



FINDING GOD AT THE INTERSECTION OF OUR LIVES

December 9, 2023

ON CAMPUS TODAY AT GLENDALE CITY CHURCH, DECEMBER 9:

- 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. Book study: "Do I Stay Christian? — A Guide for the Doubters, the Disappointed, and the Disillusioned" by Brian McLaren.
- 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.: **Sanctuary worship service** with Pastor Greg Nelson. Also available online, <https://YouTube.com/c/GlendaleCityChurch>. **Next Sabbath, Dec 16: Lessons & Carols worship service** with Pastor Leif Lind.
- 11:00 a.m.: **City Kids Children's Praise**, Room 2. By 11:15 a.m.: • **Tiny Tots** (0-3 years old, together with a parent or guardian) go to Classroom 2; • **Godly Play** (4-12 years) go to Classroom 1. Noon pickup.

OPEN TABLE WORSHIP:

- 12:15 p.m.: Informal worship gathering downstairs in the Café. All are welcome as we share with music, story-telling, and interpersonal connections! **Next week:** Open Table will meet in the Café at 6 p.m. instead of the usual time (see Announcements).

THIS WEEK AT GLENDALE CITY CHURCH:

- 7:00 p.m. **Social Jesus Heartgroup** by Herb Montgomery, each Wednesday at <https://Zoom.us/j/8182447241>, discussing Jesus' call to bringing justice and equality to all. Study guide or podcast: <https://RenewedHeartMinistries.com>.



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

Call to Worship Leif Lind

As people of the Advent, we watch, wait, and prepare for the return of Christ to the world

Come, Lord Jesus, come!

As people of the Advent we prepare for a life of discipleship,
and watch faithfully for signs of God’s light breaking into the world.

Come, Lord Jesus, come!

As we wait, dear One, we watch for signs of your action in this chaotic world,
actions of compassion, hospitality and grace breaking in.

Come, Lord Jesus, come!

Holy God, we recognize that we do not know the day or the hour,
but we know that the day is near.

Come, Lord Jesus, come! Be born anew in our world and in our lives.

Opening Hymn “The Advent of Our God” No. 117

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

Choral Anthem “Glory to God” from *The Messiah* *George Frideric Handel*
Matt Miles, *guest director*

Scripture Reading **Proverbs 3:5-6; Jeremiah 17:7-8, NLT** Ken Webber

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.”

“Blessed are those who trust in the Lord and have made the Lord their hope and confidence. They are like trees planted along a riverbank, with roots that reach deep into the water. Such trees are not bothered by the heat or worried by long months of drought. Their leaves stay green, and they never stop producing fruit.”

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Preaching schedule:

- **Dec 9** Greg Nelson
- **Dec 16** Leif Lind, "Lessons & Carols"
- **Dec 23** Greg Nelson

Church Christmas Potluck next week, December 16. Come and enjoy a Christmas fellowship meal with church members and visitors! Also: Note the announcement here that **Open Table** will be meeting **next week** in the Café at **6 p.m.** instead of the usual time. All are welcome!

Welcome to the **season of Advent!** This is a time, starting four weeks before Christmas, when most Christian denominations look forward to the coming of the Christ child to Bethlehem as well as the return of Christ at the Second Advent (<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Advent>). As Seventh-day Adventists, this is something that we can gladly anticipate! The themes of peace, hope, joy, and love are celebrated through the lighting of the four Advent candles.

One of City Church's **former associate pastors, Casey Bahr**, passed away in Palm Springs on December 1 after a recent stroke. Bahr, together with Pastor Rudy Torres, helped establish the A+ Adventist Preschool in 1981. He last spoke at our church in November 2021. Our prayers are with Casey Bahr's family.

Our heartfelt condolences and prayers go to **Eleanor Posner's family** after the death of her brother **Anderson Tohdjodjo**, November 18. His memorial service will be in our sanctuary at 10 a.m. on Thursday, December 14, followed by a service at noon in Forest Lawn Glendale.

Glendale Adventist Academy: On Friday, December 22, 7 p.m., their choir will be singing **Handel's Messiah** in the auditorium. All are welcome to attend!

The memorial service for **Pastor VJ Puccinelli** will be held 2 p.m. **tomorrow**, December 10 at the Adventist Community Church of Vancouver, WA. It will also be livestreamed at <https://www.adventistcommunity.church/watch-live>. Condolences can be emailed to: Marilyn.Puccinelli@gmail.com.

