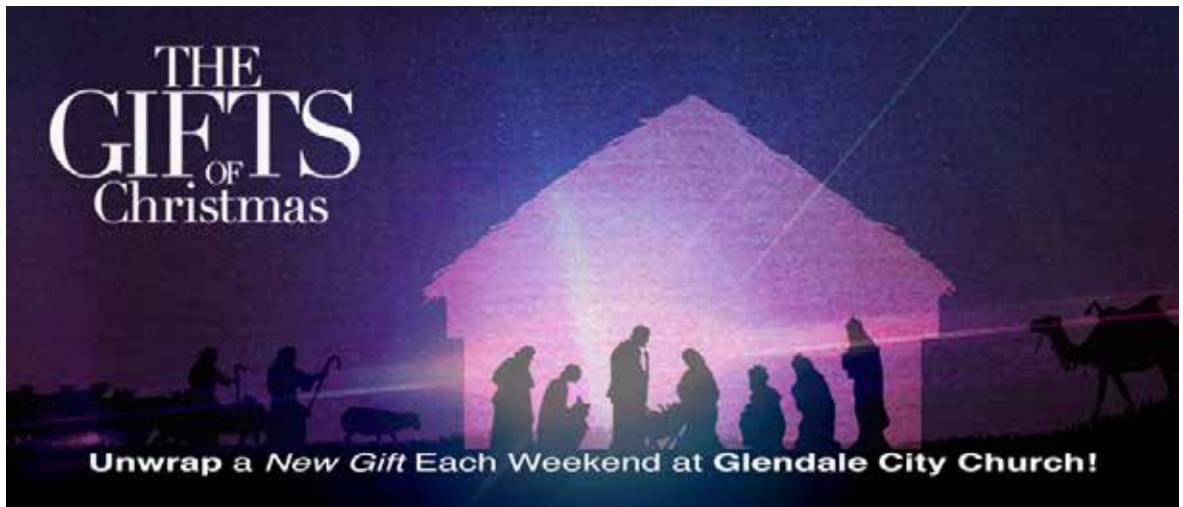




GLENDALE CITY CHURCH OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

Finding God at the Intersection of Our Lives



December 16, 2017

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



CITY KIDS' PRAISE TIME — 10:40 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!

WORSHIP SERVICE — 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Prelude

“XII Noel”

Louis Claude Daquin

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

“Angels from the Realms of Glory”

No. 119

Lamb’s Offering

A+ Children’s Center

“Away in a manger”/“Happy Birthday Jesus” — A+ Children’s Center Choir

“Jesus Loves Me” — A+ Children’s Center Handbell Choir

City Kids’ Story Time

Lemar Sandiford

Greetings & Prayers of the Congregation

Mike Quishenberry

(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

“For unto us a child is born” from *The Messiah*

G. F. Handel

Scripture Reading**John 1:6-8, 19-28**

Margery Rich

There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light....

Now this was John's testimony when the Jewish leaders in Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to ask him who he was. He did not fail to confess, but confessed freely, "I am not the Messiah." They asked him, "Then who are you? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" He answered, "No." Finally they said, "Who are you? Give us an answer to take back to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?"

John replied in the words of Isaiah the prophet, "I am the voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way for the Lord.'" Now the Pharisees who had been sent questioned him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?" "I baptize with water," John replied, "but among you stands one you do not know. He is the one who comes after me, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie."

This all happened at Bethany on the other side of the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

Anthem "Hallelujah Chorus" from *The Messiah* *G. F. Handel*

Sermon "THE GIFTS OF CHRISTMAS: Peace for Tomorrow" *Todd Leonard*

Call to Offering *Todd Leonard*

Offertory "Do You Hear What I Hear?" *arr. Regney & Shayne*
 Argenta Walther, *mezzo-soprano*
(Unless otherwise marked, loose offering goes to local church expense)

Hymn of Response "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" *No. 130*

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

Choral Response "A Christmas Benediction"

Postlude "Symphony V–Toccata" *Charles-Marie Widor*



Courtyard Café

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

Come hungry and bring a friend!

Courtyard Campfire

**Dec
16**



**6:30
pm**

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

You may also bring a dish or snack to share.

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—whatever your age, whatever your journey or background. God excludes no one, and neither do we.

We extend a warm welcome today to all **children, parents, and friends of the A+ Children's Center**, and look forward to the children's participation in our morning program.

Prayer Concerns: • Let us remember Norman Coe and Audra Martin in prayer. • While we are grateful that lives have been spared during recent **California wildfires**, 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.

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.

Baptism planned for December 30. If you or someone you know is interested in being baptized, please see one of our pastors or elders about this.

The Caesura Youth Orchestra is planning a major fundraiser in the Spring with some of Hollywood's best composers and CYO needs funding to secure a venue and the Hollywood Chamber Orchestra. If you can help please donate at: <https://www.generosity.com/education-fundraising/film-music-legends-in-concert> or you can make a contribution directing to CYO marked "Spring Spectacular."

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

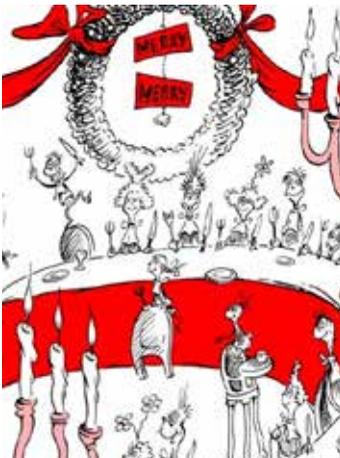
January sermons & events: Jan 6: Todd Leonard; Jan 13: Todd Leonard (Communion); Jan 20: Doug Edwards (www.humangood.org): "Following Jesus in the Third Half of Life" (includes luncheon).



**Next 2 Weekends:
"Jesus"**

**DECEMBER 23, LESSONS
& CAROLS, LEIF LIND**

DECEMBER 30, MIKE KIM



URBAN LITURGY

**Who Wants to Feast? Potluck & Wassailing
Multipurpose Room, 3 p.m.**

Bring your favorite dish and merrymaking spirit on this Saturday afternoon. We will sing Christmas carols together, share Christmas tales, and rejoice in our spiritual community, made possible by the birth of a baby, lying in a manger, named Immanuel. All are welcomed.

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 January 12.** 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.

HOME COMING 2018

Saturday, February 10th

- 9:00 **Courtyard Café Breakfast**
9:30 **Personal Growth Marketplace**
Group Gatherings
11:00 **Morning Worship**
- Sanctuary: **Smuts van Rooyen & La Sierra University Choir**
 - Children: *CityKids Worship Groups*
 - High School: *Open Door Worship*
- 12:45 **Fellowship Luncheon**
3:00 **Los Angeles Adventist Forum**
with Reinder Bruinsma
5:00 **Second Saturday Series Concert**
with Linda Krantz, Handbell Soloist



Reinder Bruinsma



Smuts van Rooyen



Linda Krantz



La Sierra University Choir



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ELDER OF THE DAY: Mike Quishenberry

DEACON OF THE DAY: Ramy Seliah

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 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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