



FINDING GOD AT THE INTERSECTION OF OUR LIVES

November 23, 2024

ON CAMPUS TODAY AT GLENDALE CITY CHURCH, NOVEMBER 23:

- 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 Pastor Uriel Herinirina; also available online, <https://YouTube.com/c/GlendaleCityChurch>. Church potluck afterwards, all welcome! Next Sabbath, Nov 30: Worship service with Johnny Ramirez-Johnson.
- 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.: Open Table Worship will be joining the church potluck in the Fellowship Hall today.





*Glendale City Church welcomes people of all backgrounds into our church community.
We do not discriminate based on gender, sexual orientation, race, culture, wealth, education, or religious background.*

*If you are learning to love God and others, you belong here.
God excludes no one. Neither do we.*

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>
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- phone 818-244-7241

Prelude

“Now Thank We All Our God (Cantata 79)”
Kemp Smeal, *organ*

J. S. Bach

Call to Worship

Uriel Herinirina

Serve the Lord with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.
**Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;**
give thanks to him and praise his name.
For the Lord is good and his love endures forever.

Hymn of Thanksgiving

“Come, Ye Thankful People”

No. 557

(1) Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home!
All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied;
Come to God’s own temple, come; raise the song of harvest home!

(2) We ourselves are God’s own field, fruit unto his praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown;
First the blade and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear;
Grant, O harvest Lord, that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

(3) Then, thou church triumphant, come, raise the song of harvest home;
All are safely gathered in, free from sorrow, free from sin;
There forever purified In God’s garner to abide;
Come, ten thousand angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home!

Greetings of the Congregation & Prayer of Thanksgiving

Margery Rich, Leif Lind

(Please remain standing for prayer)

God eternal and righteous One,
Who created the heavens and the earth,
we have gathered to give you thanks.
**For breath that fills us with your life,
For love that softens our hearts,
For beauty revealed at every turn.**

Christ redeeming and forgiving One,
Who is always faithful and merciful.
We gather to give you thanks,
**For renewal, transforming our lives,
For peace calming the chaos of our souls,
For hope restoring our faith.**

Spirit sustaining, and compassionate One,
Who calls us into relationship with the living God,
We give you thanks,
**For caring when our hearts are aching,
For friends supportive in times of need,
For generosity lavish and overflowing.**

God who created the earth and the heavens,
Eternal, Redeeming and Sustaining One,
We gather to give you thanks,
**We come with hearts full of gratitude,
For all things good,
We give thanks for you.**

For the universe immense and unknown,
For the earth on which we live,
For humankind made in your image.
Thanks and praise to God our creator.

For the way you entered human history as one of us
For the sacrifice you made for all of us,
For dying that we might live.
Thanks and praise to Christ our redeemer.

For the wonder of your indwelling presence,
For the comfort of your guidance and direction,
For drawing us together as one body.
Thanks and praise to the Holy Spirit our sustainer.

Through your will we are made whole,
Through your love we are renewed.
Through your abiding presence we become one community.
Thanks and praise to God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer through all eternity.

(1) For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our grateful song of praise.

(2) For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and Friend above, pleasures pure and undefiled,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our grateful song of praise.

(3) For the gift of thy dear Son, for the hope of heaven at last,
For the Spirit’s victory won, for the crown when life is past,
Lord of all, to thee we raise songs of gratitude and praise.

Scripture Reading

Psalm 95:1-7

Jeff Dahlsten

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods.

In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him.
The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

Anthem

“A Jubilant Thanksgiving”
Clarissa Shan, *choral director*

Patti Drennan

Litany of Thanksgiving

Glenda Mendizabal

For joys, successes, achievements, and accomplishments.

We thank you, Lord.

For health, safety, work, and rest.

We thank you, Lord.

For struggles, sorrows, trials, and sufferings.

We thank you, Lord.

For our jobs, for those who support us, for our education, and for the chance to serve.

We thank you, Lord.

For our homes, for food, warmth, and shelter, for all the things that have made us happy.

We thank you, Lord.

For our hobbies, and pets, for happy memories, for our favorite things, and for rest.

We thank you, Lord.

For our nation, for freedom and peace, for teachers, leaders, and those who give us a good example.

