



GLENDALE CITY CHURCH of SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

Finding God at the Intersection of Our Lives



December 9, 2017

610 East California Avenue, Glendale, CA 91206
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“Revealing Christ, affirming all”



CITY KIDS' PRAISE TIME & WORSHIP SERVICE — 10:33 a.m., Sanctuary

(Please turn off all cell phones & pagers).

Welcome to City Church. Our City Kids start with a joyful praise time, followed by the worship service. We invite you to come and be a part of our City Church family!

City Kids' Praise Time

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

Welcome & Call to Worship *Todd Leonard*
As people of the Advent, we watch, wait, and prepare for the return of Christ to the world.

Come, Lord Jesus, come!

As people of the Advent, we watch for signs of your action in this chaotic world,
actions of compassion, hospitality and grace breaking in.

Come, Lord Jesus, come!

Holy God, we recognize that we do not know the day or the hour,
but we know that the day is near.

Come, Lord Jesus, come! Be born anew in our world and in our lives.

Opening Hymn & Candlelighting "The Advent of Our God" No. 117

Lamb's Offering & City Kids' Story Time

"Remembering Daniel Chaney" — An Appreciation *Amy Westling*

Greetings & Prayers of the Congregation *Johnny Ramirez-Johnson*
(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 "There Shall a Star from Jacob Come Forth" *Felix Mendelssohn*

Scripture Reading **Luke 2:1, 3-7** *Pamela Kermgard*
In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world.... And everyone went to their own town to register.

So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.

While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

Anthem "Amen" *Jester Hairston*

Sermon "GIFTS OF CHRISTMAS:
Making Room in the Inn" Todd Leonard

Communitas Update Jason Schlatter

Call to Offering Todd Leonard

Offertory "Silent Night" *arr. Shawn Kirchner*
Sal Malaki, *soloist*
(Unless otherwise marked, loose offering goes to local church expense)

Hymn of Response "In the Bleak Midwinter" No. 126 (Tune: CRANHAM)

(1) In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan.
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow,
In the bleak midwinter, long ago.

(2) Angels and archangels may have gathered there,
Cherubim and seraphim thronged the air:
But his mother only In her maiden bliss,
Worshipped the beloved with a kiss.

(3) What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise man I would do my part;
Yet what can I give Him? Give my heart.

Benediction Todd Leonard
(Please be seated after the benediction)

Postlude "Carillon de Westminster" *Louis Vierne*

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!



Courtyard Café

Join us *EVERY* Saturday morning at
9:00am for breakfast and fellowship.

Come hungry and bring a friend!



Children's & Teen Programs

BREAKFAST & FELLOWSHIP

9 am - 10:30 am - Courtyard

PRAISE TIME

10:33 am - Sanctuary

Dismissed to City Kids Worship for all ages at 11:10 am

0-3 YEARS Room 2
(Parent must be present)

4-7 YEARS Room 1

8-10 YEARS Room 3

11-13 YEARS Room 4

TEENS

11:10 am - Open Door Cafe'



Join us the 3rd Saturday of each month at 6:30pm for Courtyard Campfire
Upcoming dates: Oct. 21, Nov. 18, Dec. 16, Jan. 20, Feb. 17, Mar. 17

Please note that, with our new worship service format, **children need to be picked up** by their parent/guardian from their appropriate classroom when the worship service is concluded. Children will not be released from Sabbath School class without a parent or guardian present.

CHURCH LIFE

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

Prayer Concerns: • **Paula Weisbard** has asked for prayers for healing for her **niece Beverly**.
• While we are grateful that lives have been spared during this week's **California fires**, let us keep in prayer all whose lives have been disrupted or who have suffered loss because of this.

There will be *no* Church potlucks for December. However, the *Gifts of Christmas* program will have meal fellowship opportunities. Please check with the flyer/schedule in the bulletin.

We extend a warm welcome to **Amy Westling** as she shares a moment of appreciation for this congregation's support of her brother, **Daniel Chaney**, during his final illness. She was unable to attend his May 6 memorial, but is grateful for our service at the time.

Please note that the Living Project will now be meeting in the Red Room. For December only, the Sabbath School Quarterly class will meet in the sanctuary.

Interested in joining a **Spanish-speaking Sabbath School class**? Please contact Pastor Johnny Ramirez-Johnson as we make plans to start this program soon!

Quilts for Sale. Prayers and Squares Ministry have quilts for sale. Crafted with care, make great gifts! See or contact Evie Salzmann 213-369-6898, or see the Church Facebook for the Quilt Catalog. Thanks!

