



FINDING GOD AT THE INTERSECTION OF OUR LIVES

September 30, 2023

ON CAMPUS TODAY AT GLENDALE CITY CHURCH, SEPTEMBER 30:

- 8:30 a.m.: Please note that the weekly **Spanish-language service** with Pastor Johnny and Clara Ramirez-Johnson is currently on hold.
- 9:00 a.m.: **Courtyard Café.** Enjoy simple breakfast foods & beverages in our courtyard.
- 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 Dr. Greg Nelson. Also available online, <https://YouTube.com/c/GlendaleCityChurch>. **Worship next Sabbath, Oct 7:** Sanctuary Worship service with **Danny Chan**, Southern California Conference.
- 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.: The **Open Table** worship will **not meet** this week, as we are having a church potluck. It will resume next week as usual.

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>.

Sermon

“When God’s Womb Moves”

Greg Nelson

Reflection in Song/Offertory

“In the Heart of Jesus”

Alice Pugh

Greg Nelson

(Deacons will collect the offering as we meditate on the message in song. Please give as you’re able — unless otherwise marked, loose offering goes to local church expense.)

Hymn of Response

“O Love of God, How Strong and True!”

No. 79 (verses 1-3, 5)

Tune: OMBERSLEY

(1) O love of God, how strong and true! Eternal, and yet ever new;
Uncomprehended and unbought, beyond all knowledge and all thought.

(2) O love of God, how deep and great, far deeper than man’s deepest hate;
Self-fed, self-kindled like the light, changeless, eternal, infinite.

(3) We read thee best in him who came to bear for us the cross of shame;
Sent by the Father from on high, our life to live, our death to die.

(5) O love of God, our shield and stay through all the perils of our way!
Eternal love, in thee we rest, forever safe, forever blest.

Benediction

Greg Nelson

Postlude

“Tuba Tune in D Major”

C. S. Lang

Kemp Smeal, *organ*



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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A+ ADVENTIST CHILDREN'S CENTER CLOSING AFTER 42 YEARS: Conference officials met with A+ School leaders this week, informing them that due to continued low enrollment and the resulting financial challenges, the school will be closing on November 3. While the news is not totally unexpected, we are deeply saddened for Malisa Smith and school staff, as well as for the loss of a mutual relationship with Glendale City Church, spanning four decades.

Our prayers and sincere condolences to **Claudia Dahlsten** after her husband **Robert White** died on Tuesday after suffering a stroke this week. Also our prayers are with **Ron Matusea's family** after his mother, **Non Matusea**, passed away recently. Her viewing will be Oct. 19, 5–9 p.m. at Forest Lawn Covina Hills; her funeral on Oct. 20, 10 a.m. at the Indonesian American Adventist Church; and the interment the same day at 1:30 p.m., Forest Lawn Covina Hills.

FELLOWSHIP HALL POTLUCK & CHURCH VISION MEETING TODAY WITH GREG NELSON: The Church Board as well as Pastoral Search Committee members are asked to be present (preferably in-person rather than Zoom), and **all members are encouraged to attend** this important time for discussing planning ideas for our congregation.

Preaching schedule:

- **Oct. 7** Danny Chan, Southern California Conference
- **Oct. 14** Greg Nelson
- **Oct. 21** Greg Nelson
- **Oct. 28** Greg Nelson

The **pastoral search committee** met with the conference again this week, as our church continues its search for a new pastor. *Members of the search committee include Danny Chan (S.C. Conference), Leif Lind (pastor/board chair), Elizabeth Johnston Taylor (head elder), Mark Azali, Ruth Counts, Allan McDonald, Didi Mumford, Mindi Rüb, Doug Schultz, and Jerry Wahagheghe.*

Help Us Host "Home Again LA" as we help first-time homeless families get back on their feet! The week of **Oct. 29–Nov. 4** we will be lodging four families in our classrooms as part of HALA's temporary shelter program. We are looking for volunteers to provide a hot supper and a sack breakfast for 12 people each night; as well as seven pairs of chaperones — one male, one female — to sleep on site each night (beds will be provided). If you can help as a chef or as a chaperone one or more nights of this week, please contact our church office (818-244-7241, 610ecalifornia@gmail.com) or Beth Johnston Taylor (ejtaylor61@gmail.com).

Volunteers for serving lunch, Sunday, Oct. 22: The First Methodist Church in Glendale is looking for 3 or 4 volunteers to help serve lunch at their church on October 22. No food is needed, just volunteers. Their congregation has helped us in the past, so it would be a nice one-time gesture to help them now. Please let Pastor Leif (909-557-5230) know if you can assist — thank you!

A+ Fall Festival/Pasta Dinner with auction, Thursday, Oct 19, 3:00–8:00 p.m. (dinner at 5:45). Tickets: \$10/ adult, \$5/child. A+ is taking donations of **new** items for the auctions; donations will receive a tax letter at the end of the year. Thanks for helping to support our A+ school! (*This event will still take place, even as A+ is closing.*)

Glendale Noon Concert, Oct. 4: Pianist Brendan White performs works by Stephen Andrew Taylor, Frederic Chopin, Chen Yi, & Franz Liszt/Paganini. All welcome! More info at <http://glendalenoonconcerts.blogspot.com>