



FINDING GOD AT THE INTERSECTION OF OUR LIVES

February 1, 2025

ON CAMPUS TODAY AT GLENDALE CITY CHURCH:

- 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** and service of recognition and closure for Leif Lind, followed by church potluck; service also available online, <https://YouTube.com/c/GlendaleCityChurch>.
- 11:00 a.m.: **City Kids Children's Praise with Music**, Classroom 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:

Open Table will join the church potluck today as we celebrate Leif Lind's ministry to our community!

Service of Recognition



Today, we celebrate Pastor Leif Lind's remarkable and dedicated ministry to the Glendale City Church as well as the broader Seventh-day Adventist body. During the service, we will hold a special recognition and closure ceremony to honor his years of faithful service.

We are especially grateful to have Leif's family with us— his husband, Taylor Ruhl; Sonja and Hossein; Leisl and Mike; and their twins—as we recognize this significant moment together. Welcome, and thank you for joining us in this meaningful celebration.

The Ministry of Leif Lind

1973-1974: Ministerial intern, Sandnes and Bergen, Norway.

1976-1982: Pastor, Mandal, Flekkefjord, Bergen, Ålesund, and Tromsø, Norway. While in Tromsø, served as the North Norway Conference Youth & Sabbath School leader.

1982-1990: Book Editor, African Herald Publishing House.

1990-1996: Pastor, Nanaimo and Port Alberni, Vancouver Island, BC, Canada.

2004-2025: Associate Pastor, Glendale City Church, Glendale, CA



SATURDAY WORSHIP – 11:00 A.M.

Prelude Psalm Prelude, Opus 32, No.1 Kemp Smeal, organ
Herbert Howells

Call to Worship Glenda Mendizabal

God who has led this congregation for over a century
We come to you.
God who has led us through change and growth,
We bless you.
God who has made this congregation safe for all to worship and serve you,
We thank you.
God who has sent us Pastor Leif Lind to be our shepherd and friend,
We honor you.
God who has been our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
We worship you.

Opening Hymn “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” No. 100

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

Anthem “A Good and Faithful Servant of the Lord” David Lantz III
Clarissa Shan, choral director

Service of Recognition and Closure

Honoring the Call: Pastor Leif’s Story Beth Johnston Taylor

Testimonials

- I. Southern California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists
- II. Todd Leonard
- III. Doug Schultz

Meditation in Song “How Beautiful Are The Feet” Clarissa Shan, soprano
by G.F. Handel

Leave-taking Ceremony

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Uriel Herinirina

Leader: Join me in the prayer of thanksgiving for the gift of Leif's life and ministry.
For all that has been in these full years of ministry we say thank you.

All: Thank you God who holds us gently,
For all funerals led, people visited, lives mourned,
For all new lives welcomed, thanksgivings and baptisms celebrated,
For all new relationships blessed and marriages marked,
For new members welcomed, elders ordained, churches and communities sustained,
For all sermons and prayers written, songs and hymns chosen, liturgies crafted, connections
with news and everyday life woven together,
For all communities and organizations supported, stories listened to and held with care and
confidence, for kingdom work unnoticed and hard to measure,

Leif Lind: I give thanks.

People: We give thanks.

Leader: For cross words, unspoken grudges and power play, for forgetting and failures, for
all that is left undone and incomplete we say sorry, let go of and set down saying thanks to
God trusting in the work of others.

Leif Lind: I ask forgiveness and I let them go.

People: We ask forgiveness and we water seeds of ministry work planted.

Leader: For all faith companions who have inspired and nurtured Pastor Leif.

All: We give thanks.

Leader: For all who have been ministered to, with and alongside we say thank you to God
who continues to call us in Jesus to share Good News.

All: We hear the call of Jesus to be and share Good News.

Return of the Church Key

Leader: Pastor Leif, as a symbol of your leave-taking from the role of Associate Pastor
and Administrator, which you performed with profound grace and unwavering
dedication, we appreciatively accept your return of the keys

All: Amen!

