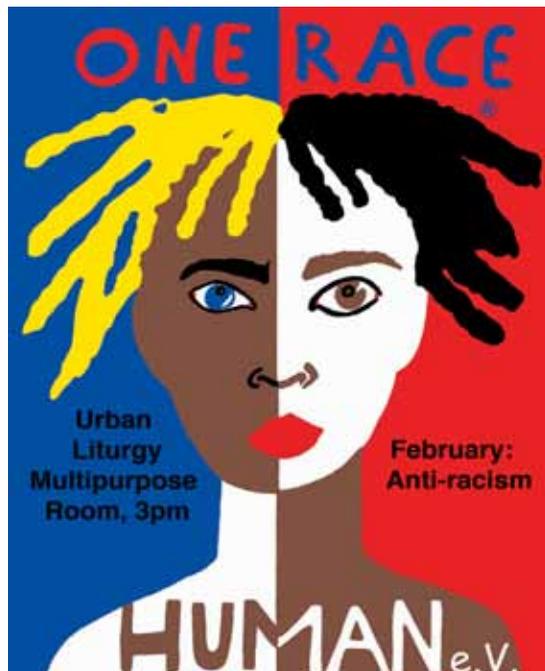
*Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens*

*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!*

## CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

*Every February Americans observe Black History Month, a time set aside to celebrate the contributions that African Americans have made to American history. In the next few weeks we will share a fact about the history of the observance.*

Carter G. Woodson, the son of a slave, began high school at the age of 20 and then proceeded to study at Berea College, the University of Chicago, the Sorbonne, and Harvard University, where he earned a Ph.D. in 1912. Woodson founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History in 1915 to train black historians and to collect, preserve, and publish documents on black life and black people. He also founded the Journal of Negro History (1916), Associated Publishers (1922), and the Negro Bulletin (1937). Woodson spent his life working to educate all people about the vast contributions made by black men and women throughout history.



### PASTOR'S NOTE

It's an honor today to take the pulpit that has been the bearer of the scriptures, and the lectern of so many enlightened and caring expositors and pastors, several of whom have been personal friends and mentors. I am grateful to Pastor Todd Leonard for his gracious invitation to share with you during his sabbatical. And very happy to be with each of you today!

Over the years, I have found inspiration in the many accomplishments this relatively small body can lay claim to. I have appreciated the inclusivity of the church body, the power of a faith unafraid to embrace intellect, fully committed to excellence and the arts.

I am particularly indebted to this congregation for embracing my wife and son so many years ago now. My last year at Hollywood, 2003-2004, Jill and Brennan attended here. They were well ministered to through your children's program and the friendship so many extended our family. We will never forget the ministry shared with us during that time.

Most of all, I am hopeful. It is churches like Glendale City that model a historic commitment to Adventist heritage and faith, while pushing boundaries in theology and social embrace. City lives the name, here not just for those who might be looking for Adventist fellowship, but being present to and for the larger community, the *City!*

May God bless you all as we worship together, exploring sacred texts with me, singing the hymnody of hope, and embracing one another as sojourners in exercised and lived faith.

Grace and Peace!

Greg Hoenes

## CHURCH LIFE

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

February 18

### HOME COMING



GLENDALE CITY CHURCH

**Next week**, February 18, will be **Homecoming Sabbath**, with **Pastor Cherise Gardner** preaching! *Invite all of your friends for this special day.* The potluck for February will be this date, following the worship service.

We warmly welcome our guest speaker this morning, **Pastor Greg Hoenes**, West Region Director for the Southern California Conference!

Congratulations to **Tiara Rabello** for being inducted into the Glendale Adventist Academy chapter of the National Honor Society, for her sterling work in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service, and character!

Don't forget church music events, with today's 5 p.m. Second Saturday Series concert, and Wednesday's Noon Concert featuring Scott Joplin's music, performed by violinist Yvette Devereaux and bassist/pianist Kevin O'Neal.

We are pleased to announce that **Michael Bandy's children's book**, "Granddaddy's Turn: A Journey to the Ballot Box", has been nominated for a children's book literary award!

Please do not respond to messages that seem to be from Pastor Todd, but do not use his normal email address (Todd.j.leonard@gmail.com). Check with him first before responding to these possibly harmful emails.

