



FINDING GOD AT THE INTERSECTION OF OUR LIVES

January 6, 2024

ON CAMPUS TODAY AT GLENDALE CITY CHURCH, JANUARY 6:

- 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, January 13:** worship service with Dr. Jon Paulien.
- 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.: Open Table worship will not meet this week.

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>.

*Happy
New
Year*

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

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” *Johann Gottfried Walther*
Kemp Smeal, *organ*

Call to Worship

Leif Lind

This is what the Lord says — he who made a way through the sea,
a path through the mighty waters,

**“Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing!
Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?**

I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.” — Is. 43

Opening Hymn

“Ring Out the Old, Ring In the New” *Alfred, Lord Tennyson*
1850; Tune: DUKE STREET

(1) Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky, the flying cloud, the frosty light:
The year is dying in the night; ring out, wild bells, and let him die.

(2) Ring out the old, ring in the new, ring, happy bells, across the snow:
The year is going, let him go; ring out the false, ring in the true.

(3) Ring out the grief that saps the mind for those that here we see no more;
Ring out the feud of rich and poor, ring in redress to all mankind.

(4) Ring out a slowly dying cause, and ancient forms of party strife;
Ring in the nobler modes of life, with sweeter manners, purer laws.

(5) Ring in the valiant man and free, the larger heart, the kindlier hand;
Ring out the darkness of the land, ring in the Christ that is to be.

Greetings & Prayers of the Congregation

(Please remain standing for prayer)

Kathie Glennie

Scripture Reading

1 John 4:7-8, 11-12, NLT

Lee Posner

Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God. But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

Dear friends, since God loved us that much, we surely ought to love each other. No one has ever seen God. But if we love each other, God lives in us, and his love is brought to full expression in us.

Sermon "What Might Be Missing From Our New Year's Resolutions?" Greg Nelson

Offertory "Outside These Walls" Brian & Laurie Lamb, Biff Fink
Greg Nelson, solo

(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.)

Hymn of Response "Let Your Heart Be Broken" No. 575 (4 verses);
Tune: HEART OF JESUS

(1) Let your heart be broken for a world in need:
Feed the mouths that hunger, soothe the wounds that bleed,
Give the cup of water and the loaf of bread —
Be the hands of Jesus, serving in his stead.

(2) Here on earth applying principles of love,
Visible expression — God still rules above —
Living illustration of the Living Word
To the minds of all who've never seen or heard.

(3) Blest to be a blessing, privileged to care,
Challenged by the need — apparent everywhere.
Where mankind is wanting, fill the vacant place.
Be the means through which the Lord reveals his grace.

(4) Let your heart be tender and your vision clear;
See mankind as God sees, serve him far and near.
Let your heart be broken by another's pain;
Share your rich resources, give and give again.

Benediction

Greg Nelson

Postlude

"Tuba Tune in D Major"
Kemp Smeal, organ

C. S. Lang



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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Preaching schedule:

- **Jan 6** Greg Nelson
- **Jan 13** Jon Paulien (former Dean of LLU School of Religion). Followed by Communion Service



Happy New Year! Whatever this year holds in store, we wish God's peace and blessing on all who attend our church today!

Chaplain and longtime church member **Herman Kibble** passed away on December 27. Our prayers are with Marquita and the family at this time. Services will be announced later.

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. For details about the time and date of his **memorial service**, please contact Adrienne Bahr at 310-465-9916.



January 15, 9–10:30 a.m., YMCA of Glendale, 140 N. Louise Street: **Glendale's Annual Gathering and Peace Breakfast**, held on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, commemorates the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., while bringing together members of the Glendale community who carry his message and work forward in the present. The Peace Breakfast is free and open to Glendale community members and specially invited guests. Advanced registration is required: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/dr-martin-luther-king-jr-peace-breakfast-tickets-781142186307?aff=oddttdtcreator>.

Pathfinder Movie fundraiser, Vallejo Drive Church **today**, starting promptly at 6 p.m.: "The Secret of the Fossil". Entrance tickets \$10 each. Funds raised will go towards assisting Pathfinders to attend next summer's camporee in Gillette, Wyoming. (The movie examines the question of archeology and Creation from a conservative Christian viewpoint.)

A **visually impaired woman** in Glendale needs assistance with transportation, errands, etc. Contact Hala at 818-266-8500. This is a **paid position** on an as-needed basis.

Glendale Noon Concert, January 17, featuring soprano Suzanne Falletti and pianist Brendan White performing "20th Century Art Songs" by composers Poulenc, Obradors, Duke, Hageman, and Bolcom. All are welcome to this free concert! <http://glendalenoonconcerts.blogspot.com>