



FINDING GOD AT THE INTERSECTION OF OUR LIVES

December 14, 2024

**ON CAMPUS TODAY AT GLENDALE CITY CHURCH, DECEMBER 14:**

- 9:00 a.m.: **Courtyard Café.** Enjoy simple breakfast foods & beverages in our Fellowship Hall lobby.
- 9:30 a.m.: **Grace Sabbath School class** with Pastor Leif, both live in the Fellowship Hall and on Zoom, meeting ID 818-244-7241. Join in our lively book study: *The Sin of Certainty: Why God Desires Our Trust More Than Our "Correct" Beliefs* by Peter Enns.
- 9:30 a.m.: **The Living Project Support Group** meets weekly in the Council Room. "Telling my story. Listening to your story. Living our story."
- 11:00 a.m.: Worship service with Joshua Estrada; also available online, <https://YouTube.com/c/GlendaleCityChurch>. Next Sabbath, Dec 21: Worship service and Lessons & Carols with Leif Lind. Church potluck follows the service.
- 11:00 a.m.: **City Kids Children's Praise with Music**, Room 2.
- 11:15 a.m.: **Tiny Tots** (0-4 years old, together with a guardian) go to Classroom 2; **Children's Sabbath School** (5-12 years) go to Classroom 1. Noon pickup.

**OPEN TABLE WORSHIP:**

- 12:15 p.m.: Informal worship gathering downstairs in the multipurpose room. All are welcome as we share with food, story-telling, and interpersonal connections!



# 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:

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**Prelude** “From Heaven Above to Earth I Come” *Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau*  
Kemp Smeal, *organ*

**Call to Worship** God of glory, Uriel Herinirina  
your splendor shines from a manger in Bethlehem,  
where the Light of the world is humbly born  
into the darkness of human night.

**Open our eyes to Christ’s presence in the shadows of our world,  
so that we, like Christ, may become beacons of your justice,  
and defenders of all for whom there is no room. Amen.**

**Opening Hymn** “As With Gladness Men of Old” No. 123

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

**Anthem** “Go and Tell It” *arr. Patti Drennan*  
Clarissa Shan, *Choral Director*

**Scripture Reading** **Colossians 1:15-20** Kris Wahagheghe

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.

**He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.**

For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

**Anthem** "O Holy Night" *arr. John Rutter*  
Clarissa Shan, *Choral Director*

**Sermon** The Advent Of\* Joshua Estrada

**Offertory** "Carol of the Birds" *John Jacob Niles*  
Clarissa Shan, *soprano*

*(Deacons will collect the offering as we meditate on the message in music. Please give as you're able — unless otherwise marked, loose offering goes to local church expense.)*

**Closing Hymn** "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" No. 204

(1) Come, thou long-expected Jesus! Born to set thy people free,  
From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;  
Dear Desire of every nation, Joy of every longing heart.

(2) Born thy people to deliver, born a child, and yet a King,  
Born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring,  
By thine own eternal Spirit, rule in all our hearts alone;  
By thy all-sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.

**Benediction** Joshua Estrada

**Postlude** "XII Noel" *Louis-Claude Daquin*  
Kemp Smeal, *organ*



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### Preaching schedule and announcements:

- **Dec 14** Joshua Estrada
- **Dec 21** Leif Lind, Lessons & Carols, followed by potluck

### Church office hours:

**Anji:** Wednesdays–Saturdays 9 a.m.–1 p.m.

**Pastor Uriel:** Tuesdays & Thursdays 9 a.m.–1 p.m.; Wednesdays 12–5 p.m.

Today we warmly welcome guest speaker, Pastor **Joshua Estrada**. He is the lead organizer for **CODA\***, a Seventh-day Adventist community that meets in Los Angeles (as well as recently starting to worship in our Chapel). Joshua worked previously as worship and teaching pastor at Active Church Redlands as well as being social media manager at Arcade Hospitality Group. At Santo Projects, he works in several areas, including song writing, creative design, art, social media management, and photography.

We sadly announce that long-time member **Harold Fanselau** passed away on November 30. Our heartfelt condolences and prayers are with his family at this time. Funeral information will be given later.

**Noon Concert on December 18** will feature Nancy Roth, violin; and Lorenzo Sanchez, piano; performing music by Christian Sinding, Claude Debussy, and Robert Russell Bennett. All welcome; further info at <http://glendalenoonconcerts.blogspot.com>.



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