



FINDING GOD AT THE INTERSECTION OF OUR LIVES

December 7, 2024

**ON CAMPUS TODAY AT GLENDALE CITY CHURCH, DECEMBER 7:**

- 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 Uriel Herinirina; also available online, <https://YouTube.com/c/GlendaleCityChurch>. Next Sabbath, Dec 14: Worship service with Joshua Estrada.
- 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!



**Sermon**

"The Advent Surprise"

Uriel Herinirina

**Offertory**"Mary, Did You Know?"  
Christina Bristow, *soprano**Buddy Greene/Mark Lowry*

*(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**

"God, What Can We Imagine?"

*Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2015; tune: ST. THEODULPH*

(1) God, what can we imagine when all around we see  
A world that's lost and fallen, a bruised humanity?  
When tumult seems a given, and sin is everywhere,  
God, what can be our vision — our hope, our answered prayer?

(2) Can we imagine justice that circles round the earth,  
Till those who sit in darkness find healing, light, and birth?  
Can we imagine prisoners, allowed to start anew?  
Can we who've been discouraged now trust again in you?

(3) Could those who've faced oppression find love and welcome here?  
Could hungry, homeless children be free of want and fear?  
Could we your church find blessing in reaching to the poor?  
Can we your church imagine what we've been called here for?

(4) O God of love and justice, may we imagine, too,  
How faith, put into practice, can change the world for you.  
May what your church imagines when we are at our best  
Restore your good creation till all your world is blessed.

**Benediction**

Uriel Herinirina

**Postlude**"Variations on *Adeste Fideles*"  
Kemp Smeal, *organ**Marcel Dupré*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### Preaching schedule and announcements:

- **Dec 7** Uriel Herinirina
- **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.

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 Singing, Claude Debussy, and Robert Russell Bennett. All welcome; further info at <http://glendalenoonconcerts.blogspot.com>.



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