

GLENDALE CITY
CHURCH CELEBRATES

120 years | in Glendale!

January 30-31, 2026

LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

The Way the Lord Has Led Us

“We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and His teaching in our past history” (LS, 196).

This well-known excerpt, once the theme of GCC’s Jubilee celebration, feels especially fitting as we now give thanks for 120 years of being a church.

We do not know exactly who thought of it first, but even before the City of Glendale was incorporated, a handful of faithful souls dared to imagine a place for their faith in the midst of apricot orchards, orange groves, and fields of barley. It must have taken great effort, but the vision became a reality, and in January 1906, the first Glendale Adventist Church was organized.

I’m not sure what kind of community they imagined we would become. I suspect that some of the ways God has led us over the years - the questions we’ve asked, the people we’ve welcomed, the paths we’ve chosen - might have unsettled or even worried those early founders. And yet, what is clear is this: they trusted God enough to place the life of this church in God’s hands, allowing the story to unfold beyond their control. Today I am convinced it is this trust that has shaped the church we are today.

We do not know what the future of Glendale City Church will be, or what this place may look like thirty years from now. But we have nothing to fear.

This church - this holy place where questions are welcomed, where difference is honored, and where faith can be lived honestly and held gently - is led by God. This is what we celebrate today. We do so humbly and gratefully, giving thanks to the God who has led us thus far.

Friends, look at where God has led you today. Look at the people God has led to you - and those God has led toward you. Look at the path God has traced for your church. Take stock, give thanks, and find joy in the way the Lord has led us.

-Yriel Herinirina

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Worship Night

Contemporary Worship Service
Featuring Pastor Andy Palomares
(GCC Chapel, 7 PM)

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Courtyard Breakfast

Join us for a light breakfast with
our church community
(GCC Courtyard, 9 AM)

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History of City Church

Lecture by Historian, Michael Scofield
(Sanctuary, 9:30 AM)

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Main Service

Prelude

The Church's One Foundation
arr. Kemp L. Smeal

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Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Rebecca Barceló
Associate Pastor

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

Pastor Mike Quishenberry
Former GCC Associate Pastor

We gather, looking back to see the paths taken,
Looking forward to see our path.

We honor those who have gone before us,
Learning from their successes and failures.

We celebrate who we are today,
And welcome the possibilities and opportunities before us.

We gather to worship God,
the God of yesterday, today and tomorrow.

Hymn of Praise

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

No. 01

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear,
Now to His temple draw near;
Join ye in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously
reigneth,
Shieldeth thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen
How thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend
thee;
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew
What the Almighty can do
If with His love He befriend thee.

O Lord our God, for the vision of those who planned for this congregation, and for the commitment and dedication of all who served together at the time of origin,

We give you thanks, O Lord.

For those who have served so faithfully in leadership positions as Pastors, Elders, Deacons, and Staff Members,

We give you thanks, O Lord.

For those who have willingly given of their efforts to teach, encourage, counsel and sponsor,

We give you thanks, O Lord.

For those who have been such a part of our fellowship for so many years, and who will one day serve you in the church triumphant in heaven.

We give you thanks, O Lord.

For the ways in which we have been able to care for one another, support one another on the journey of life, and give strength to one another,

We give you thanks, O Lord.

For baptisms we've celebrated, professions of faith we have heard, and answers to prayer that we have experienced,

We give you thanks, O Lord.

For a congregation that has always desired to worship you faithfully and vibrantly, hearing your Word, singing your praise, and seeking your strength,

We give you thanks, O Lord.

For a commitment to remain true to your Word in a world of confusing and conflicting voices,

We give you thanks, O Lord.

For generosity that has enabled us to reach far beyond this community with the word and witness of the Gospel,

We give you thanks, O Lord.

For hundreds of children and youth who have been here as they were trained in the ways of the Lord and now serve him around the world,

We give you thanks, O Lord.

And for a prospered land that has given us opportunity to thrive and worship and serve for the sake of your Kingdom,

We give you thanks, O Lord.

Anthem I

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Arr. by Mack Wilberg

GCC Choir

Professing God's Faithfulness

Anna Greathouse

Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all the generations.

You, O Lord, have been a dwelling place for us and our children.

Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

You, O Lord, have been with us for these 120 years!

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

You, O Lord, have been our refuge and our strength!

The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

You, O Lord, are the eternal One and we have trusted you.

