



FINDING GOD AT THE INTERSECTION OF OUR LIVES

December 5, 2020

DUE TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE AND L.A. COUNTY GUIDELINES REGARDING THE CORONAVIRUS COVID-19 OUTBREAK, ALL SERVICES WILL ONLY BE LIVE-STREAMED, AT LEAST UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. GATES AND DOORS WILL BE LOCKED. PLEASE FOLLOW OUR WEBSITE [HTTPS://GLENDALECITYCHURCH.ORG](https://glendalecitychurch.org) OR FACEBOOK PAGE AS FURTHER INFORMATION BECOMES AVAILABLE.

CITY CHURCH ONLINE WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

- **Spanish-language Services**, Saturdays, 8:30 a.m.: with Pastor Johnny Ramirez-Johnson on our YouTube Channel.
- **City Kids Worship**, 10:00 a.m., www.YouTube.com/c/GlendaleCityChurch
- **The Living Project Support Group**, 10:00 a.m. Contact Mike Quishenberry for login information: mquishenberry@gmail.com
- **Saturday Morning English Worship** 11:00 a.m., <https://YouTube.com/c/GlendaleCityChurch>.
- **Worship After-Party with Tom & George** 12:15 p.m.: Immediately after the worship service concludes, join the chat with other church members at <https://Zoom.us/j/2139156248>.
- **Social Jesus Heartgroup**, hosted by Herb Montgomery, Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. (<https://Zoom.us/j/8182447241>), where we discuss Jesus' call to bringing justice and equality to all. In preparation for each meeting, check out Herb's study guide or podcast (<https://>

TODAY'S LIVE-STREAMED SERVICE, DECEMBER 5:

- 11:00 a.m.: Online Morning Worship Service with Pastor Todd Leonard

NEXT SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12:

- 11:00 a.m.: Online Morning Worship Service with Pastor Mike Kim.

FOR ALL FUTURE EVENTS, DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS, PLEASE CHECK WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK UPDATES

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

We welcome you as you worship with us online today. Please feel free to contact any of our pastoral staff if you have a question, want a visit, or need help:

- <https://glendalecitychurch.org>
- <https://facebook.com/glendalecitychurch>
- phone 818-244-7241

Prelude

“Sussex Carol”
Kemp Smeal, *organ*

Robert Elmore

Lighting of the 2nd Advent Candle

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 Video

“The Unraveling”
<http://theworkofthepeople.com>

Ben Thomas

Hymn of Praise

“The Advent of Our God”

No. 117

(1) The advent of our God with eager prayers we greet,
And singing haste upon his road, his coming reign to meet.

(2) The everlasting Son was born to make us free;
And he a servant's form put on to gain our liberty.

(3) As Judge, on clouds of light, he soon will come again,
His scattered people to unite with them in heaven to reign.

(4) Praise to th' incarnate Son who comes to set us free,
With Father, Spirit, ever one, to all eternity.

Artsakh Update with Armine Zambre

Greetings & Prayers of the Congregation

Todd Leonard

Worship In Song

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”
Charles Lane, *tenor*

Traditional Advent Carol

Scripture

1 Corinthians 3:1-9, 21-23

Todd Leonard

Brothers and sisters, I could not address you as people who live by the Spirit but as people who are still worldly — mere infants in Christ. I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were not yet ready for it. Indeed, you are still not ready. You are still worldly. For since there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not worldly? Are you not acting like mere humans? For when one says, “I follow Paul,” and another, “I follow Apollos,” are you not mere human beings?

What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe — as the Lord has assigned to each his task. I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. So neither the one who plants nor the one who

waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labor. For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building.

So then, no more boasting about human leaders! All things are yours, whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future — all are yours, and you are of Christ, and Christ is of God.

Worship In Song "Go Tell It On the Mountain" *John Wesley Work, Jr.*
Charles Lane, *tenor*

Sermon "CONTEMPLATION: Show Me the Way" Todd Leonard

Offering Appeal Todd Leonard

Offertory "Angels We Have Heard On High" *Traditional Christmas Carol*
Charles Lane, *tenor*

Hymn of Response "O Holy Night" (Cantique de Noël) *Adolphe Adam, 1847*

O holy night, the stars are brightly shining, it is the night of the dear Savior's birth;
Long lay the world in sin and error pining, 'till he appeared and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices, for yonder breaks a new and glorious morn;

Chorus: Fall on your knees, O hear the angel voices!

