



GLENDALE CITY CHURCH
of Seventh-day Adventists



February 21, 2026

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 Rebecca Barceló 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.
- 12:10PM (*Multipurpose Room-Downstairs*) - 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

This is a desert
in all its barren beauty,
where we wilt,
desperately seeking shade,

while sun's fierce heat
scorches our souls
and we wither within
at losing the life
we used to know.

Here we might feel alone
but a holy shadow
accompanies us as we choke

on dust, stumble and fall
because we see no way out
and do not know
what direction we should go.

We think we've become
deaf to God's voice
in this wild wilderness,

but it has somehow
penetrated us soul deep,
as if his wisdom

has been instilled by soft
osmosis in our hearts
and we discover it as we depart.

WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude

Psalm Prelude Set 1, No. 1: Psalm 34:6
by Herbert Howells

Kemp Smeal

Call to Worship

Stephanie Azali

Today, we follow Jesus into a wilderness full of isolation, fatigue, hunger, thirst, and temptation.
We follow, trusting in God's mercy.

We witness Jesus resist the siren calls of sensationalism, notoriety, and misuse of power for selfish gain.
We recognize God's mercy at work in the face of temptation.

We notice the angels who tend Jesus, messengers of care in a harsh and lonely place.
We pay attention to God's merciful presence that did not abandon Jesus and does not abandon us now.

We come to the wilderness together, clinging to the truth that we are not alone—God is with us.
We gather to worship God, whose unfailing mercy journeys with us into the wildernesses of our lives. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Hymn of Praise

When Morning Gilds the Skies

No. 043

Greeting and Prayers of the Congregation

Debbie Wood-Martinson

Anthem

City Called Heaven
Arr. by Josephine Poelinitz

GCC Choir

Scripture Reading

Tom Chatt

Matthew 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

WORSHIP SERVICE

(Scripture Reading, continued)

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Anthem

Precious Lord, Take My Hand
arr. Roy Ringwald

GCC Choir

Sermon

Bread in the Wilderness

Rebecca Barceló

Offertory

Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child
arr. H.T. Burleigh

Carah
Stamatakis

Communion Service

Pastoral Team

*Seventh-day Adventists practice open Communion, so all members and guests are invited to participate.
(Additionally, please let deacons know if you need a gluten-free wafer.)*

The Lord's Prayer

Rebecca Barceló

And now, with the confidence of the children of God, let us pray:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Breaking the Bread and Offering the Cup

Uriel Herinirina

We remember Jesus who took the bread in his hands, broke it, gave it to his friends, and said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. Take, eat, this is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

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Rebecca Barceló

We remember Jesus who took the cup, gave thanks, and said: “This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.” Whoever eats this bread and drinks this cup, abides in Christ and Christ in them.

Congregational Response

God of the past and the present, with this bread and wine we remember your Son. We thank you for his life, his death, and resurrection. We look for his coming in glory and in him we give ourselves to you.

Prayer

Uriel Herinirina

God of love, send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that as we receive this bread and wine we shall by faith receive the body and blood of Christ. As we gather at your table, make us one in Christ and send us to live your love in the world.

Receiving the Bread and the Cup

(The congregation will now come forward to receive the bread and the cup.)

Rebecca Barceló

The bread we will break and the cup we will take is a sharing in the body of Christ.

Congregational Response

Our illusions of insufficiency fade, for we who share this bread are bound to Christ's body.

Partaking of the Bread and the Cup

Uriel Herinirina

Here are bread and wine—the gifts of God for the people of God. Now, in remembrance, take, eat, and drink.

Congregational Response

May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; We who drink his cup bring life to others. We whom the spirit enlightens give light to the world. Amen.