**Jay Lantry** appreciates phone calls, notes, and visits and can't wait to find a way to get back to church: 2441 N Altadena Dr, Altadena, CA 91001. (Phone 626-791-1549)

March 4 our guest speaker will be **Karen Cress**, wife of Southern California Conference executive secretary, John Cress. On the same day the **Crescenta Valley Adventist School** will supply the special music, as well as introduce us to their school.

**Watching Children on Church Campus.** The Conference HR and Adventist Risk Management have asked us to make sure that our congregation is aware that children under the age of 18 are under adult supervision at all times. This means providing childcare, or programming that insures children are just as involved as their parents while in an adult service or Bible study. They should not be permitted to run around in the building. Pastors and elders will be expected to enforce this if needed. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

The Prayers and Squares Ministry have made **quilts for members that need to be prayed over** and knots to be tied. Please come to the sanctuary podium after service **today** to tie your thoughtful prayer knot on the quilts.

**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](http://lahsa.org) for locations.

You are invited to join us at **Glendale Adventist Academy** for our K-12 "Open House" on Thursday, Feb. 23, 2017 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Come and take a tour, learn more about our curriculum, meet our teachers, staff and students and come see their work. For more information please contact us 818-244-8671.

### UPCOMING SERMONS & EVENTS

February 18	Homecoming Sabbath	Cherise Gardner
February 25		Mike Kim
February 28, Tuesday, 7:00 pm	Church Board	
March 4	Crescenta Valley School music	Karen Cress
March 11		Leif Lind
March 18		Arleene Chow
March 25		Mike Quishenberry
April 1		Leif Lind
April 8		Johnny Ramirez-Johnson
April 15	Easter	Rudy Torres
April 22		Todd Leonard

# WORSHIP FOR KIDS AND TEENS



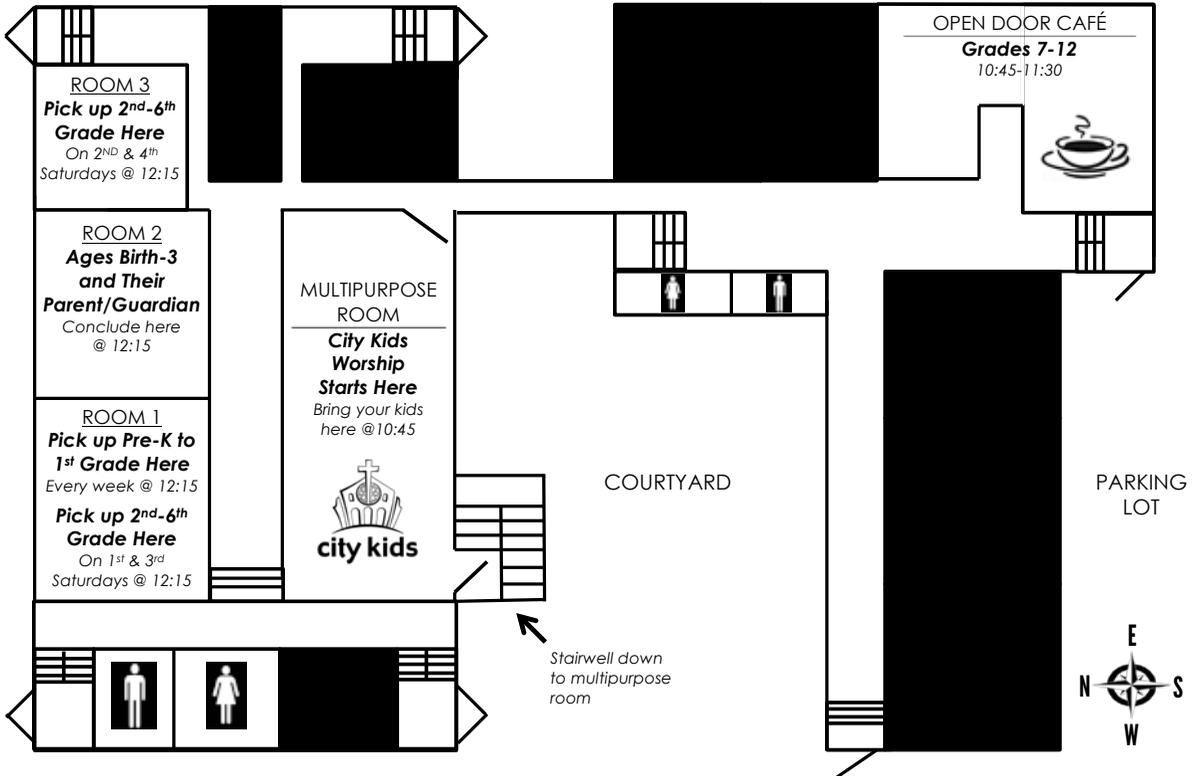
City Kids' Worship meets downstairs in different classrooms for age-appropriate spiritual experiences with their friends. Join us at 10:45 a.m. for song service in Room 2. Children ages birth to 3 are required to have one parent stay with them throughout the City Kids' worship experience. Older kids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