Be Aware of Fake Pastoral Emails. For the past few months, emails using Todd Leonard's name have been sent to staff and church members asking for them to arrange wire transfers and other creative financial transactions. Please know that Todd will never send you an email like that. **Todd's only email is: todd.j.leonard@gmail.com**



URBAN LITURGY **Christmas Mythos: The Power of Myth** **Multipurpose Room, 3 p.m.**

Dear City Church Family,
Urban Liturgy is collecting items for Hollywood SDA Church's homeless. They are trying to provide warm items such as ***blankets, hoodies, or socks***. **We will be collecting these items until December 23.** **New/gently used** items can be left in church office, or contact the church office 818-244-7241. Thank you for the blessings.



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:



WAYS TO GIVE

1. **CASH/CHECK:** Use a Glendale City Church **donation envelope** to turn in your gift during offering collection or mail it to: **610 E California Avenue, Glendale, 91206.**
2. **CREDIT/DEBIT CARD ONLINE:** Visit **GlendaleCityChurch.org** and click the "Give" 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. (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: dinovan@prodigy.net, (818) 516-5006.



Next Weekend
DECEMBER 15 & 16
Peace



**SUPPER CONVERSATION:
FINDING PEACE TODAY**
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15,
7:30 P.M.,
FELLOWSHIP HALL
Enjoy a delicious,
family-style supper
with live holiday
music. Then dialogue
with Johnny Ramirez-
Johnson.



FINDING PEACE TOMORROW
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

9-10:30 AM
Breakfast &
Petting Zoo in
courtyard. See flyer
for details

10:40 AM
Pastor Todd follows
up with Johnny
Ramirez-Johnson's
Friday night's
conversation.

FREE PETTING ZOO!
Saturday, December 16th
9:00 - 10:40 am



Join us for Coffee, Hot Cocoa & Pastries!

*Enjoy animals
like the ones that
welcomed baby Jesus*



Plenty More Gifts to Unwrap!

The Gift of Jesus

Saturday, December 23, 10:40 a.m. (LEIF LIND) &
Saturday, December 30, 10:40 a.m. (MIKE KIM)



ELDER OF THE DAY: Mike Quishenberry

DEACON OF THE DAY: Ronald Mausea

ADULT SABBATH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY OPTIONS (9:30-10:30 A.M.)

- SABBATH SCHOOL QUARTERLY (TRADITIONAL)—Current study theme: “The Book of Romans”.
 - English Language Study—Note: Class will meet in the **sanctuary for December** only
 - Armenian Language Study—Room 11
 - Romanian Language Study—Room 13
- GRACE CENTER (FELLOWSHIP HALL, NORTH SIDE)—Current book study: “Facing Doubt: A Book for Adventist Believers ‘On the Margins’”. Dr. Reinder Bruinsma, longtime author, pastor, and church administrator recently retired to his native Netherlands. In this book he assures readers that God doesn’t get upset over our questions and wants us to use our freedom to look for answers — to live “creatively with [our] uncertainties and doubts”. He writes that he hopes this book will help “at least some readers to take a new ‘leap of faith’ and then (re-)connect with their church”. Come and join in the discussion!
- THE LIVING PROJECT (RED ROOM)—Social & 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.

SATURDAY WORSHIP OPTIONS

Morning Service
Sanctuary, 11 a.m.

Afternoon Service, Urban Liturgy
Multipurpose Room, 3 p.m.

Romanian Service
Fellowship Hall, 11 a.m.
1st, 2nd, 3rd Saturdays

Armenian Service
Chapel, 11 a.m.



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CHURCH DIRECTORY

Pastoral Staff

Todd Leonard, *Senior* (818-244-7241, office)
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Johnny Ramirez-Johnson, *Ministry & Outreach* (909-382-1912)
Lemar Sandiford, *Youth* (951-440-8575)
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Dorin Lataeanu, *Romanian* (909-528-2545)

Church Officers

Head Elder—John Nielsen (818-605-0057)
Head Elder—Mike Quishenberry (818-404-0406)
Head Deacon—Ronald Mausea (818-730-0350)
Head Deacon—Jerry Wahagheghe (310-963-1383)
Church Board Chair—John Nielsen (818-605-0057)
Choir Director—Clarissa Shan-Lewis (909-709-3596)
Organist—Kemp Smeal (714-658-4885);
Taylor Ruhl, *assistant* (909-557-5229)

Secretary—Victoria Lucero (glendalesda@gmail.com)
Treasurer—Dean Vendouris (818-244-7241, office)
Church Clerk—Mindi Rüb (mindilus@mac.com)
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A+ School Board Chair—Glen Christensen (plbboss@aol.com)
A+ School Director—Malisa Smith (818-241-9353)
Facilities Administrator—Wayne Libby (760-409-6719)

Church Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.; Friday 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Our church aims to be a safe campus for all members, especially children under 18. We aim to ensure that all on-campus childcare programs are led by adults who have had fingerprinting and background checks. When not in a childcare program, or with someone who is known and trusted, parents should supervise children at all times. Parents wishing to attend any worship service, Bible study, or social event should have their children stay with them in supervision, not wandering around campus with other children. Thank you for helping make this a safe environment for all!

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