



GLENDALE CITY CHURCH
of Seventh-day Adventists



May 23, 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.
- 12:30PM (*Downstairs Multipurpose Room*) - 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

Today we rejoice in the Holy Spirit, who is everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit who sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, who binds us together with all who seek the heart of God.

The same Spirit who first breathed over creation breathes on us today, claiming us in the deep waters of baptism, healing us, and feeding us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation.

In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to the love of Christ, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to labor joyfully with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In humility, we present our fragile selves as sites of the Spirit's sanctifying and renewing presence. Grateful for the Spirit who chooses to move in and among us all, as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude

Christ, God, and Holy Spirit
Johann Sebastian Bach

Kemp Smeal

Call to Worship

Rebecca Barceló

*Across the plains and the prairies,
Through gorges and valleys,
Over mountain peaks and through sunlit skies:
God's Spirit is at work in the world.
In our hearts,
In our minds,
In our hands and feet,
God's Spirit is at work in us, too.
So let us worship God.
Amen.*

Hymn of Praise

God is Here

No. 61

Greeting & Prayers of the People

Elizabeth Johnston Taylor

Anthem

With A Voice of Singing
by Martin Shaw

GCC Choir
Luvi Avendano
Guest Conductor

Confession and Assurance of Grace

Genaro Lagdameo

Can you bottle a breeze? Can you blow out a forest fire? Can you help but breathe? **For those times we stifle your Spirit, O God; For those times we ignore your whispers and shouts; For those time when we turn away from your wonders and miracles: Forgive us.** The breeze is loosed upon the world. The fire is consumed. We breathe in deeply, for indeed, we are forgiven. **Alleluia! Amen.**

WORSHIP SERVICE

Anthem

He, Watching Over Israel (Elijah)
by Felix Mendelssohn

GCC Choir
Luvi Avendano
Guest Conductor

Litany of Thanksgiving

Rebecca Barceló

God eternal and righteous One, who created the heavens and the earth, we gather to give you thanks. **For breath that fills us with your life, for love that softens our hearts, for beauty revealed at every turn.**

Christ redeeming and forgiving One, who is always faithful and merciful, we gather to give you thanks. **For renewal, transforming our lives, for peace calming the chaos of our souls, for hope restoring our faith.**

Spirit sustaining, and compassionate One, who calls us into relationship with the living God, we give you thanks. **For caring when our hearts are aching, for friends supportive in times of need, for generosity lavish and overflowing.**

God who created the earth and the heavens, Eternal, Redeeming and Sustaining One, we gather to give you thanks. **We come with hearts full of gratitude, for all things good, we give thanks for You.**

And now we pause in silence to express gratitude for our own areas of Thanksgiving...

Amen.

Scripture Reading

Sam Guerrero

John 20:19-23

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

WORSHIP SERVICE

Homily

Uriel Herinirina

Offertory

"He Shall Feed His Flock" from Messiah
by G.F. Handel

Zineb Fikri
Contralto
Rebecca Tomasko
Soprano

Hymn of Response

O Holy Dove of God
Descending

No. 270

Benediction

Uriel Herinirina

Choral Benediction

On Eagle's Wings

GCC Choir

Postlude

Toccata
by John Weaver

Kemp Smeal



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Graduation Sabbath - June 6

Do you have a graduate in your family this year? We would love to celebrate them! If you know of someone graduating this month, please share their name with us at: office@glendalecitychurch.org by May 31st. And don't forget to invite them to join us on June 6th as we celebrate our graduates together at Glendale City Church!

Caregivers Needed in Our Community

Two local families are currently seeking caregivers: one is looking for a kind, reliable companion for an elderly mother who is healthy and independent but no longer drives (supplemental income provided), and another is seeking a live-in caregiver to assist with housekeeping, meal prep, medical equipment maintenance, and more (\$2,000/month, private bedroom included). If interested, please email the church office for more information at: office@glendalecitychurch.org.

Living with Loss — A Grief Support Series

You are warmly invited to join Women's Ministries for Living with Loss, a grief support series designed to offer a safe and compassionate space for anyone navigating the challenges of loss. While hosted by Women's Ministries, this series is open to both men and women. Sessions will be held online every Friday, June 5 through August 7, from 7:00–8:00 pm PT, and will be facilitated by Women's Ministries leader Loretta Shields, PhD, DMin. If you or someone you know is carrying the weight of loss, we encourage you to take this step toward support and connection — you don't have to walk this path alone. To register and receive video call information, visit drloretashields.com/sccwm.



Memorial Day 2026

This Memorial Day, we pause to reflect and honor the courageous men and women who gave their lives in service to our country. Glendale City Church would like to take this time to pay its deepest respects to those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice, as well as to the families who carry the enduring weight of that loss — may their courage and dedication never be forgotten.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Glendale Noon Concert — June 3

Join us as we feature cellist Jerome Kessler and pianist Valeria Morgovskaya performing Beethoven's Sonata for Cello and Piano, Op. 5 No. 2 in G minor and Kessler's own Burlesca. The second part of the concert will then be followed by cellist Stefanie Fife and Grammy award-winning pianist Brendan White presenting Fife's original works inspired by the natural world and influenced by Bach, Chopin, the French Impressionists, and jazz legends Bill Evans and Claus Ogerman.



Senior Recital - May 25

Georgiana Wu and family invite you to join them in celebrating the senior recital of cellist Sheng Schumann Kodaly. The recital will be held in the GCC Chapel and marks a meaningful milestone in Sheng's musical studies.

A photograph of a young woman with short dark hair, wearing sunglasses, a black hoodie, and blue jeans. She is sitting on a concrete ledge, looking upwards and to the right. A red cello is leaning against the wall next to her. A tan backpack with a blue water bottle is on the ledge to her right. The background is a light-colored wall with vertical lines.

Senior Recital

May 25 11:00am
Glendale Adventist
City Church

Sheng
Schumann
Kodaly

610 E California Ave
Glendale, CA 91206

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Vacation Bible School at Glendale Adventist Academy

Glendale Adventist Academy will be hosting VBS from July 13–17! All children are welcome to join for a fun-filled week of Bible stories, music, crafts, and games. Help spread the word to families and friends in the community. To support this ministry, donations can be made through the VBS Amazon Wish List at the QR code below:



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GAA Students Raise Funds for Eaton Fire Survivors through Apparel Ministry

Glendale Adventist Academy's Practical Ministries class has created an apparel store where the funds go to Eaton Fire Survivors! They are asking for support through any donation you can give at glendaleacademy.org/giveeaton and any amount is welcome. You can also purchase your own t-shirt for \$30 to support the cause at glendaleacademy.org/eaton.



 **GLENDALE**
CITY CHURCH
LECTURE SERIES

AND



AMIGOS
UNIDOS
OF GLENDALE

present:

BEARING WITNESS

STORIES OF SURVIVAL

May 30, 2026 | 2:00 PM

Glendale City Adventist Church

610 E California Ave, Glendale, CA 91206

Join us for an afternoon of **compassionate listening** and **honest conversation** as we hear from Glendale residents who were forcibly removed from their communities without due process and have since been exonerated and returned home. Together, we will reflect on what happened and discuss **what comes next**.

STAY CONNECTED

PREACHING SCHEDULE

May 30:
Miguel Mendez

June 6:
Elizabeth
Johnston Taylor



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