



GLENDALE CITY CHURCH  
of Seventh-day Adventists



February 28, 2026

# WELCOME

We're Glad You're Here



## TODAY AT GLENDALE CITY CHURCH

- 9:00AM (*Fellowship Hall*) - Come & enjoy a light breakfast with us at our Courtyard Café!
- 9:30AM (*Fellowship Hall*) - Grace Bible Study class with Rebecca Barceló both in-person and on Zoom.\* (*Meeting ID 818-244-7241*).
- 9:30AM (*Council Room*) - The Living Project support group meets weekly: "Telling My Story, Listening to Your Story. Living Our Story."
- 11:00AM (*Sanctuary*) - Worship with speaker Uriel Herinirina. The service can be viewed online at: [youtube.com/glendalecitychurch](https://youtube.com/glendalecitychurch).
- 12:10PM (*Multipurpose Room-Downstairs*) - Open Table Worship is an informal gathering of seekers. All are welcome as we share food, story-telling, and interpersonal connections.

## CITY KIDS PROGRAMMING: (12pm Pickup)

- 11:00AM (*Classroom 2*) - City Kids Children's Praise with music!
- 11:15AM (*Classroom 2*) - Tiny Tots (0-4 y.o.) Attend with guardian.
- 11:15AM (*Classroom 1*) - Children's Sabbath School (5-12 y.o.)

# PREPARING

There is in this world  
No such force as the force of  
A person determined to rise.  
The human soul  
Cannot be permanently chained.

— W.E.B. Du Bois

I want to unfold.  
Let no place in me hold itself closed,  
for when I am closed, I am false.  
I want to stay clear in your sight.

—Rilke

# WORSHIP SERVICE

*Prelude*

**Meditation on "O God Beyond All Praising"**

Kemp Smeal

Gustav Holst/arr. David Cherwien  
based on the Hymn Tune "Thaxted"

*Call to Worship*

Rebecca Barceló

Come, people of God—bring your stories, your languages, your questions, your songs.  
Bring the colors of your experience and the timbre of your voice.

**We come as many voices, shaped by different journeys,  
Yet called together by one Spirit.**

Like light through a prism, God's truth refracts into many hues—  
Justice and mercy, wisdom and wonder, lament and praise.

**Each of us reflects a facet of God's nature;  
Together we behold a fuller glory.**

In our community, difference is not division but design—  
A sacred tapestry woven by the Creator's hand.

**We worship as one body with many members,  
One light shining in many colors—  
To the glory of God. Amen.**

*Hymn of Praise*

**What Joy It Is To Worship Here**  
(Verses 1 & 2, then Repeat Verse 1)

No. 586

*Greeting and Prayers of the Congregation*

Jerry Wahagheghe

*Litany of Confession*

Caitlin Herinirina

We live fractured lives, and we're not always able to live up to the ideals we believe in. God seeks to reconcile and restore us. Trusting in God's grace and mercy, let us then make our confession together, first in silent prayer.

*[A Moment of Silent Prayer]*

God of all, we confess that we have inherited a faith that too often is used to justify the disfiguration of your children. **Loving God, deliver us.**

# WORSHIP SERVICE

*(Confession continued)*

Touch hearts that have been shrivelled by generations of suppressed empathy, and eyes that have lost the ability to see brothers and sisters who suffer from systemic injustice.

**Merciful God, forgive us.**

Grant us courage to renounce the false teaching that we can somehow know you without being committed to justice for all people. **Gracious God, save us.**

In your mercy, help us mourn the divisions among the body of your Son, and help us work for healing in the places where we gather to worship you. **Powerful God, heal us.**

As we name and unlearn the habits of racism, discrimination, and prejudice, give us grace to draw deeply from the witness of those movements which have always resisted injustice in the power of your Spirit. **Tender God, correct us.**

We pray with thanksgiving for the prophetic leaders who guide, challenge, and inspire us today. Give us grace to follow them to freedom.

**Forgive us for where we have failed to understand, Lord, and in your mercy, set us free.**

*Worship in Song*

**Were You There?**  
*arr. Moses Hogan*

Clarissa Shan

*Scripture Reading*

Margery Rich

## **Revelation 7:9-14**

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from? I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

# WORSHIP SERVICE

## Celebrating 100 Years of Black History Month

Didi Mumford

Didi: Today we light a candle to give thanks to God for the black men and women in every generation who have contributed to the growth of our country.

