

## ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

### Watching Church or Being Church

Our modern lives follow a persistent rhythm: we pay and we consume. We pay for a concert and expect high-quality music; we pay for a gym membership and expect a health-inducing experience. We are professional consumers. Strangely, we often bring the same mindset into church. We return our tithes and offerings and, perhaps unconsciously, begin to feel like paying customers. We evaluate the music, critique the production value of the service, and check our watches if things run over. But the Church was never intended to be a theater where a few perform while the many watch. The Church is a Body, and a body only functions when every cell and limb is alive and moving.

Think about Jesus who could have watched human history unfold like a distant, tragic movie. He could have observed our struggles and remained comfortably detached. Instead, He did the unthinkable: He moved into our neighborhood. And He didn't come to be a spectator; He came to serve. "Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many" (Matthew 20:28). Jesus didn't just give a little push from the sidelines, did not perform just a random act of kindness—He was all in. That way He rewrote the human story and changed the course of history. As His followers, we have the privilege to actively participate in this work?

When we view church through the lens of a consumer, we ask: "What did I get out of this today?" When we view it as active members of the Body of Christ, we ask: "Whom did I help today?" Volunteering isn't about filling a slot on a spreadsheet or doing the church a favor. It is a spiritual discipline that aligns our hearts with the heart of Jesus. Whether it's greeting a newcomer, teaching a Sabbath School class, or serving behind the scenes with audio/video team, you are becoming the hands and feet of a Savior who refused to stay on the sidelines.

Today, we select the committee tasked with proposing our Nominating Committee. While this might seem like a small task, it marks the beginning of a vital spiritual process. As we move through this process, consider prayerfully: what could your role be in the Body? Think about the impact Jesus made because He decided to participate in our humanity. Imagine the impact our community could have if we all stopped watching church and started being the church. There is a unique grace only you can provide and a spot on the team that only you can fill.

## WORSHIP

Prelude	<i>Amazing Grace</i> arr. Joel Raney	Piano
Introit	<i>Hymn of Adoration</i> by Hayes	Chancel Choir & Piano
Invocation		Pastor Anthony Paschal, Jr.
Opening Hymn	<i>To God Be The Glory #341</i>	Chorister & Organ
Responsive Reading	Psalm 24:1-6, NIV	Noah McGregor
Children's Feature		Myra Wong
Prayer of Dedication	Alex Knights & Pathfinders	Pastor Jonathan Henderson
Welcome Greeting Time		Wong Family Grace Hill Worship
Praise and Worship	<i>Again I Say Rejoice Build My Life</i>	Grace Hill Worship
Garden of Prayer		Jerome Edmeade
Prayer Response	<i>For Thine Is The Kingdom</i> (please remain kneeling)	Grace Hill Worship, Choir & Congregation
Choral Anthem	<i>Jesus Paid it All</i> arr. Robert Sterling	Chancel Choir and Piano
Sermon	<b>Women of the Cross: Mary Magdalene</b>	Pastor Jonathan Henderson
Benediction/ Worship in Giving		Pastor Jonathan Henderson
Closing Song	<i>Doxology</i>	Grace Hill Worship
Postlude	<i>Fantasie in G Major</i> by J. S Bach (please remain seated)	Organ

Organist/Pianist: Haesung Park, DMA  
Chancel Choir Director: Helene Quintana, DMA  
Worship Team Director: Matt Daley, DMA

## PREACHING SCHEDULE

March 14, 2026: Pastor Jonathan Henderson  
March 21, 2026: Pastor Jonathan Henderson  
March 28, 2026: Pastor Cindy Ramirez-Hui  
April 4, 2026: Pastor Jonathan Henderson

## CHURCH LIFE

**WELCOME & HAPPY SABBATH!** Thank you for choosing Grace on the Hill at the Vallejo Drive Church as your place of worship. We pray that you will be blessed today.

**CHURCH POTLUCK TODAY:** Please join us for a church potluck in our fellowship hall upstairs.

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE:** Please fill out the provided ballot with names whom you would like to form the Special Committee, who will then choose the members of the Nominating Committee.

