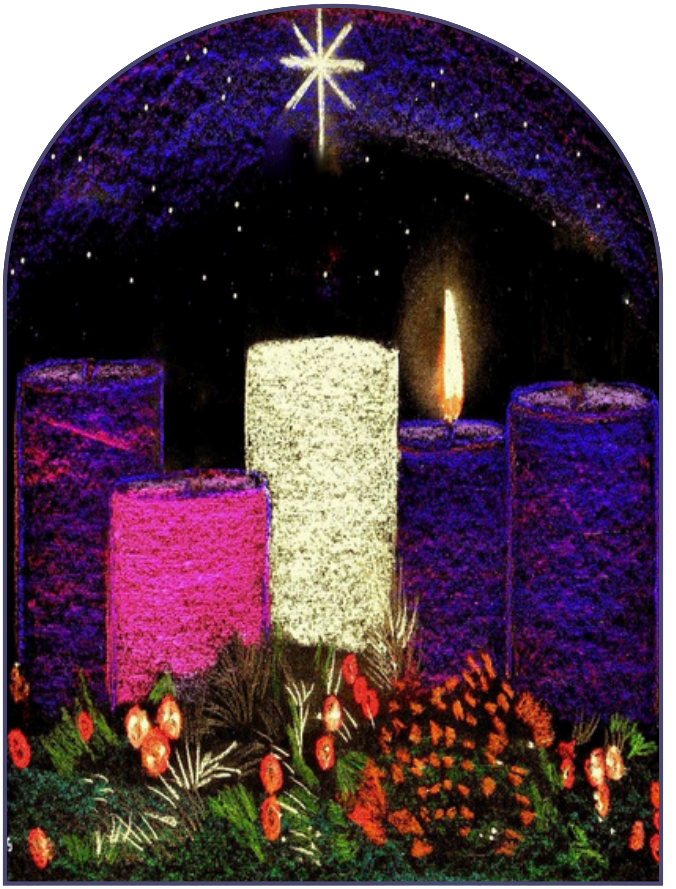
GLENDALE CITY CHURCH

of Seventh-day Adventists



November 28, 2026

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WELCOME

Today at Glendale City Church

9:00AM *(Fellowship Hall)* - Come & enjoy a light breakfast with us at our Courtyard Café!

11:00AM *(Sanctuary)* - Worship with Beth Johnston Taylor. The service can also be viewed online at: *youtube.com/glendalecitychurch.*

SABBATH LIFE GROUPS
(Sabbath School)

9:30AM *(Fellowship Hall)* - **Everyday Faith** with Uriel Herinirina 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."

12:20PM (*Multipurpose Room*) - **Open Table Worship** is an informal gathering of seekers. All are welcome as we share food, stories, and interpersonal connections.

CITY KIDS PROGRAMMING:
(12pm Pickup)

11:00AM *(Classroom 2)* - City Kids Children's Praise with music!

11:15AM *(Classroom 2)* - Children's Sabbath School

PREPARING

When we came
We came through the cold
We came bearing gifts of gold
And frankincense and myrrh
And there were trumpets playing
There were angels looking down
On a west bank town
    And he so loved the world

From *Song of the Magi* by Anaïs Mitchell

WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude **Fugue on the Magnificat, BWV 733** Kemp Smeal, organ
Johann Sebastian Bach

Call to Worship Uriel Herinirina

The night is far gone, the day is near.
We wait with hope
for the brokenhearted to be healed,
for the downtrodden to be lifted up.
We wait for the coming of the Christ Child.
And as we wait,
We sing our songs of praise.

Hymn of Praise **O Come, Immanuel** No. 115

Greetings & Prayers of the People Uriel Herinirina

Old Testament Scripture Reading Margery Rich

Psalm 139: 1-12

You have searched me, Lord,
and you know me.
You know when I sit and when I rise;
you perceive my thoughts from afar.
You discern my going out and my lying down;
you are familiar with all my ways.

Before a word is on my tongue
you, Lord, know it completely.
You hem me in behind and before,
and you lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
too lofty for me to attain.

WORSHIP SERVICE

(scripture continued)

Where can I go from your Spirit?
Where can I flee from your presence?

If I go up to the heavens, you are there;
if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

If I rise on the wings of the dawn,
if I settle on the far side of the sea,
even there your hand will guide me,
your right hand will hold me fast.

If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me
and the light become night around me,"
even the darkness will not be dark to you;
the night will shine like the day,
for darkness is as light to you.

