



GLENDALE CITY CHURCH of SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

Finding God at the Intersection of Our Lives

December 15, 2018

TODAY'S OPTIONS @ THE PERSONAL GROWTH MARKETPLACE

- 9:00 a.m.: Courtyard Café & Petting Zoo, Central Courtyard
- 9:00-11 a.m.: Communitas JumpStart Center
- 9:30 a.m.: Study, Discussion, and Support Groups:
 - Chapel*—"Oneness in Christ" Bible study group (traditional Sabbath School lesson).
 - Fellowship Hall, North*—Grace Center book discussion: "Original Blessing: Putting Sin In Its Rightful Place" by Danielle Shroyer
 - Room 4*—The Living Project Support Group



CITY KIDS AND OPEN DOOR MORNING SCHEDULE

- 11:00 a.m.: In the sanctuary with A+ students
- 11:15 a.m.: Ages 0-11 dismissed for classrooms downstairs.
Junior High and High School stay in the sanctuary

Beginners: Ages 0-3, Room 2

Kindergarten: Grades PreK-1, Room 1

Primary: Grades 2-5, Room 3

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- 11:00 a.m.: Sanctuary: Pastor Lemar and A+ Adventist Children's Center Kids
- 6:30 p.m.: Courtyard Campfire

NEXT SATURDAY

- 11:00 a.m.: Sanctuary: Lessons & Carols service with Pastor Leif

SATURDAY WORSHIP — 11:00 A.M. (PLEASE SILENCE YOUR ELECTRONIC DEVICES)

We welcome you as you worship with us today. Whether you're a regular member or a visitor, we encourage you to continue to fellowship with our Church family after the service! Please also feel free to contact any of our pastoral staff if you have a question, want a visit, or need help.

Prelude "Canonic Variations on 'Infant Holy, Infant Lowly'" *Raymond Haan*
Kemp Smeal, *organ*

Today we light the third Advent candle. This candle, known as the Candle of Joy, remembers the promise of balance restored and all things made new. John the Baptist jumped for joy in his mother's womb. Later, when he was in prison, he needed Jesus to remind him that prophecies of justice and healing were being fulfilled all around him. We commit ourselves to believe that, after times of darkness, there can again be the miracle of joy.

Welcome and Call to Worship Mike Kim

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.

Candlelighting & Opening Hymn "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne" No. 140
Lighting of the Advent Candle during the opening hymn

Child Dedication Lukas Nathanael Ciocan; Mike Kim

Worship in Song "Soft, Sweet Hay" *Karyn Henley*
"Jump for Joy"
A+ Children's Choir

Greetings & Prayers of the Congregation *(Please remain standing for prayer)* Suki Mendizabal

Prayer Response (No. 135)

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in — be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell —
Oh, come to us, abide with us, our Lord Immanuel!

Anthem "African Noel" *André Thomas*

Scripture Reading **Philippians 4:4-7** Yvanna Matusea

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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| Anthem | “O Holy Night” | <i>Arr. John Rutter</i> |
| Sermon | “Bang... Pow... Zing... Clang... Peace... Noise... Noise...Noise... Peace... Anxiety... Pain... Peace... Stress... Peace. Peace. Peace.” | Lemar Sandiford |
| Call to Offering | | Lemar Sandiford |
| Offering Appeal | | A+ Adventist Children’s Center |
| Offertory | “The Birthday of a King” Stephanie Aston, <i>soprano</i> <i>(Unless otherwise marked, loose offering goes to local church expense)</i> | <i>W. H. Neidlinger</i> |
| Hymn of Response | “When Peace Like a River” | No. 530 |
| Benediction | <i>(Please be seated after the benediction)</i> | Lemar Sandiford |
| Musical Response | “Come, Lord Jesus” | <i>Laura Anna Page</i> |
| Postlude | “XII Noël: Suisse, Grand Jeu, et Duo” | <i>Louis Claude Daquin</i> |



DEACON OF THE DAY: Jerry Wahagheghe

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS:

Baby Dedication: Today we warmly welcome little **Lukas Nathanael Ciocan** (the baby brother of Matthew Ciocan), second son of Madalin Ciocan and Gentiana Lamba Cuvinan.

Today's flowers are given by Judson Ravi in recognition and appreciation of all that **Zack and Lillian Abaro** do for our church!

Next Saturday: Lessons & Carols service with Pastor Leif

Homeless Persons' Memorial Service, Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Museum Plaza. Please join Ascencia on **Friday, December 21, 4:00 p.m.** as they pay homage to those men, women, and children lost to homelessness. For more information, contact Tarry Kang, Ascencia, 818-246-7900, events@ascenciaca.org.

Thank you for remembering your **year-end giving to City Church**. See *Intersections* magazine for more ideas of how to stretch your church dollar!

Extended deadline for "Exodus" tour (Egypt, Jordan, and Israel): Registration and deposit deadline for the Cultural, Educational & Religious "Exodus" tour is now **December 15!** For further information, see the latest *Intersections* or email drjorgeramirez@gmail.com.

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