### MEMBERSHIP TRANSFERS (1<sup>st</sup> Reading):

Transferring Out: Dickerson, Socorro to The Place Adventist Fellowship Church in Newbury Park, CA  
Transferring In: Franco, Rudy from Community Adventist Fellowship in Sierra Madre, CA  
McGuffin, Duquessa Ann from Glendale City SDA Church in Glendale.

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS:** Today's flowers were donated in honor of Women's Emphasis Month. If you would like to donate flowers for a special occasion, please contact office@vallejodrive.church.

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Our church family consists of not only those who attend our services in person, but also those who attend online. Hence, you may not recognize some of the names on the prayer list. Those are people from across the globe who have requested our prayers. Lindner family, James Takamune, Petra Rodriguez, Alice Nassimian, Christina Bustos, Sofia Almagro, Shirley Collins, Kimberly Lee, Trish Low and family, Wesley family, Jacqueline Baptiste, and Lailyn Anyayahan.

**PRAYER TABLE MINISTRY VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP:** The weekly prayer ministry in the courtyard after church is restarting. If you would like to volunteer to pray for those who ask for prayer, please see Doug Warner in the church lobby today after the church service to sign up for this ministry team.

**9:30 am SABBATH SCHOOL & 10:15 am MISSION FEATURE in CHAPEL**  
Lesson Study 9:30 am: Dr. Erin Stone | Special Feature: Dan Curtis-  
"Thailand Adventist Academy Update"

**WOMEN'S MINISTRIES:** Toiletries, baby items, and gift card donations needed for our local women's shelter throughout Feb and March. Please place your donations in the bins in the lobby.  
Sab, March 21 at 4 pm: Afternoon Vespers with Chaplain Kelly Kessinger  
Sab, March 28 at 11 am: Women's Emphasis Sabbath  
Service highlights: women-led worship service, women's chorus by choir, and sermon by Pastor Cindy Ramirez-Hui.

### GAA NEWS:

Please continue to pray for and support Glendale Adventist Academy's faculty, staff, and students. For information, call 818-244-8671.

## CHURCH EVENTS

Sab, March 7 Church Potluck 12:30 pm, Fellowship Hall  
Sun, March 8 Daylight Saving Time starts  
Sun, March 15 Quilting Bee 9 am, Fellowship Hall  
Fri, March 20 Young Adult Vespers 7 pm, Eagle Rock Church

## MINISTRIES & OUTREACH

**FOOD BANK:** Set up: Mondays & Friday afternoons | Distribution to Community: Monday & Sabbath afternoons. See Pastor Ben for more details.

**GENTLE CLOUD MINISTRY:** Need help with your phone, computer, or other tech gadget? Rene Alvarez, an IT expert, is volunteering to help those in need, mostly seniors, via phone. Please contact him at renealvarez01@gmail.com or 323-770-4108.

**LAUNDRY LOVE MINISTRY:** For those in need of laundry services: every 3rd Tuesday at 1157 N Pacific, Glendale. For more info, contact Doug at 818-935-4317 or Pastor Cindy.

**ADVENTURERS & PATHFINDERS** Adventurers (PreK-4th grade) and Pathfinders (ages 10+) meet on the 2nd and 4th Sabbaths, from Sept to June. [adventurers@vallejovalleydrive.church](mailto:adventurers@vallejovalleydrive.church) or text 818-571-2038

**TEENS4CHRIST:** T4C Hangout: A Friday after-school activity with games, snacks, and vespers for 6<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Fridays at 3 pm. [vallejovalleydrive.church/T4C](http://vallejovalleydrive.church/T4C)

**THE BEACON (YOUTH):** 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday: 6:30-9 pm: Glow @ The Beacon (Vespers) | 4<sup>th</sup> Friday: 6:30-9 pm: Bible Study

**YOUNG ADULTS:** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sabbaths of the month: Afternoon Bible Study | 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday: Joint Vespers with local churches

### EXERCISE OPPORTUNITIES

Come exercise with our Adventist Fitness Clinic on Sundays at 7am at Verdugo Park. Contact Irvin Henry Jr. at (818) 625-2952 for more information.