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Hymn of Response

Now Let Us From This Table Rise

No. 404

Benediction

Rebecca Barceló

Choral Benediction

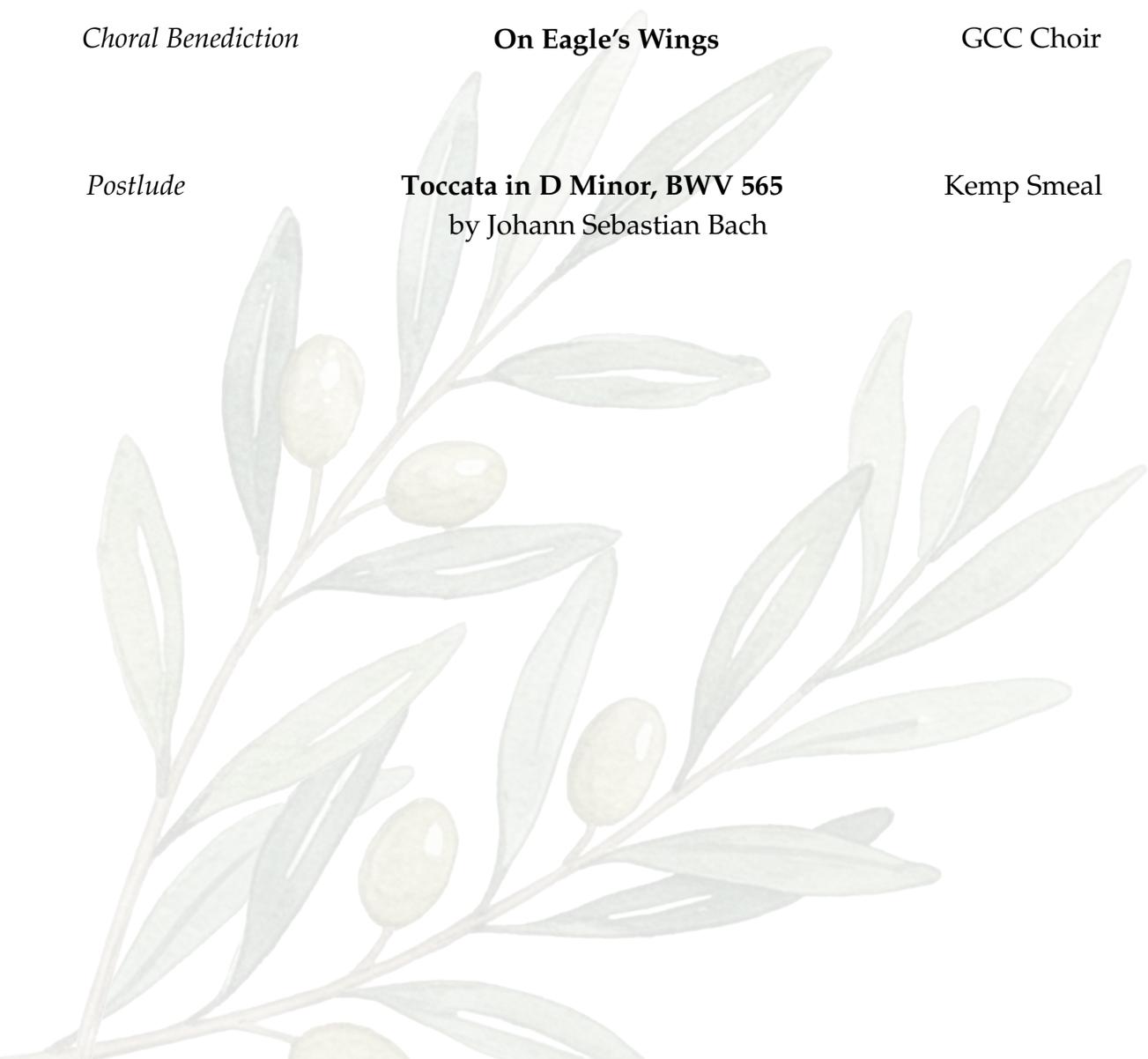
On Eagle's Wings

GCC Choir

Postlude

Tocatta in D Minor, BWV 565
by Johann Sebastian Bach

Kemp Smeal



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Group Photo Prints Available: Order a panoramic print of the group photo taken on the church steps during our 120th anniversary celebration! It's a special keepsake from a meaningful day in our church's history. Prints are \$25 each. To purchase, contact Anji at office@glendalecitychurch.org or call 818-244-7241.

Online Church Directory Now Live

Our new online church directory is now live! Watch for your welcome email with instructions to log in, view your photo, and update your contact information. If you need assistance or did not receive your email, please contact Mark at media@glendalecitychurch.org or text him at: 818-205-5256.



Notice of Research Activity:

As part of an academic theological research project conducted through Newbold College of Higher Education/University of Wales Trinity Saint David, Pastor Uriel Herinirina will conduct participant observation during worship services at Glendale City Church on the following dates: **Feb. 14, 21, 28; Mar. 7, 14, and 21.**

This non-intrusive observation focuses on the overall flow and communal aspects of worship, particularly communal confession and intercessory prayer. The focus is on general patterns of participation in the service, not on identifying or recording information about specific individuals. Pastor Uriel Herinirina will be clearly identifiable during these services by wearing a visible badge.

Attendance at services on these dates indicates consent for general observation. If you have any questions or would prefer that your conversation or comments, not be included in the research, please let Pastor Uriel know in person or via email: uriel@glendalecitychurch.org.

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CODA*



FOOD AND HYGIENE DRIVE



FOR LOCAL JORNALEROS
AND VENDORS

**DISTRIBUTION
DATE:
FEBRUARY 28TH
2026**

ITEMS NEEDED

HYGIENE ITEMS: TOOTHPASTE,
TOOTHBRUSHES, SOAP, SHAMPOO,
DIAPERS

DRY PERISHABLES: GRANOLA BARS,
COFFEE, RICE, ATOLE, BOUILLON,
CEREAL, LENTILS, OATMEAL, TOMATO
SAUCE/PASTE/DICED, MASHED
POTATOES, PASTA, BEANS, SOPA DE
FIDEO, MAC N CHEESE



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Donations for CODA may be placed in the designated box in the chapel lobby or dropped off to Jenna or Adriana at Seright Escrow, Inc. in Pasadena. If you have any questions, please contact Cheri Watson at 818-480-2721.

GLENDALE ADVENTIST ELEMENTARY & ACADEMY
PRESENTS

GOT TALENT!

TALENT SHOW

SATURDAY NIGHT
FEBRUARY 28
7:00 PM

Adults are \$15 | Students are \$10 | 5 and under are FREE

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.

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

STAY CONNECTED

PREACHING SCHEDULE

February 28:
Uriel Herinirina

March 7:
Leif Lind



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