



FINDING GOD AT THE INTERSECTION OF OUR LIVES

November 18, 2023

**ON CAMPUS TODAY AT GLENDALE CITY CHURCH, NOVEMBER 18:**

- 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 Mark Witas. Also available online, <https://YouTube.com/c/GlendaleCityChurch>. **Next Sabbath, Nov 25:** Sanctuary Worship service with our City Church member, Debbie Wood Martinson .
- 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.: Informal worship gathering. This week, due to the weather, we'll be meeting downstairs in the Café. All are welcome as we share with music, story-telling, and interpersonal connections!

**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>.





After the exile to Babylon: Jeconiah was the father of Shealtiel, Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, Zerubbabel the father of Abihud, Abihud the father of Eliakim, Eliakim the father of Azor,

Azor the father of Zadok, Zadok the father of Akim, Akim the father of Elihud, Elihud the father of Eleazar, Eleazar the father of Matthan, Matthan the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary, and Mary was the mother of Jesus who is called the Messiah.

**Thus there were fourteen generations in all from Abraham to David, fourteen from David to the exile to Babylon, and fourteen from the exile to the Messiah.**

**Choral Anthem** "A Jubilant Thanksgiving" *arr. Patti Drennan*  
Clarissa Shan, *choral director*

**Sermon** "The Table" Mark Witas

**Call for Offering** Leif Lind  
*Please give as you're able — unless otherwise marked, loose offering goes to local church expense.*

**Hymn of Response** "Help Us Accept Each Other" *Fred Kaan, 1975; Tune: AURELIA*

(1) Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;  
Teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.  
Be present, God, among us, and bring us to believe  
We are ourselves accepted and meant to love and live.

(2) Teach us, O God, your lessons, as in our daily life  
We struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.  
Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some,  
To love them as we find them, or as they may become.

(3) God, for today's encounters with all who are in need,  
Who hunger for acceptance, for righteousness and bread,  
Bring us new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on;  
Renew us with your Spirit; God! free us, make us one!

**Benediction** Mark Witas

**Choral Benediction** "On Eagle's Wings"

**Postlude** "Sinfonia", from *Cantata "Now Thank We All Our God"* *J. S. Bach*  
Kemp Smeal, *organ*



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### Preaching schedule:

- **Nov 18** Mark Witas
- **Nov 25** Debbie Wood Martinson
- **Dec 2** Greg Nelson
- **Dec 9** Greg Nelson
- **Dec 16** Leif Lind, Lessons & Carols

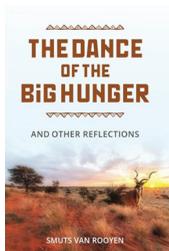
A very warm welcome to today's **guest speaker, Pastor Mark Witas**, Director of Mission and Spiritual Care for Adventist Health Glendale. Today's sermon looks at Jesus' — and our — unique family trees. We all have family members (maybe even ourselves?) who may be “weird”, but we are all the sum of what God has created that makes us uniquely who we are!

Make sure to enjoy our upcoming **annual Christmas program**, “A Festival of Carols with Brass Ensemble and Choir”, Friday, **December 1**, at 7:30 p.m.! Free attendance for all music lovers in our church sanctuary!

**Funeral services for “V. J.” Puccinelli**, Adventist pastor for many years in the Northwest as well as Vancouver Central Church in British Columbia, will be held on December 10, 2 p.m. at the Adventist Community Church of Vancouver, 9711 NE St. John's Road, Vancouver, WA 98665. In lieu of flowers, the family has asked for a donation to Clark County Adventist Community Services, <http://clarkcountyacs.com>.



**Attractive furnished room for rent** in historic Highlands of Pasadena, about 20 minutes from Glendale City Church. Available November 1; call Ken or Zaida Rothstein, 626-460-9904.



**New book by Pastor Smuts van Rooyen: *The Dance of the Big Hunger***, “a collection of essays and poems that cover a range of theological reflections, biblical expositions, pastoral counseling, and personal experiences.” Pastor Smuts states that his “desire is that people will hear echoes of the divine voice, not only in the expressions of love and faith herein but also in the anger, depression, and confusion. Maybe the common yearning we all feel will prompt us to let love in and find a way forward together. I hold my face up high in God's refreshing rain.” Available on Amazon.

**Laundry Love Ministry:** This service, provided by Vallejo Drive Church, assists those with financial needs by providing funds, soap, dryer sheets for up to 6 regular laundry loads per family. Available monthly, every 3rd Tuesday from 6–8 p.m. at Launderland Laundromat, 1157 N Pacific Ave., Glendale. Contact Doug Warner, 818-935-4317 for further info or referrals. Matthew 25:40.