We thank you, Lord.

For the ability to say “I’m sorry,” for the grace of repentance, for the forgiveness of others, for the generosity of others.

We thank you, Lord.

For all the wonders of creation, for beauty music, sports, and art, for new opportunities and second chances.

We thank you, Lord.

For failures and rejection, for all the ways we have grown up and become better people.

We thank you, Lord.

For renewed hope and fulfilled dreams for the providence and protection of heaven.

We thank you, Lord.

For the gift of life and the promise of the life to come.

We thank you, Lord. Amen.

Anthem

“Now Thank We All Our God” *arr. Alice Parker, Robert Shaw*
Clarissa Shan, *choral director*

Homily

Uriel Herinirina

Offertory

“Grateful”
Joslyn Sarshad, *soprano*

John Bucchino

*I've got a roof over my head, I've got a warm place to sleep
Some nights I lie awake counting gifts instead of counting sheep*

*I've got a heart that can hold love, I've got a mind that can think
There may be times when I lose the light and let my spirits sink
But I can't stay depressed when I remember how I'm blessed*

*Grateful, grateful, truly grateful I am
Grateful, grateful, truly blessed and duly grateful*

*I feel a hand holding my hand. It's not a hand you can see
But on the road to the promised land this hand will shepherd me
Through delight and despair, holding tight and always there.*

Grateful, grateful, truly grateful I am

(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

"All of Life Is Filled With Wonder"

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2010; tune: HYMN TO JOY

(1) All of life is filled with wonder, so we thank you, God of love —
For the crash of evening thunder, clearing clouds, then stars above;
For the night that turns to glowing as we feel the morning mist,
God, we praise and thank you, knowing every day we're truly blessed.

(2) For the joy of daily waking, for the gift of each new day,
For the smell of fresh bread baking, for the sound of children's play,
For the ways we seek to serve you as we work and volunteer,
God we humbly praise and thank you for your presence with us here.

(3) For the ways we're blessed with plenty — love and laughter, neighbors, friends,
Nature's wonders, seasons' bounty, life in you that never ends,
For the ones who've gone before us, giving witness to your way —
We rejoice in all you give us every moment, every day.

(4) For your love in times of trouble, for your peace when things are tough,
For your help when hardships double, for your grace that is enough,
For a stranger's gentle kindness, for a doctor's healing skill —
God, we thank you that you bless us, and you bless your world as well.

(5) For the baby in the manger, for the cross and empty tomb,
For each time a searching stranger finds at church a welcome home,
For your kingdom's great surprises — poor ones lifted, lost ones found —
God, we thank you! Hope still rises, for your gifts of grace abound.

Benediction

Uriel Herinirina

Choral Benediction

"On Eagle's Wings"

Postlude

"Choral Improvisation on *Now Thank We All Our God*" *Sigfrid Karg-Elert*
Kemp Smeal, *organ*



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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Preaching schedule and announcements:

- **Nov 23** Uriel Herinirina; Thanksgiving potluck
- **Nov 30** Johnny Ramirez-Johnson. Beginning of Advent.
- **Dec 6** "Light of Faith" Christmas Concert, 7:30 p.m.
- **Dec 7** Uriel Herinirina

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 church is looking for a new **bookkeeper**. Please inform Pastor Uriel or Lee Posner or Sandy Schultz if you have any suggestion for this paid position.



"Light of Faith" Christmas Concert, December 6, 7:30 p.m., by Glendale City Church Choir and Glendale Adventist Academy Chorale. Free admission; don't miss this musical treat! Refreshments following the concert.

Noon Concert on December 4 will feature music by Edvard Grieg (Piano and Violina Sonata in G) and Germaine Tailleferre (Berceuse), performed by Sakura Tsai (violin) and Natalia Hudson (piano). All welcome! Further info at <http://glendalenoonconcerts.blogspot.com>.

Please reach out to us if you have a prayer concern, an illness, or a life event for us to be aware of. We are here to help whenever we can: Pastor Uriel Herinirina (530-488-6791), Pastor Leif Lind (909-557-5230); Beth Johnston Taylor, head elder (909-747-8836); or Glendale City Church office (818-244-7241).