



FINDING GOD AT THE INTERSECTION OF OUR LIVES

September 9, 2023

ON CAMPUS TODAY AT GLENDALE CITY CHURCH, SEPTEMBER 9:

- 8:30 a.m.: **Spanish-language service** with Pastors Johnny and Clara Ramirez-Johnson speaking on our YouTube page.
- 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 Elizabeth Johnston Taylor. Also available online, <https://YouTube.com/c/GlendaleCityChurch>. **Worship next Sabbath, Sep 16:** Sanctuary Worship service with **Dr. Greg Nelson**.
- 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 in the Chapel with music, story-sharing and interpersonal connections. All are welcome!

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>.

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 "Prelude and Fugue in F Major"
Kemp Smeal, *organ* Vincent Lübeck

Call to Worship We have gathered to worship
to listen
to covenant
to praise your name
to remember our heritage
to celebrate our destiny.
Oh God, we joyfully receive your grace. Leif Lind

Opening Hymn "All Creatures of Our God and King" No. 2

Greetings, Announcement & Prayers of the Congregation Johnny Ramirez-Johnson
(Please remain standing for prayer)

Anthem "Lord, Make Me an Instrument"
Clarissa Shan, *Choral Director* Allen Pote

Gifts of the Congregation Kemp Smeal

Psalm 150 ("21ST CENTURY KJV")

Praise ye the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in the firmament of his power!

Praise him for his mighty acts; praise him according to his excellent greatness!

Praise him with the sound of the trumpet; praise him with the psaltery and harp!

Praise him with the timbrel and dance; praise him with stringed instruments and organs!

Praise him upon the loud cymbals; praise him upon the high sounding cymbals!

Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord! Praise ye the Lord!

Scripture Reading Acts 1:12-17; 20-26 Lee Posner

Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day's walk from the city. When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (a group numbering about a hundred and twenty) and said, "Brothers and sisters, the Scripture had to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit spoke long ago through David concerning Judas, who served as guide for those who arrested Jesus. He was one of our number and shared in our ministry!"

“For,” said Peter, “it is written in the Book of Psalms:
‘May his place be deserted; let there be no one to dwell in it,’ and,
‘May another take his place of leadership.’

“Therefore it is necessary to choose one of the men who have been with us the whole time the Lord Jesus was living among us, beginning from John’s baptism to the time when Jesus was taken up from us. For one of these must become a witness with us of his resurrection.”

So they nominated two men: Joseph called Barsabbas (also known as Justus) and Matthias. Then they prayed, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen to take over this apostolic ministry, which Judas left to go where he belongs.” Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the eleven apostles.

Anthem “Many Gifts, One Spirit” *Allen Pote*
Clarissa Shan, *Choral Director*

Sermon “God’s Will: Elusive or Evident?” Elizabeth Johnston Taylor

Call to Offering *Leif Lind*
(Unless otherwise marked, loose offering goes to local church expense)

Offertory “We Are Called” (Micah 6:8) *Mark Hayes*
Clarissa Shan, *soprano*

Hymn of Response “O Lord, My Best Desires Fulfill” *Wm. Cowper*; Tune: DUNDEE

- (1) O Lord, my best desires fulfill, and help me to resign
Life, health, and comfort to thy will, and make thy pleasure mine.
- (2) Why should I shrink at thy command, whose love forbids my fears?
Or tremble at the gracious hand that wipes away my tears?
- (3) No, rather let me freely yield what most I prize to thee,
Who never hast a good withheld, or wilt withhold, from me.
- (4) Thy favor, all my journey through, thou art engaged to grant:
What else I want, or think I do, 'tis better still to want.

Benediction Elizabeth Johnston Taylor

Choral Benediction “On Eagle’s Wings”

Postlude “Water Music Suite – Hornpipe” *George Frideric Handel*
Kemp Smeal, *organ*



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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Please keep **Anoosh Keshishzade** in prayer. She has been in hospital (Adventist Health Glendale) since a fall in early August.

Please Keep in Touch. Here's Pastor Todd's contact information: 33553 Tenor Dr., Denham Springs, LA 70706; todd.j.leonard@gmail.com; 818-441-3364.

We are pleased to report that the Southern California Conference has arranged for **Greg Nelson** to be our **Sabbath morning speaker** for the next several months while we continue to seek a pastor who will fill the permanent position. He will be preaching **next Sabbath** and will be at Glendale City Church most Sabbaths each month. Dr. Greg Nelson, who has served many years as an Adventist pastor, is currently a professional speaker, musician, and life-coach, and resides with his wife Shasta in Northern California. We thank the Nelson family for their willingness to serve in our church community!

With the departure of pastors Todd and Mike, we would like to hear from you! If you have ideas you would like to share or discuss regarding the church's vision or what you would like to see in a new pastor, or if you have a prayer concern, please feel free to reach out to us: **Pastor Leif** (909-557-5230, leiflind4@gmail.com) or head elder **Beth Johnston Taylor** (909-747-8836, ejtaylor61@gmail.com).

Communication & Media Production Seminar Oct. 1, 9:30 a.m.–1 p.m., Temple City Church (9664 Broadway, Temple City, CA). Register by Sep 15, scc.adventist.org/10-1-23. Free; lunch provided.

If your address or email has changed, let us know. We'd love to keep you updated on what's new here at Glendale City Church! Email your information to 610ecalifornia@gmail.com or call 818-244-7241 x 202.

GAA Student Association will host its first Thrift Store/Garage Sale event on Sunday September 24, 10 a.m.–2 p.m. (Building A, 700 Kimlin Drive). Deadline for turning in donations: Sep 22

Glendale Noon Concert, Sep. 20 with **Ellen Jung, violin** and **Jenny Lee-El Park, piano**, performing duo sonatas by Beethoven (Violin Sonata #8 in G) and Fauré (Violin Sonata #1 in A). All welcome, free admission. More information: <https://glendalenoonconcerts.blogspot.com>.

Adult Sabbath School lessons are available in the church office on Sabbath mornings from 9 a.m.–1 p.m.

Maui Fire Relief Fund through "Adventist Giving": Those wishing to donate to relief efforts in Maui may do so in August and September by marking their tithe envelope "Maui Fire Relief" and placing it in the offering plate.

Disaster Response Training by Charlene Sargent, Sunday, October 8, 9 a.m. at the Southern California Conference committee room. Registration at 8:30 a.m., fee of \$15. Lunch is provided. To pre-register, email: bhart@sccsda.org before **October 2 deadline**. (Check to "Southern California Conference" or cash only.)

GCC JUNE 13-26, 2024: 14-DAY TOUR TO 7 CHURCHES OF REVELATION (TURKIYE & GREECE, WITH CRUISE)! \$5,850 per person (optional **5-day add on to Rome: +\$1,350**). Includes airfare, accommodation, meals, and sightseeing! For adults as well as Academy students and families. Discover the lands of **ancient treasures and Christian history!** Visit the **Seven Churches of Revelation!** See **Ephesus** (inc. resting place of John and Mary); Troas, **Isle of Patmos** (where John wrote Revelation), Crete, Santorini, and **Athens**. In **Rome**, visit the Colosseum and prison where Paul was held, visit the Holy Staircase. **Deposit of \$400 + 1st payment: \$2,500 by Nov. 5; 2nd payment: \$2,500 by Feb. 5; final payment: \$450 by Apr. 5.** More info, contact tour leader **Clara Jorge Ramirez, Ph.D.**, 909-382-1913 or drcjorgeramirez@gmail.com.