



FINDING GOD AT THE INTERSECTION OF OUR LIVES

January 11, 2025

ON CAMPUS TODAY AT GLENDALE CITY CHURCH, JANUARY 11:

- 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 Jacqueline Cuellar; also available online, <https://YouTube.com/c/GlendaleCityChurch>. Next Sabbath, Jan 18: Worship service with Uriel Herinirina.
- 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!

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

“The Church’s One Foundation”
Kemp Smeal, *organ*

arr. Kemp L. Smeal

Call to Worship

Leif Lind

God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble.

**We give thanks for God’s presence, the Sovereign who dwells with us in humility,
accepting our pain and our weakness in love.**

So we will not fear, even if the earth trembles,
and the mountains crumble into the sea.

**We give thanks for God’s promises,
that allow us to let go of the fears and anxiety that keep us paralyzed.**

Though the oceans roar and foam, though the forests tremble as the fires surge,

**We give thanks that, as we grieve our losses,
as we mourn destruction; it will not consume us.**

God is with us, in grief as in love, and our hearts shall be open to grace.

The Lord Almighty is here among us; the God of Israel is our fortress.

**We give thanks that the Body of Christ is present:
the hands of God offering comfort,
the eyes of God weeping with us,
the feet of God walking alongside us,
the strength of God helping us to rebuild.**

— Ps. 46; Col. 1; 1 Cor. 12

Opening Hymn

“O God of Mighty Wind and Flame”

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2007. Tune: ELLACOMBE

(1) O God of mighty wind and flame who fills your church with power,
We gather here in Jesus’ name, to ask your help this hour.
When nature’s might seems far too strong and flames are swirling high,
When days bring fear and nights are long, Lord, hear your people’s cry.

(2) Some, having not the time to pack, lost all they left behind;
We pray that when they can go back, your strength is what they’ll find.
As they are grieving, bending low to sift through ash and stone,
We pray that soon, again, they’ll know the comfort of a home.

(3) Some labor hard for little pay; their blessings seem so few.
They don't have homes to save this day — God, keep them close to you.
Some risk their lives and give up sleep, to fight the fires so long;
In this, the vigil that they keep, God, keep them safe and strong.

(4) O God in whom we live and move — when lives are torn apart,
Give us, your church, abundant love to heal each broken heart.
And when we see our neighbors' pain, give us the grace to share,
Till like a gentle, needed rain, new hope will fill the air.

Greetings & Prayers of the Congregation

(Please remain standing for prayer)

Uriel Herinirina

Anthem

"This We Pray"
Clarissa Shan, *choral director*

arr. J. Althouse

Scripture Reading

Lamentations 3:22-24 (MSG)

Clarissa Shan

GOD's loyal love couldn't have run out,
his merciful love couldn't have dried up.
They're created new every morning.
How great your faithfulness!
I'm sticking with GOD (I say it over and over).
He's all I've got left.

Anthem

"I Surrender All"
Clarissa Shan, *choral director*

arr. Mark Hayes

Sermon

"Unshaken: Finding Hope in God's Faithfulness" Jacqueline Cuellar

Offertory

"When You Believe" Hans Zimmer, Stephen Schwartz
Eleen Hsu-Wentlandt, *mezzo-soprano*

(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

"O God, Our Help In Ages Past"

No. 103

Benediction

Jacqueline Cuellar

Postlude

"Toccata on Amazing Grace"
Kemp Smeal, *organ*

arr. J. Christopher Pardini

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Preaching schedule and announcements:

- **Jan 11** Jacqueline Cuellar
- **Jan 18** Uriel Herinirina, Communion service, church potluck
- **Jan 25** Beth Johnston Taylor. Memorial service for Harold Fanselau at 3 p.m.
- **Feb 1** Leif Lind, church potluck

February 1 will be **Pastor Leif's last Sabbath at City Church**. A church potluck will be held immediately after the service.

We extend a very warm welcome to our **speaker today, Jacqueline Cuellar**, who has worked as a youth pastor, and is currently the Ministry Coordinator at CODA* SDA Church.

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.



Our deepest sympathies and prayers for all who have been affected by the **tragic wildfires** this week, 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. Also, [airbnb.org](https://www.airbnb.org), in collaboration with 211 LA is offering help in finding temporary housing to those impacted by this week's fires (<https://news.airbnb.com>). Another organization trying to help is the Harmony Project (info@harmony-project.org). See also our own

City Church's Facebook page and Instagram.

The memorial service for **Harold Fanselau** will be held at our church on January 25 at 3 p.m.

On **January 15** the free admission **Glendale Noon Concert** will feature violinist Jacqueline Suzuki, cellist Clement Chow, and pianist Brendan White performing works by Beethoven, Brahms, Fritz Kreisler, and Astor Piazzolla. All welcome; <http://glendalenoonconcerts.blogspot.com>.