During the week, join AdventistHealth Glendale's LiveWell's Exercise program on Mon 2 pm, Tues 10 am, & Wed 10 am here at church! Contact Sara Neal at (818) 409-8354 on how to join.

### WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

Mondays 7 pm on Zoom: Koinonia- led by Elder Doug Warner  
Wednesdays 5pm on Zoom: Seeking Jesus- led by Pastor Mark Papendick  
Wednesdays 7pm in-person: Bible Study- led by Pastor Jonathan and Pastor Aivars

**HAVE A PASSION FOR TECHNOLOGY?** Join our Media/AV team & be part of bringing worship to life. Contact Mavis Cordero at 818-419-4429

**WOMEN'S MINISTRY:** Baby Quilts: Capable hands needed to complete baby quilts for GAH and USC GH NICU units. **Meetings 2026: Feb 22, March 15, April 19, May 17, June 28.** Contact Alma 818-254-6829 or Winna 818-919-9228 for more information. Sponsor a quilt for \$35! Unable to join us on Sundays? Donate by marking your tithe envelopes "Quilting" or via [AdventistGiving.org](http://AdventistGiving.org) and select Women's Ministry.

### HAVE A MUSICAL TALENT? COME SING OR PLAY WITH US!

Praise Team: Contact Matt Daley for more info: [worship@vallejovalleydrive.church](mailto:worship@vallejovalleydrive.church)  
Bell Choir: Fridays at 7:15 pm in the Bell Room. Contact the church office for info  
Choir: Saturdays at 9:15 am in the Choir Room. Contact the church office for info

## CHURCH INFORMATION

**LISTENING DEVICES** are available at the Hostess Desk for guests who are hearing impaired.

**CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY BAGS** are available at the Hostess Desk for children ages 1 to 9. Please return them at the end of the service.

**HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACES** are available for people with disabilities and the proper placards in our two parking lots: 4 spaces in our Holly Drive lot, 3 spaces in our Vallejo Drive lot, and 2 spaces right in front of our Sanctuary.

## SABBATH SCHOOL

### KIDS CONNECTION at 9:45 am in Room 106 for 0-12 years old

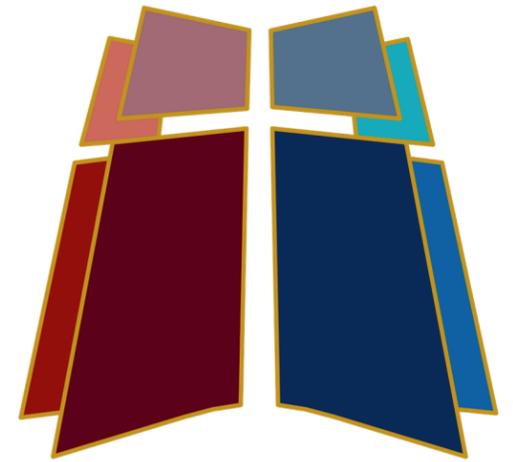
Beginners	Birth - 36 months	1st floor, Room 116A
Kindergarten	4 - 5 years old	2nd floor, Room 206A
Primary	1 <sup>st</sup> - 3 <sup>rd</sup> grades	2nd floor, Room 202A
Juniors	4 <sup>th</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup> grades	2nd floor, Room 208A

10 am: TEENS4CHRIST (Earliteens, 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades) 1<sup>st</sup> floor, Rm 104A  
9:45 am: The Beacon (Youth/High School) 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Room 202A

10-10:45 am: Young Adult (YA) Sabbath School (Cafe)  
9:30-10:15 am: Adult Sabbath School Lesson Study (Chapel)  
10:15-10:45 am: Adult Sabbath School Mission Program (Chapel)  
9:45-10:30 am: Fellowship Hall Class (Fellowship Hall)  
9:30-10:50 am: Spanish SS/Escuela Sabática (1st Floor Room 104A)  
10-10:45 am: Gospel Conversations (Outside Hallway)

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Mary Magdalene**

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