Anthem **There Shall A Star from Jacob Come Forth** GCC Choir
by Felix Mendelssohn

New Testament Scripture Reading Lissie Quishenberry

Acts 17: 22-29

Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: "People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: to an unknown god. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship—and this is what I am going to proclaim to you.

"The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us.

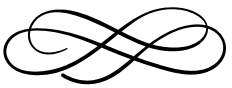
WORSHIP SERVICE

(scripture continued)

'For in him we live and move and have our being.' As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.'

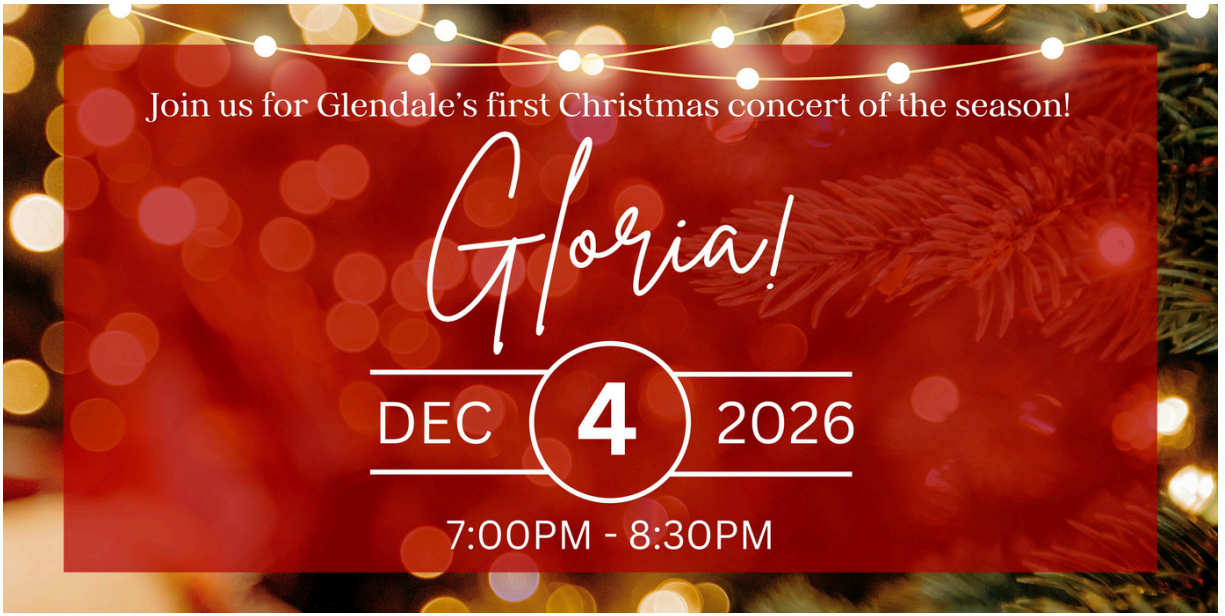
"Therefore since we are God's offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by human design and skill.

Anthem	**Lo, How A Rose** *by Michael Praetorius*	GCC Choir
Sermon	**Who or What is God?**	Beth Johnston Taylor *with Allan McDonald and Lyndon Johnston Taylor*
Offertory	**Arioso** *J. S. Bach*	Lyndon Johnston Taylor *violin*
Hymn of Response	**Good Christians, Now Rejoice**	No. 136
Benediction		Beth Johnston Taylor
Postlude	**Toccata on Veni Emmanuel** *Adolphus Hailstork*	Kemp Smeal, organ



OUR LIFE TOGETHER

THIS FRIDAY!!! Join us for Glendale's FIRST Christmas Concert!
An exuberant evening of John Rutter's Gloria, featuring the Glendale City Church Choir, the Glendale Adventist Academy Chorale and the University of La Verne Chamber Singers, and a brilliant brass ensemble in a festive celebration of the season! Reception immediately following concert.





Nativity Petting Zoo

Saturday, December 19th

9:00 - 11:00 am

Join us for Coffee, Hot Cocoa & Pastries!













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GLENDALE NOON CONCERTS

Wednesday December 2, 2026 at 12:10PM

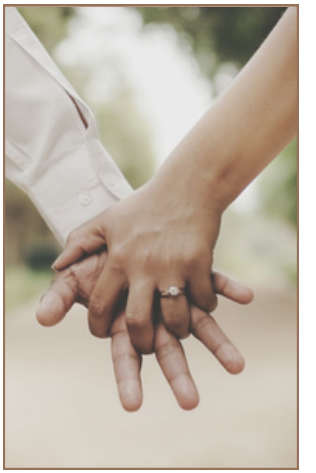
Violinist Ken Aiso and pianist Valeria Morgovskaya performance including works by Franz Schubert, Eugene Ysaye, and Sulkhan Tsintsadze.

