



GLENDALE CITY CHURCH
of Seventh-day Adventists



December 27, 2025

WELCOME

We're Glad You're Here



TODAY AT GLENDALE CITY CHURCH

- 9:00AM (*Fellowship Hall*) - Come & enjoy a light breakfast with us at our Courtyard Café!
- 9:30AM (*Fellowship Hall*) - Grace Bible Study class with Elizabeth Johnston Taylor both in-person and on Zoom. (*Meeting ID 818-244-7241*).
- 9:30AM (*Council Room*) - The Living Project support group meets weekly: "Telling My Story, Listening to Your Story. Living Our Story."
- 11:00AM (*Sanctuary*) - Worship with speaker Rebecca Barceló. The service can be viewed online at: youtube.com/glendalecitychurch.
- 12:30 PM (*Downstairs Multipurpose Room*) - Open Table Worship is an informal gathering of seekers. All are welcome as we share food, story-telling, and interpersonal connections.

CITY KIDS PROGRAMMING:

(12pm Pickup)

- 11:00AM (*Classroom 2*) - City Kids Children's Praise with music!
- 11:15AM (*Classroom 2*) - Tiny Tots (0-4 y.o.) Attend with guardian.
- 11:15AM (*Classroom 1*) - Children's Sabbath School (5-12 y.o.)

PREPARING

At the still point of the turning world.
Neither flesh nor fleshless;
Neither from nor towards;
at the still point, there the dance is,
But neither arrest nor movement.

And do not call it fixity,
Where past and future are gathered.
Neither movement from nor towards,
Neither ascent nor decline.
Except for the point, the still point,
There would be no dance, and there is only the dance.

I can only say, there we have been: but I cannot say where.
And I cannot say, how long, for that is to place it in time.

The inner freedom from the practical desire,
The release from action and suffering,
release from the inner and the outer compulsion, yet surrounded
By a grace of sense, a white light still and moving,
Erhebung without motion, concentration without elimination,
both a new world and the old made explicit...

WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude

Be Thou My Vision
arr. Gordon Young

Ty Woodward

Call to Worship

Rebecca Barceló

We gather at the threshold of what was and what will be, called out of habit, certainty, and business as usual.

We come, O God, to be drawn into more abundant life through you.

We come from a world that prizes normalcy, control, and winning, a world that tempts us to fix, explain, and take sides.

Draw us instead into sacred space.

Into the place where illusions fall away, where we are no longer certain or in charge, where the old world loosens its grip.

Meet us in the in-between, O God.

Here, at the threshold, we wait—open, vulnerable, and receptive—expecting an appointment with the Divine Healer.

**Come, Holy One, and do your transforming work among us,
Teach us patience, openness, and trust. Amen.**

Hymn of Praise

Be Thou My Vision

No. 547

Greetings

Uriel Herinirina

Worship in Song

Mary, Did You Know?
By Mark Lowry & Buddy Greene

Alanna Hernandez

Prayer of Intercession

Caitlin Herinirina

God of heaven, you meet us when we do not have all the answers. From this open and holy space, we bring our prayers.

We pray that you would draw us into closer communion with you.

WORSHIP SERVICE

(prayer, continued)

For those who avoid hard places and hide behind busyness, denial, or escape,

Give us courage to stay where you are at work.

For all living in times of waiting—the sick, the grieving, the displaced, and those between jobs, relationships, or dreams,

Teach us hope and help us pay attention.

For all who feel small, unseen, or worn down,

Show us the freedom found in trusting you.

For wisdom that comes through waiting and new life born from letting go,

Make our hearts ready for what is next. Receive our prayers, O God, and transform us. Amen.

Worship in Song

When Love Was Born

Alanna Hernandez

by Bernie Herms, Mark Schultz and Stephanie Lewis

Scripture Reading

Reuben Dator

Mark 4:33-41

With many such parables he spoke the word to them as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion, and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" And waking up, he rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Be silent! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

Mark 6:31-32

He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves.

