

## ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

### A Heart of Grace: Honoring the Mothers of Our Family

As we gather this week, we pause to turn our attention to our mothers, grandmothers, and spiritual mothers who fill our pews with warmth and wisdom. In the life of a church, mothers are often the silent architects of faith, building a foundation of love and resilience that sustains us through every season of life.

Motherhood is one of the most profound living illustrations of the Gospel. It is a calling defined by a selfless service—a daily commitment to putting the needs of others before one’s own. In every bandaged knee, every late-night prayer, and every word of encouragement, you are modeling the very heart of Christ, who came not to be served, but to serve.

While the world may sometimes overlook the ordinary tasks of raising a child, we recognize that there is nothing ordinary about your stewardship. You are the first theologians your children will ever know, teaching them the character of God through your patience and the depth of His mercy through your forgiveness.

The journey of motherhood is rarely a straight or easy path. It is filled with ups and downs, moments of sheer exhaustion, and seasons of deep uncertainty. Yet, it is exactly in these moments that we see grace in action—that steady, resilient way of moving through life’s brokenness with a heart anchored in Christ. Your strength does not come from having all the answers, but from your willingness to trust the One who does. By walking faithfully through the trials of life, you provide a map for the rest of our church family on how to lean on the Lord when our own strength fails.

To the mothers who feel weary this morning: please know that you are seen, you are loved, and you are not walking alone. As a church family, we are called to carry one another’s burdens. Whether you are a biological mother, an adoptive parent, a foster mom, or a spiritual mentor to the youth in our congregation, you are an essential thread in the tapestry of this community.

This week, we celebrate the unique, God-given strength you bring to our church family. Thank you for your prayers, your sacrifices, and the beautiful way you lead us with love.



## WORSHIP

Prelude	<i>Sicilienne</i> arr. Robert Gower	Organ
Introit	<i>For the Beauty of the Earth</i> by John Rutter	Chancel Choir & Piano
Invocation		Pastor Ben Garcia
Opening Hymn	<i>For the Beauty of the Earth</i> #656	Chorister, Choir, Organ & Congregation
Responsive Reading	Psalm 139:13–18, NIV	Wilber Lino
Children’s Feature		Myra Wong
Tribute to Mothers		Video and Flowers
Ministry Spotlight		Church Leaders
Welcome Greeting Time		Susie Whitaker Grace Hill Worship
Praise and Worship	<i>Indescribable</i> <i>The Church</i>	Grace Hill Worship
Garden of Prayer		Annette Britton Hearn
Prayer Response	<i>For Thine is the Kingdom</i> (please remain kneeling)	Grace Hill Worship Choir & Congregation
Choral Anthem	<i>Pilgrim’s Hymn</i> by Stephen Paulus	Chancel Choir & Organ
Sermon	<b>Deborah the Countess</b>	Pastor Jonathan Henderson/ Chaplain Kelly Kessinger
Worship in Giving/ Benediction		Pastor Jonathan Henderson
Congregational Response	<i>The Blessing</i>	Grace Hill Worship & Congregation
Postlude	<i>Menuet Gothique</i> by Léon Boëllmann (please remain seated)	Organ

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

## PREACHING SCHEDULE

May 16, 2026: Pastor Jonathan Henderson  
May 23, 2026: Pastor Jonathan Henderson  
May 30, 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.

**TONIGHT! HERITAGE SINGERS CONCERT:** Sanctuary, May 9, 2026, 6 pm

**MOTHER’S DAY LUNCHEON:** Please join us today immediately following the church service for a celebration honoring the women and the mothers of our church, upstairs in our Fellowship Hall.

**MEMBERSHIP TRANSFER OUT to Pasadena SDA Church, Pasadena, CA**  
**Second Reading and VOTE:**  
Geraneo, Federickson and Geraneo, Sharon

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS:** Today’s flower arrangement is donated for all the women in celebration of Mother’s Day Sabbath.

**NEED SOMEONE TO PRAY FOR YOU?** Stop by our Prayer Ministry table in the courtyard after the service and pray with one of our prayer volunteers.

**GRADUATION SABBATH JUNE 6:** Class of 2026, please submit your name, school, level, & picture to [office@vallejodrive.church](mailto:office@vallejodrive.church) by May 28. Congrats!

**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. Please pray for the Gomez family, Christine Yefremian, Lindner family, James Takamune, Angela Britton, Petra Rodriguez, Alice Nassimian, Christina Bustos, Sofia Almago, Shirley Collins, Kimberly Lee, Trish Low and family, Wesley family, Jacqueline Baptiste, Lailyn Anyayahan, Crystal Vines, and James Alexander.

**9:30 am SABBATH SCHOOL & 10:15 am MISSION FEATURE in CHAPEL**  
Lesson Study 9:30 am: Dr. Erin Stone, MD; Special Mission Feature: The Sound of Music and the VOP

**WOMEN’S MINISTRIES GRIEF SUPPORT SERIES:** While hosted by Women’s Ministries, this grief support group series is open to both men and women. Fridays, June 5-August 7; 7-8 pm. Please register to receive the video call information and reminders at <https://drlorettashields.com/sccwm/>

**PASTORAL UPDATES:** Pastor Cindy will be on vacation May 10-May 15. If you need any assistance, please contact another pastor or the church office.

**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, May 9	Mother's Day Sabbath Heritage Singers Concert	11 am, Sanctuary 6 pm, Sanctuary
Sab, May 16	Music by Glendale Academy SCC EQUIP 2026	11 am, Sanctuary 3 pm, Church Campus
Sun, May 17	Quilting Bee	9 am, Fellowship Hall

## 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 | 3rd 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, & **Thurs 2 pm (new class!)** 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: 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  
Chancel Choir: Saturdays at 9:15 am in the Choir Room. Contact 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.

## CHURCH FINANCES

Year to Date: May 7, 2026

Total Local Church Giving	\$311,564.15
Total Local Church Spending	\$343,856.92
Budget Giving (incl. in local)	\$152,441.80
Budget Spending (incl. in local)	\$195,134.88
Tithes Received 2026	\$467,707.05
Tithes Received 2025	\$359,423.69

## SABBATH SCHOOL

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

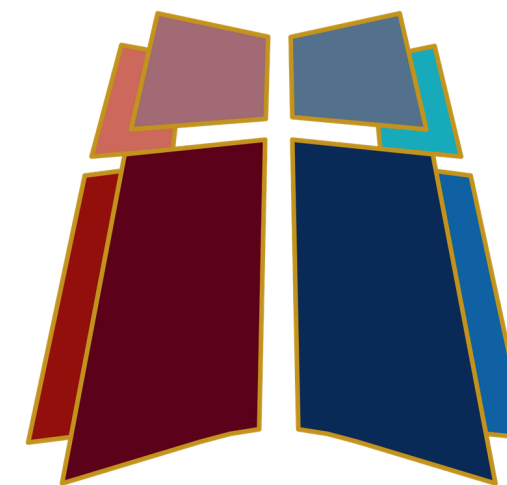
Beginners	Birth - 36 months	1st floor, Room 116A
Kindergarten	4 - 5 years old	2nd floor, Room 206A
Primary	1 <sup>st</sup> - 3 <sup>rd</sup> grades	2nd floor, Room 202A
Juniors	4 <sup>th</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup> grades	2nd floor, Room 208A

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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