



# GLENDALE CITY CHURCH of SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

Finding God at the Intersection of Our Lives

January 5, 2018

## TODAY'S OPTIONS @ THE PERSONAL GROWTH MARKETPLACE

- 9:00 a.m.: Courtyard Café, Central Courtyard
- 9:30 a.m.: Study, Discussion, and Support Groups:
  - Chapel*—"The Book of Revelation" Bible study group (traditional Sabbath School lesson).
  - Fellowship Hall, North*—Grace Center **new** book discussion: "Religious Literacy: What Every American Needs to Know — and Doesn't" by Stephen Prothero  
(see announcement for details)
  - 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: Worship with Pastor Todd Leonard

## NEXT SATURDAY

- 11:00 a.m.: Sanctuary: Communion with Pastor Mike Kim
- 5:00 p.m.: Second Saturday Series, John West, organ

# 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**

“Rigaudon”  
Kemp Smeal, *organ*

*André Campra*

## **Welcome and Call to Worship**

Todd Leonard

This is what the LORD says — he who made a way through the sea,  
a path through the mighty waters,

**“Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing!**

**Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?**

**I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.”** — Is. 43

## **Hymn of Praise**

“On This Day”

*Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 1999*

Tune: HYMN TO JOY

(1) On this day of celebration, at this time when hopes are new,  
God, we gather as your people, called to put our trust in you.  
You have made the world we live in; you have worked through history.  
In your plan we find our purpose, in your love, our unity.

(2) Long ago, you sent our Savior to this world in deep despair.  
In your Word made flesh you came, our life to know, our sins to bear.  
Christ has died and Christ is risen! At this new year we proclaim:  
Yesterday, today, forever — Jesus Christ is still the same!

(3) Through two thousand years of changes, through these passing centuries,  
You have called your church to witness to Christ's love that claims and frees.  
Each new generation hears you, each must find a fresh new way  
To make known the life you offer, to the people in their day.

(4) On this day, we pause and wonder what the future years will bring,  
Yet we know you clothe each flower and you make each sparrow sing.  
How much more will you protect us with your guiding, caring hand!  
By your Spirit, lead us boldly in the future you have planned.

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

Mike Quishenberry

*(Please remain standing for prayer)*

## **Prayer Response**

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;  
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light:  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

**Worship in Song**                      “He Shall Feed His Flock” from *Messiah*                      *Handel*  
Stephanie Aston, *soprano*

**Scripture Reading**                      **Isaiah 60:1-3, 19-22**                      Bryan Garey  
“Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you and his glory appears over you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

**The sun will no more be your light by day, nor will the brightness of the moon shine on you, for the LORD will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory. Your sun will never set again, and your moon will wane no more; the LORD will be your everlasting light, and your days of sorrow will end.**

Then all your people will be righteous and they will possess the land forever. They are the shoot I have planted, the work of my hands, for the display of my splendor. The least of you will become a thousand, the smallest a mighty nation. I am the LORD; in its time I will do this swiftly.”

**Worship in Song**                      “Come Unto Him” from *Messiah*                      *Handel*  
Stephanie Aston, *soprano*

**Sermon**                      “There Is Light for the Path Ahead”                      Todd Leonard

**Call to Offering**

**Offertory**                      “Serenity” (Hymnal No. 480, vs. 3, 4)                      *Charles Ives*  
Stephanie Aston, *soprano*  
*(Unless otherwise marked, loose offering goes to local church expense)*

**Hymn of Response**                      “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”                      No. 100

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

**Postlude**                      “Sinfonie de Fanfares”                      *Jean-Joseph Mouret*  
*Rondeau*



**DEACON OF THE DAY:** Glenda Mendizabal

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS:

Please remember health concerns for **Kay Silvestri** in your prayers this week, as well as for **Alma and Salomon Schmidt** and for the family of **Lynn Mindal**.

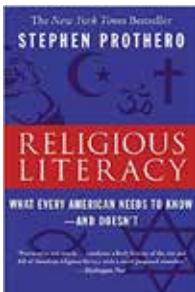
Also remember that **today**, from 6-10 p.m., there will be a **memorial service and reception** (Chapel & Fellowship Hall) for longtime member **Colleen Ford**, who passed away last year.

### HAPPENING THIS MONTH IN SENIORS ACADEMY:

On Saturday, **January 19, Rev. Douglas Edwards** returns to lead the afternoon Academy on: "The Powerful Gift of Listening". The Academy will provide directions and practices that you can use to bless other peoples' lives and deepen your own.

Rev. Edwards, a Presbyterian minister, psychotherapist, and educator is no stranger to our community. Working closely with Pastors Todd and Leif, he helped organize the Seniors Academy, which is now in its second year. This venue is held every other month for the purpose of exploring the rich life of being an elder in the 21st century. The Academy addresses the opportunities, values, and challenges of aging well as an elder of God.

After the worship service, come for lunch, and stay for Seniors Academy to discover how aging well is an essential part of our faith and call in Christ Jesus.



**New study book (Grace Center, 9:30 a.m.):** "Religious Literacy: What Every American Needs to Know — and Doesn't" by Stephen Prothero. In the USA — probably the most religious Western country — half of its people can only name one of the four gospels, and most cannot name the first book of the Bible! Such ignorance creates human targets "too easily swayed by demagogues on the left or the right". And the author maintains that, despite belief to the contrary, it was not secularists who enabled this illiteracy. "In one of the great ironies of American religious history," Prothero writes, "it was the nation's most fervent people of faith who steered us down the road to religious illiteracy. Just how that happened is one of the stories this book has to tell." A fascinating and important book today, including a 100+ page dictionary of religious terms.