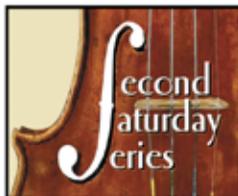


**Open Door will meet at 10:45 a.m.** – Open Door is a safe space for middle- and high-school students to talk about the issues facing them. Pastor Arleene Chow leads thought-provoking discussions on what spirituality looks like in all their relationships and helps them make smart decisions as they move towards adulthood. At 11:30, the teens are dismissed to join the adults at the worship service, upstairs in the main sanctuary.

## Map to City Kids Worship & Open Door Café

*Both Gatherings Meet in Lower Level Rooms*





*Glendale City Church presents:*

## **LA Harptette**

**February 11th - 5pm**



**Mary Dropkin, Paul Baker, Laura Griffin-Casey and guest harpist, Gracie Sprout**

This concert will feature works from Debussy, Handel and Mendelssohn,  
as well as poems by Larry Alan Smith.

Also featured will be the first two movements of AVIAN ARABESQUES composed by Paul Patterson. Avian Arabesques is a show piece in three movements that explores a wide range of harp techniques and embraces a number of stylistic and harmonic idioms. It is inspired by mythically beautiful and exotic creatures that have fueled legends of the Orient.

**Admission: Freewill offering**

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



# **Phone-a-friend**

*membership connection parties*

**Today After Worship Service**

**& Wednesday, February 15, 7:00 p.m.**

Our last connection parties paved the way to connect and open doors! Join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship service **today** to continue to reach out and call each member and friend of City Church. All you need to participate is a cell phone and a loving spirit!

If you can't make it today, the next party will be this coming Wednesday. A soup and salad dinner will be provided.

**ELDER OF THE DAY:** Michael Quishenberry

**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 Holy Spirit.” Dive into the scriptures this winter to see how the Holy Spirit continues the work of Jesus here on earth, how the Spirit worked with Biblical writers, and how the Spirit works in our lives today.
  - English Language Study—Chapel
  - Armenian Language Study—Room 11
  - Romanian Language Study—Room 13
- GRACE CENTER (FELLOWSHIP HALL, NORTH SIDE)— **New** book study: “Making Sense of the Bible: Rediscovering the Power of Scripture Today” by Adam Hamilton. This national bestseller examines how and when the Bible was written and who decided which books should be included in the Bible. Pastor Hamilton also explores controversial topics such as why God seems so violent in the Old Testament, why Paul commands women to keep silent in church, as well as questions of science and creation, salvation for non-Christians, etc. This is a book all thinking Christians should take time to read!
- 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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Arleene Chow, *Youth & Young Adults* (818-472-5287)  
Leif Lind, *Church Administration* (909-557-5230)  
Rudy Torres, *Emeritus* (714-318-1975)

Johnny Ramirez-Johnson, *Ministry & Outreach* (909-382-1912)  
Hovik Sarrafian, *Armenian Senior* (909-796-9536)  
Dorin Lataeanu, *Romanian* (909-528-2545)

#### Church Officers

Head Elder—John Nielsen (818-605-0057)  
Head Deacon—Ronald Mausea (818-730-0350)  
Head Deaconess—Eleanor Posner (818-281-5822)  
Church Board Chair—Rudy Torres (714-318-1975)  
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Taylor Ruhl, *assistant* (909-557-5229)

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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