**All: Gracious God, We give you thanks for all who have built up this country through their dedication, their witness, and their faith in you. We give you thanks for those who have inspired us and challenged our way of life. Grant us the power to be the people you want us to be and to do what you want us to do. In Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

*Anthem*

**What Wondrous Love**

GCC Choir

*Arr. Laura Farnell*

## **An Act of Commitment to the Pursuit of Justice**

Uriel Herinirina

Dear people of God, Black History Month reminds us that we stand in the shadow of the prophets crying out for justice and peace. We remember that as a church, God calls us to be a people of reconciliation, serving a world in need. Courageous women and men have walked this path, of standing up and speaking out for the least and the lowest. This work involves labour and risk for the sake of God's love and moving beyond ourselves in order to seek and serve Christ and one another. The work and ministry of social justice and reconciliation - this too is our calling.

Will you persevere in prayer and fellowship?

**With the help of God, I will.**

Will you proclaim the good news of reconciliation in both word and deed?

**With the help of God, I will.**

Will you acknowledge and address the prejudices that keep you from loving all of God's children?

**With the help of God, I will.**

Will you strive to see Christ in all persons, and value those with whom you disagree?

**With the help of God, I will.**

Will you seek to mend what is broken by human sin and greed?

**With the help of God, I will.**

# WORSHIP SERVICE

*(Commitment continued)*

Will you seek the perfect love which casts out all fear?

**With the help of God, I will.**

Will you work toward dismantling the sins of abuse of power?

**All With the help of God, I will.**

May the almighty God empower you to continue his work of reconciliation, give you the courage to overcome fears and embody love, give you grace to grow in self-awareness and personal integrity, and strengthen you to seek the unity that is in Christ, that we may rejoice with all God's children as disciples of God's Son. **Amen.**

*Offertory*

**We Shall Walk Through the Valley**

GCC Choir

*Arr. Udine Smith Moore*

*Scripture Reading*

John Nielsen

**John 3:1-10**

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above."

Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

*Homily*

**New Birth**

Uriel Herinirina

*Hymn of Response*

**Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

No. 100

# WORSHIP SERVICE

*Benediction*

Uriel Herinirina

*Choral Benediction*

**On Eagle's Wings**

GCC Choir

*Postlude*

**Toccata on "O God Beyond All Praising"**

Kemp Smeal

Gustav Holst/arr. David Cherwien  
*based on the Hymn Tune Thaxted*



# ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Group Photo Prints Available:** Order a panoramic print of the group photo taken on the church steps during our 120th anniversary celebration! It's a special keepsake from a meaningful day in our church's history. Prints are \$25 each. To purchase, contact Anji at [office@glendalecitychurch.org](mailto:office@glendalecitychurch.org) or call 818-244-7241.

## Online Church Directory Now Live

Our new online church directory is now live! Watch for your welcome email with instructions to log in, view your photo, and update your contact information. If you need assistance or did not receive your email, please contact Mark at [media@glendalecitychurch.org](mailto:media@glendalecitychurch.org) or text him at: 818-205-5256.



## Notice of Research Activity:

As part of an academic theological research project conducted through Newbold College of Higher Education/University of Wales Trinity Saint David, Pastor Uriel Herinirina will conduct participant observation during worship services at Glendale City Church on the following dates: **Feb. 14, 21, 28; Mar. 7, 14, and 21.**

This non-intrusive observation focuses on the overall flow and communal aspects of worship, particularly communal confession and intercessory prayer. The focus is on general patterns of participation in the service, not on identifying or recording information about specific individuals. Pastor Uriel Herinirina will be clearly identifiable during these services by wearing a visible badge.

Attendance at services on these dates indicates consent for general observation. If you have any questions or would prefer that your conversation or comments, not be included in the research, please let Pastor Uriel know in person or via email: [uriel@glendalecitychurch.org](mailto:uriel@glendalecitychurch.org).

GLENDALE ADVENTIST ELEMENTARY & ACADEMY  
PRESENTS

# GOT TALENT!

TALENT SHOW

SATURDAY NIGHT  
FEBRUARY 28  
7:00 PM

Adults are \$15 | Students are \$10 | 5 and under are FREE

# THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING US!

Thank you for supporting Glendale City Church. Your generosity helps keep our church open, welcoming, and thriving.

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# STAY CONNECTED

## PREACHING SCHEDULE

March 7:  
Leif Lind

March 14  
Sam Leonor



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