Anthem II

The Majesty and Glory of Your Name

GCC Choir

Arr. by Tom Fetke

Video Reflections

Pastors Uriel Herinirina & Rebecca Barceló
Senior & Associate Pastor

Words of Blessing from the Wider Church

Elder John Cress,
President of Southern
California Conference and Officers

Anthem III

I Choose Jesus
Arr. Robert Sterling

GCC Choir
Soloist, Jesse Martin

Call to Offering

Doug Schultz
Chair, Board of Elders

Offertory

In the Bleak Midwinter
by Gustav Holst
Arr. by Nicole Chamberlain

Kathy Marsh, Flutist

Glendale City Church is proud to partner with the Noon Concert Series, held in our sanctuary on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month. Coordinated by Jacqueline Suzuki, the series offers high-quality lunch break concerts for the community. Joining us today from the Noon Concert Series is flutist Kathy Marsh.

Scripture Reading

Pastor Anthony Paschal
Former GCC Associate Pastor

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

“See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall certainly perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him, for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.”

A Prayer of Application

Elizabeth Johnston Taylor

Head Elder

Praise be to the Lord, who has given words of life to God's people, just as promised.

Praise be to you, O Lord, for you have given us words of life.

Not one word has failed of all the good promises you have spoken.

Praise be to you, O Lord, for your faithfulness.

And now, O Lord,
we pray for all who are present here today—
the young and the old—
that grounded in your truth, today, once again, we may choose life,
And be formed by your will.

O Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for the children yet to be born,
who will sit in these pews in the years to come,
that they may carry your kingdom into future generations.

O Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for parents, caregivers, and all who nurture the young,
that they may faithfully tell each new generation
of your mercies and your saving love.

O Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for leaders, pastors, and staff,
that their leadership may remain true to your Word
and faithful to your calling.

O Lord, hear our prayer.

And we pray, O Lord, that you would bless our witness,
sending us into our community and into the world,
so that in places of need, your love may be known
and your grace encountered.

O Lord, hear our prayer. Amen.

Closing Hymn

God, When You Called Our Church by Grace

(To the tune of "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less")

by Carolyn
Winfrey Gillette

God, when you called our church by grace,
This land was such a different place.
Yet what you spoke remains the same:
"I'll be with you! Go in my name!"

Your promise is for everyone:
You call us here; your word is true!
We'll be a faithful church for you!

Lord Jesus Christ, our cornerstone,
You meet us here; we're not alone!
Through times of joy, through tears long-wept,
You are God's love, God's promise kept.

Your promise is for everyone:
You love us all, you make us new!
We'll be a loving church for you!

O Holy Spirit, wind and flame,
You send us out in Jesus' name.
You give us gifts that we may share
God's love and justice everywhere.

Your promise is for everyone:
You give us gifts, and work to do!
We'll be a serving church for you!

Benediction

Pastor Uriel Herinirina
Senior Pastor

Choral Benediction

On Eagle's Wings

GCC Choir

Postlude

The Solid Rock
arr. Kemp L Smeal

Kemp L. Smeal

We invite everyone to proceed to the sanctuary's front steps **immediately after the postlude** for the 120th Anniversary group photo. All are then welcome to join us for a shared meal in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you!

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Group Photo

Historic group photo of our church community
(Front Steps, Immediately Post-Service)

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Anniversary Lunch

Join us for lunch and fellowship
with our church community
(Fellowship Hall, 12:45pm)

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Organ Concert

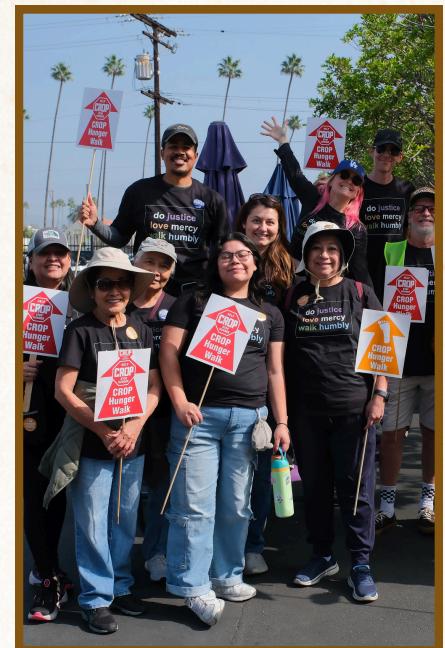
Music by Organist, Kemp L. Smeal
(Sanctuary, 2:00 PM)

Mission & Inclusivity Statement

Our mission at Glendale City Church is to reveal the love of Christ in all its tenderness and grandeur to the community in which we live.

We desire to embrace the wonder of humanity in its complexity, diversity, and beauty—and to do so without precondition. In short, we yearn to reveal the splendor of Christ and to affirm the worth of all people.

We do not discriminate based on gender, race, culture, wealth, education, religious background or sexual orientation. If you are learning to love God and others, you belong here. God excludes no one. Neither do we.



Thank You for Your Support!

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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