Internationally acclaimed violinist/violist Ken Aiso has performed worldwide as soloist, chamber and orchestral musician. Aiso graduated from the Royal Academy of Music in London studying with Erich Gruenberg.

Valeria Morgovskaya, pianist, graduated from the Kiev State Conservatory. She has been an official accompanist to festivals and courses and has performed throughout the U.S., Germany and Japan.

Marriage Enrichment Seminar

Saturday, December 5 from 3:00-6:00PM. Dr. Linda Dulan, a licensed Family Therapist, presents Developmental Stages in Marriage: Understanding Attachment Styles and Their Impact on Relationships. Dinner will be provided.



Temple City SDA Church
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Scan QR code to register or go to:
onehouse.wufoo.com/forms/s1tx8os0htzcfw/

Volunteers Needed for Sunday Morning Food Sorting and Distribution

Volunteers needed at 10:00AM to help unload, sort, and distribute food for the needy. You are invited to take food as well. We meet in our church parking lot. Please email office@glendalecitychurch.org to sign up. Thanks!

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Holding Pastor Rebecca in Prayer

Following a season of personal loss, Pastor Rebecca continues to take time away to attend to her health and well-being. We look forward to welcoming her back after the first week in December. During this time, we invite our church family to continue holding her in prayer and surrounding her with love and encouragement. If you would like to send her a personal message, you can reach her at rebecca@glendalecitychurch.org.



Life Groups at GCC

Join a Life Group and do life well together! Faith-based groups meet Saturday mornings, and interest-based groups meet throughout the week.

- **Pastor Uriel's Prayer Group**: A weekly gathering. If interested, email uriel@glendalecitychurch.org.
- **Creators Life Group with Pam Kermgard**: If you like sewing, crafting, and more, email Pamelark429@gmail.com.
- **Card-making Class with Vilma Jornada**: If you enjoy making your own cards, email office@glendalecitychurch.org.

Want to start your own group? Gardening, walking, or something else? Contact Pastor Rebecca at rebecca@glendalecitychurch.org.

Language Classes

Spanish and Italian language classes are being offered by an independent instructor. Those interested in learning more are invited to contact the church office.



Christmas Gifts and Supplies Needed for Hoving Home in Pasadena.

Their mission: "To provide a loving community devoted to rebuilding shattered lives that empowers women to fulfill their God-given purpose."
This program provides a safe, structured environment to address the root causes of trauma and destructive lifestyles through biblical foundations, counseling, and life-skills training.
If you would like to donate unwrapped gifts and supplies, bring them to the office on Saturday mornings or contact Anji at office@glendalecitychurch.org.

GIFT CARDS

Visa, Mastercard, Walmart, Amazon (any amount)

Help provide personal necessities, important documents, and future employment needs.

CLOTHING & COMFORT

Sweaters
Underwear and bras (all sizes)
Bath robes and slippers
Bibles
Battery chargers and rechargable batteries
CD player with headphones (no radio)
Christian music CD's

PERSONAL CARE

Hair dryers, straighteners, curling irons
Body wash, lotion, soap, body spray
Shampoo, conditioner, deodorant
Feminine hygiene products
Manicure/pedicure kits
Women of color hair products
Toothbrushes and toothpaste
5 blade razors

HOUSEHOLD ESSENTIALS

Shower curtains and liners
Bathroom mats
Twin sheets, blankets, comforter sets
Bath towels and washcloths
Vacuum cleaners
Alarm clocks (no radio)
Toasters and slow cookers

CLEANING & LAUNDRY

Laundry detergent (liquid/pods)
Fabric softener and dryer sheets
Multi-surface cleaners and dish soap
Toilet paper and paper towels
Paper plates, brooms and mops

LEARNING & EVERYDAY NEEDS

Reading book lights
Backpacks, book bags, Bible cases
Planners and journals
Pens, pencils, notebooks
AA batteries and watches
Non-drowsy OTC medications
Craft supplies

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING US!

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

Through your generosity, we are able to nurture young people through our City Kids program, offer meaningful weekly worship, support our vibrant music ministry and the concerts we gift to our community, provide various programs for neighbors experiencing food insecurity, extend pastoral care and hospitality, and create opportunities where people can encounter God, discover belonging anew.

Your generosity touches lives every week, both within our church family and throughout our community.

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STAY CONNECTED

PREACHING SCHEDULE

December 5
Uriel Herinirina

December 12
Uriel Herinirina

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