Presentation of Honors

Deidre Mumford & Doug Schultz

Prayer of Blessing

Brett Poynter, LA Metro Region Director

(All elders are invited to come to the front and join in the prayer of blessing)

Anthem

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"
Clarissa Shan, choral director

Arr. by Mack Wilberg

Scripture Reading

Sonja Lind

1 Samuel 7:2-12 (Selected verses)

Then all the people of Israel turned back to the Lord. So Samuel said to all the Israelites, "If you are returning to the Lord with all your hearts, then rid yourselves of the foreign gods ... and commit yourselves to the Lord and serve him only, and he will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines." So the Israelites put away their [idols] ... and served the Lord only. Then Samuel said, "Assemble all Israel at Mizpah, and I will intercede with the Lord for you." When they had assembled at Mizpah ... they fasted and there they confessed, "We have sinned against the Lord." Now Samuel was serving as leader of Israel at Mizpah.

When the Philistines heard that Israel had assembled at Mizpah, the rulers of the Philistines came up to attack them. When the Israelites heard of it, they were afraid because of the Philistines. They said to Samuel, "Do not stop crying out to the Lord our God for us, that he may rescue us from the hand of the Philistines." Then Samuel ... cried out to the Lord on Israel's behalf, and the Lord answered him.

While Samuel was sacrificing [a] burnt offering, the Philistines drew near to engage Israel in battle. But that day the Lord thundered with loud thunder against the Philistines and threw them into such a panic that they were routed before the Israelites. The men of Israel rushed out of Mizpah and pursued the Philistines, slaughtering them along the way to a point below Beth Kar.

Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Shen. He named it Ebenezer ["stone of help"], saying, "Thus far the Lord has helped us." So the Philistines were subdued and they stopped invading Israel's territory.

Sermon

“Here I Raise My Ebenezer”

Leif Lind

Choral Benediction

“Old Irish Blessing”
Clarissa Shan, choral director

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Closing Hymn No. 334

(1) Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me ever to adore thee, may I still thy goodness prove,
While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love.

(2) Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by thy help I've come,
And I hope by thy good pleasure safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
He to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

(3) O, to grace how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind me closer still to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart — O, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

Benediction

Leif Lind

Postlude

“Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals”
Kemp Smeal, organ

Sigfrid Karg-Elert



*This is where your life has arrived,
After all the years of effort and toil;
Look back with graciousness and thanks
on all your great and quiet achievements.*

*You stand on the shore of new invitation
To open your life to what is left undone;
Let your heart enjoy a different rhythm
When drawn to the wonder of other horizons.*

*Have the courage for a new approach to time;
Allow it to slow until you find freedom
To draw alongside the mystery you hold
And befriend your own beauty of soul.*

*Now is the time to enjoy your heart's desire,
To live the dreams you've waited for,
To awaken the depths beyond your work
And enter into your infinite source.*

John O'Donohue



Glendale City Church welcomes people of all backgrounds into our church community. We do not discriminate based on gender, sexual orientation, race, culture, wealth, education, or religious background.

If you are learning to love God and others, you belong here.
God excludes no one. Neither do we.

Preaching Schedule & Announcements:

Feb 8 & Feb 15 - Pastor Uriel Herinirina is speaking.

Glendale Noon Concert, Feb. 5: Violinists Samuel Fischer and Sakura Tsai, with pianist Jennie Jung, will perform works for violin duo by Jessie Montgomery, Dimitri Shostakovich, and Pablo de Sarasate See <http://glendalenoonconcerts.blogspot.com>.

Open House: Glendale Adventist Academy (700 Kimlin Drive), Thursday, Feb. 6 from 5:30-7:00p.m, allowing visitors to see the facilities and meet faculty and administration.

Church Office Hours

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

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

We continue to pray for all who have been affected by the recent **tragic wildfires**, particularly members whose houses have been destroyed. Free fire-related counseling is available by texting 310-402-4906; a therapist will respond within 30 minutes.

*Housing Assistance: got to <https://211laorg/>. Once there, search for “Emergency Housing Assitance for Wildfire Survivors.”

*FEMA resources: [FEMA.gov/disaster/4856](https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4856). To apply and get answers to your questions, call: 1-800-621-3362

*Another organization trying to help is the Harmony Project (info@harmony-project.org).

Let’s also continue to remember the **family of Liz Wenz** and her brother Herman Wenz, after Liz’s death and ongoing health challenges for the family. We will update church members when there is information about a memorial service for Liz.

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