O night divine! O night when Christ was born. O night, O holy night, O night divine.

Led by the light of faith serenely beaming; with glowing hearts by his cradle we stand:
So, led by light of a star sweetly gleaming, here come the wise men from the Orient land,
The King of kings lay thus in lowly manger, in all our trials born to be our friend.

Chorus: He knows our need, to our weakness no stranger!

Behold your King! Before him lowly bend! Behold your King! your King! before him bend!

Truly he taught us to love one another; his law is love and his gospel is peace;
Chains shall he break, for the slave is our brother, and in his name all oppression shall cease,
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we; let all within us praise his holy name!

Chorus: Christ is the Lord, then ever, ever praise we!

His pow'r and glory, evermore proclaim! His pow'r and glory, evermore proclaim!

Benediction Todd Leonard

Postlude "Improvisation on God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen" *Myron J. Roberts*



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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Church Board has voted not to reopen our church until the state, county, city, and conference restrictions are significantly reduced from what they are currently. Reopening date to be determined. **Online services will continue to function** as they have up till now.

Pastors and Staff on Call. Even though the church office is closed, you can still connect with anyone on our team. Call 818-244-7241 and enter their extension:

- Serena Miller: x 202
- Todd Leonard: x 205
- Leif Lind: x 207
- Mike Kim: x 206
- Johnny Ramirez-Johnson: x 219

Prayer requests: Bob White's sister, Merrilyn Bringing, who has been in hospice this week; and **Claudia Dahlsten's niece, Cyndee Watts**, recently diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.

Please remember in prayer **Jeevan Johnson**, who is in hospital with **Covid pneumonia**.

Socially-distanced House Call. Would you like to visit with a pastor in your backyard? Just message 818-468-6453.

Be a part of Glendale City Church's annual Christmas Concert! Due to Covid restrictions, this year's concert will be virtual but, as usual, promises to be inspiring! Tune in **December 18 at 7:30 p.m.** to our YouTube premiere at www.youtube.com/c/glendalecitychurch. Participants include Glendale City Church Sanctuary Choir, Vallejo Drive Adventist Church Choir, the Donald Brinegar Singers. Glendale Adventist Academy Chorale and Band, the Temple City United Methodist Church Choir, and violinist Lyndon Taylor!

TLC for Artsakh Refugees: Watch Pastor Todd's interview with Dr. Armine Zambre about her crisis counseling work with Artsakh refugees. If you would like to donate so she can provide basic supplies for families and toys for refugee children in her care, please donate through Glendale City Church to our "Outreach Ministry" fund. 100% of your donation will be used to serve refugee families.

Sermon Series Companion Book. On the weeks that Todd preaches this fall, he'll be letting Richard Rohr guide our conversation through his book *Everything Belongs: The Gift of Contemplative Prayer*, Crossroad Publishing, 2003. You are encouraged to go deeper by reading along.

Social Justice Book Club. We always enjoys seeing one another and discussing books. This month we reviewed the first few chapters of *Stand your Ground: Black Bodies and the Justice of God* by Kelly Douglas. If you don't have time to read it, check out this interview with the author: <https://davidkrueger.org/2017/07/08/interview-wkelly-brown-douglas-stand-your-ground>. We hope you can join us when we finish at our next 2 p.m. December 20 Zoom meeting (ID: 848 2254 8280, passcode: 193844). If you have questions, contact Didi Mumford at dmumford1@aol.com

Noon Concerts. During the Covid-19 "Safer at Home" period in Los Angeles County, Glendale Noon Concerts will continue to bring their programs to you via streaming on Facebook and YouTube. Tune in December 16 beginning at 12:10 pm PDT, for a Solo Recital with Andrew Kwon on the violin, viola performing play works by Mozart and Tarrega. The program can also be viewed later on the Glendale City Church YouTube Channel.