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sermon

The Sacred Space Between

Rebecca Barceló

Offertory

Adoration
by Felix Borowski

Lyndon Taylor

Hymn of Response

He Leadeth Me

No. 537

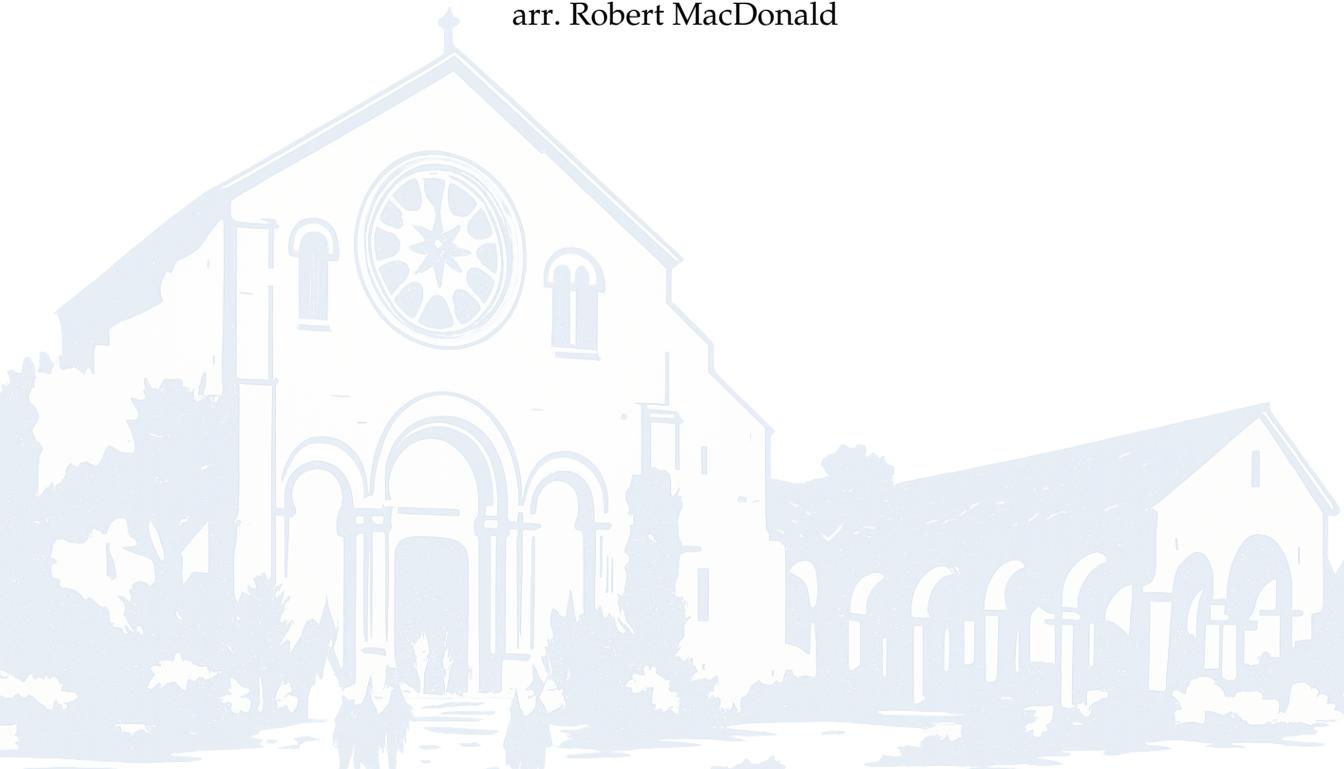
Benediction

Rebecca Barceló

Postlude

Good King Wenceslaus
arr. Robert MacDonald

Ty Woodward



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Young Adult Volunteer Opportunity – Dream Center

The SCC Conference’s young adult group, One House, invites young adults to serve at the Dream Center in Los Angeles on Monday, January 19, 2026, from 9am–1pm. Volunteers will assist in the Dream Center’s soup kitchen by helping with food preparation, serving meals, distributing snacks, and cleaning tables. The Dream Center provides hundreds of free meals each day and is 100% volunteer-supported, receiving no federal or state funding. Participants must be 18 or older, and space is limited to 30 volunteers, so early registration is encouraged. Sign up at: <https://tinyurl.com/dreamcenterform>.

Glendale City Church is **gathering old stories and photos** to use for our upcoming 120th Anniversary Weekend coming up on January 30 & 31. If you have any cherished snapshots or images from your time at GCC, and would be willing to share them with us, please send them to: office@glendalecitychurch.org.



In Memoriam: Ben Rockwell - We remember and give thanks for the life of Ben Rockwell, a longtime member of Glendale City Church, who passed away on Monday, December 22, 2025.



