



GLENDALE CITY CHURCH of SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

Finding God at the Intersection of Our Lives

December 8, 2018

TODAY'S OPTIONS @ THE PERSONAL GROWTH MARKETPLACE

- 9:00 a.m.: Courtyard Café, 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' MORNING SCHEDULE

- 11:00 a.m.: Praise Time in the Lower Level Multipurpose Room
- 11:15 a.m.: Age-Appropriate worship experiences in the following classrooms:
 - Beginners: Ages 0-3, Room 2
 - Kindergarten: Grades PreK-1, Room 1
 - Primary: Grades 2-5, Room 3
 - Early-teen: Grades 6-8, Room 4

OPEN DOOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT MINISTRY

- 11:00 a.m.: Worship with Pastor Lemar in the Open Door Lounge



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- 11:00 a.m.: Sanctuary: Todd Leonard continues with the sermonic series, "Love Revolution: The Jesus Manifesto."

NEXT SATURDAY

- 9:00 a.m. Petting Zoo
- 11:00 a.m.: Sanctuary: Pastor Lemar and A+ Adventist Children's Center Kids

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

“From Heaven Above to Earth I Come”
Kemp Smeal, organ

F. W. Zachau

Today we light the second Advent candle, known as the Candle of Love. The Advent season speaks to us about God's love for all creation, and we remember that God sent the Messiah as the ultimate expression of His love. We commit ourselves to love as God has loved us, and to express that love in all our relationships.

Call to Worship

Leif Lind

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

“Angels from the Realms of Glory”

No. 119

Lighting of the Advent Candle during the opening hymn

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

Myron Counts

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

“A Christmas Carol”

Charles Ives, 1894

Argenta Walther, mezzo-soprano

Little star of Bethlehem! Do we see thee now? Do we see thee shining o'er the tall trees?

Little Child of Bethlehem! Do we hear thee in our hearts?

Hear the angels singing: Peace on earth, good will to men! Noel!

O'er the cradle of a King, hear the angels sing: In excelsis gloria, gloria!

From his Father's home on high, lo! for us he came to die;

Hear the angels sing: "Venite adoremus Dominum."

Scripture Reading

Mark 12:28-34

Warren Dale

One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, “Of all the commandments, which is the most important?”

“The most important one,” answered Jesus, “is this: ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.”

“Well said, teacher,” the man replied. “You are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but him. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices.”

When Jesus saw that he had answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” And from then on no one dared ask him any more questions.

Anthem “He Shall Feed His Flock” *G. F. Handel*
Argenta Walther, *mezzo-soprano*

Sermon “LOVE REVOLUTION:
The Clarion Call of the Love Revolution” Todd Leonard

Call to Offering Todd Leonard

Offertory “O thou, that tellest good tidings to Zion” *G. F. Handel*
Argenta Walther, *mezzo-soprano*
(Unless otherwise marked, loose offering goes to local church expense)

Hymn of Response “God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen” *Traditional English carol*

(1) God rest ye merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay,
Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day,
To save us all from Satan’s power when we were gone astray:

Refrain: Oh tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy!
Oh tidings of comfort and joy!

(2) From God our heavenly Father, a blessed angel came,
And unto certain shepherds, brought tidings of the same,
How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name:

(3) And when they came to Bethlehem, where our dear Savior lay,
They found him in a manger where oxen feed on hay;
His mother Mary kneeling down unto the Lord did pray:

(4) Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place,
And with true love and brotherhood each other now embrace;
This holy tide of Christmas, all other doth deface:

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

Postlude “Variations on ‘O Come All Ye Faithful’” *Marcel Dupré*



DEACON OF THE DAY: Ronald Matussea

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS:

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 drcjorgeramirez@gmail.com.



←**Dec. 15 extended deadline (and lower rate) for “Exodus” tour (Egypt, Jordan, and Israel)!** See ad here and in *Intersections* magazine.

Today’s flowers are given by Judson Ravi in recognition and appreciation of **Leif, Svend, and Sonja Lind**, as well as **Javier Gutiérrez** (who creates *Intersection* magazine’s outstanding design every month).

Adventist Community Services Offering Today. We will help ACS to continue assisting people with their physical, social, mental, and spiritual needs. To learn more or donate, go to www.communityservices.org.

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.

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