A graduate of La Sierra University, Ben devoted his life to service and advocacy, particularly in advancing disability rights, public accessibility, and community safety. For decades, Ben served in leadership and advisory roles with organizations including Californians for Disability Rights, LA County Metro’s Accessibility Advisory Committee, the Western Law Center for Disability Rights, and the California Independent Living Center. Ben will be remembered for his integrity, perseverance, and faithful commitment to justice, inclusion, and service to others.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Sabbath Offering – Camp Cedar Falls: This Sabbath, December 27, the offering will be designated for Camp Cedar Falls, a place of spiritual growth and renewal through retreats, camps, and gatherings. Your generosity will support ongoing projects

and improvements to help ensure the camp remains a welcoming space for future generations. Please mark your tithe envelope for Camp Cedar Falls or give online at AdventistGiving.org by selecting your church and then choosing **Camp Cedar Falls** under the conference offering section. Thank you for your support!

Noon Concert – Bassoon Duo Recital: Join us on Wednesday, January 7, 2026, for a Bassoon Duo Recital featuring acclaimed bassoonists Julie Feves and Jonathan Stehney. The program will include famous works by Sofia Gubaidulina, François Devienne, and Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, showcasing the depth and versatility of the bassoon repertoire. Julie Feves, a Juilliard graduate, performs extensively as a soloist, chamber musician, and orchestra principal, praised by The New York Times for her “virtuosic flair” and admired for her expressive phrasing. Jonathan Stehney’s expertise spans early, contemporary, and experimental music. He currently performs internationally, collaborates with leading composers, and teaches at CalArts, University of Redlands, and Cal State San Bernardino. Don’t miss this special opportunity to hear two masterful artists bring the rich voice of the bassoon to life in a dynamic and inspiring recital at GCC.



GLENDALE CITY
CHURCH
CELEBRATES



120 *years*

in Glendale

JAN. 30 | CONTEMPORARY
WORSHIP NIGHT

JAN. 31 | CHURCH SERVICE |
LUNCH + ART + CONCERT

Glendale City Church Celebrates 120 Years of Faith, Community, and Service

2026 marks a significant milestone for Glendale City Church as it celebrates 120 years of faith, community, and service in the Glendale Community.

To commemorate this anniversary, GCC will host a public, weekend-long celebration on January 30-31, 2026, featuring music, poetry readings, visual art, and a curated church history gallery with photographs, archival materials, and stories tracing the congregation's journey across twelve decades.

Weekend Itinerary

Friday, January 30

7:00 p.m. — Contemporary Worship Night, GCC Chapel
(with Pastor Andy Palomares)

Saturday, January 31

9:00 a.m. — Courtyard Breakfast

9:30am — History of Glendale City Church Lecture
(Sanctuary)

11:00 a.m. — Sanctuary Worship Service

12:30 p.m. — Anniversary Lunch

2:00 p.m. — Organ Recital, with refreshments to follow

For more information, email questions to
office@glendalecitychurch.org, or contact the church
office at (818) 244-7241.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING US!

Thank you for supporting Glendale City Church. Your generosity helps keep our church open, welcoming, and thriving.

Maintaining a facility like ours is costly, so we're inviting you to partner with us by choosing a monthly giving level to help cover the maintenance of this beautiful church.

- **Gold Level:** (\$500+/per month): Supports major maintenance and repairs, janitorial service, and water or power bills.
- **Silver Level:** (\$250-\$499/per month): Covers gas bill, trash services, and technology needs such as our GCC website costs.
- **Bronze Level:** (\$25-\$249/per month): Helps with property taxes, phone service, copier lease, office supplies, internet and gardening costs.

Scan here to donate:

(choose your level and select "set up recurring donation")



Thank you for helping us keep our church vibrant,
welcoming, and running strong!

STAY CONNECTED

PREACHING SCHEDULE

January 3:
Uriel Herinirina

January 10:
Brett Poynter
(GAA Sabbath)



Download the GCC App to
see upcoming events & more!



Follow us on Facebook,
Instagram and YouTube!

CHURCH OFFICE

818.244.7241

Anji Arm
Campus Administrator
office@glendalecitychurch.org

Pastor Uriel
uriel@glendalecitychurch.org

Pastor Rebecca
rebecca@glendalecitychurch.org



“REVEALING CHRIST, AFFIRMING ALL”
610 East California Avenue, Glendale, CA 91206