

GLENDALE CITY CHURCH of Seventh-day Adventists



September 19, 2026

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 Dr. Zdravko Plantak.
The service can also be viewed online at:
youtube.com/glendalecitychurch.

SABBATH LIFE GROUPS

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

12:20PM (*Downstairs Multipurpose Room*) - **Open Table** 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*) - Children's Sabbath School

PREPARING

I feel God walking
so deeply within me,
with the evening and the sea.
With Him we go together.
Night is falling.
With Him we enter the night,
Orphanhood. . .

But I feel God.
And it even seems
as if He is dictating to me some
kind of beautiful hue.
Like a hospitable host,
He is kind and sad;
a sweet, lover's disdain withers:
your heart must ache deeply.

"God" by César Vallejo

César Vallejo was born on March 16, 1892, and grew up in Santiago de Chuco, an isolated town in north central Peru. Vallejo's grandmothers were Chimú people and both of his grandfathers were Spanish Catholic priests. He was the youngest of eleven children and grew up in a home saturated with religious devotion.

WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude

**Gabriel's Oboe from
"The Mission"**
Ennio Morricone

Kemp Smeal

Call to Worship

Uriel Herinirina

Open our eyes, that we may see the world as it truly is.
Open our hearts, that we may feel what You feel.

Open our hands, that we may work for justice.
Open our lives, that we may love our neighbor well.

We come to worship the God who sees us, who calls us,
and who sends us into the world.
We come to worship our God in spirit and in truth.

Hymn of Praise

Praise to the Lord

No. 01

Greeting and Prayers of the Congregation

Beth Johnston Taylor

Anthem

Joy in the Morning
by Natalie Sleeth

GCC Choir

Offering Call

Rebecca Barceló

Offertory

How Can I Keep From Singing?
arr. Richard Walters

Rebecca Tomasko

Scripture Reading

Amos 5:21-24

John Nielsen

I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them.

WORSHIP SERVICE

(Scripture Continued)

and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like water and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Anthem

Call Forth with Songs of Joy
by Mary MacDonald

GCC Choir

Hymn of Praise

When Morning Gilds the Skies

No. 43

Speaker Welcome & Bio

Uriel Herinirina

Sermon

Let Justice Roll Down Like Waters

Zdravko Plantak

Hymn of Response

Lord, Whose Love In Humble Service

No. 363

Benediction

Zdravko Plantak

Postlude

**Choral Improvisation on
Now Thank We All Our God**
by Sigfrid Karg Elert

Kemp Smeal



OUR LIFE TOGETHER



Today's Guest Speaker: Zdravko Plantak is Professor of Religion and Ethics at Loma Linda University, where he directs the MA in Religion and Society and the Humanities Program. His scholarship focuses on Adventist social ethics, justice, and human rights. His recent publications include *RESTORED!: Mediating Wholeness in a Broken World* (2023), *The Silent Church: Human Rights and Adventist Social Ethics*, and contributions to *The Oxford Handbook of Seventh-day Adventism* (2024).

Hispanic Heritage Month Sabbath and Potluck — October 3

Join us after worship for food, fellowship, and celebration! We're partnering with CODA* for this special gathering. Bring a Latin dish to share, if you'd like, and feel free to wear cultural heritage clothing. Everyone is welcome!

Starting "Life Groups" at GCC

We're launching Life Groups at GCC — faith-based groups on Saturday mornings and interest-based groups throughout the week — to help us do life well together. Pastor Uriel begins a new season of his Book Club with 5 spots open (email uriel@glendalecitychurch.org), and Allan McDonald is starting a Psychotherapy Life Group, a support/discussion group for psychotherapists that's also open to young people curious about the field (contact allanmcdherbnstone@gmail.com). **Interested in starting your own group — crafting, gardening, walking, or anything else?** Contact Pastor Rebecca at rebecca@glendalecitychurch.org.



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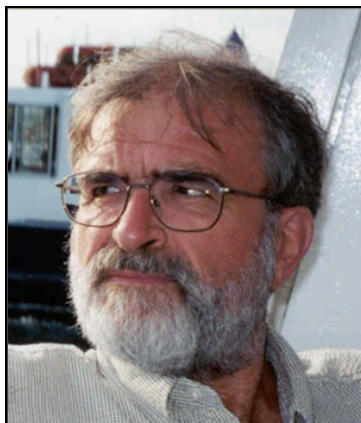
125th Anniversary Celebration — October 10

Join us as we celebrate 125 years since the organization of the Southern California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, with guest speaker Ray Tetz. This Special Emphasis Sabbath — "Celebrating Our History, Cultivating Our Future" — will be observed at local churches throughout SCC, and our church will be sharing Communion together as part of this special day.



Glendale Noon Concert — October 7

Join us on October 7, 2026 at 12:10 PM PT for a beautiful midday escape into classical music, featuring violinist Ken Aiso and pianist Valeria Morgovskaya. The program opens with Bach's Sonata No. 3 in C Major for Solo Violin, BWV 1005 — a demanding unaccompanied work built around its intricate central fugue, moving through Adagio, Fuga, Largo, and Allegro Assai. The performance continues with Jean-Marie Leclair's Sonata in C Minor for Violin and Piano, "Le Tombeau," a richly expressive work spanning Grave, Allegro ma non troppo, Gavotte, and Allegro movements. Come take a break from your day and enjoy this free hour of live chamber music in our Sanctuary.



Celebrating the Life of Ronald Lawson

Please join us as we celebrate the life of Ronald Lawson on Sunday, October 4th at 4 PM, followed by a reception at 6 PM. Ron was a beloved member of Kinship and a faithful, supportive member of Glendale City Church, and he will be deeply missed by all who knew him. The location will be provided upon RSVP. To RSVP, please text or call host Catherine Lee by Sept. 26 at (909) 553-7055 with your name and how many will be attending. Thank you!

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special
EMPHASIS SABBATH



Southern California Conference
of Seventh-day Adventists



Celebrating | **Cultivating**
Our History | **Our Future**

EST. 1901

This October, the Southern California Conference will celebrate 125 years since its organization. We have much to celebrate throughout 125 years of rich history—and as we move forward, cultivating our future together, is about every church and every member engaged in the mission in this unique territory.



OCTOBER 10, 2026



**LOCAL CHURCHES
THROUGHOUT SCC**

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IMPACT²⁶

INSPIRING MEMBERS TO IMPACT THEIR COMMUNITIES

IMPACT²⁶ is a call to purpose. Together, we will rediscover why our presence matters and how faithful, intentional influence can transform lives and strengthen communities. Centered on the deeper why of our mission, Impact²⁶ calls members to embrace their God-given role in shaping the communities around them—bringing lasting hope to the diverse communities we serve.

<https://scc.adventist.org/impact>

SCAN THE QR CODE TO
**REGISTER
TODAY**



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Join the CROP Hunger Walk!

Help us take steps toward ending hunger! Join the Glendale City Church team for the CROP Hunger Walk on Sunday, October 25, or support our walkers with a donation.

Scan the QR code to join the team or donate.
Every step and every gift makes a difference!

Where: Incarnation Catholic Church
1001 N. Brand Blvd., Glendale



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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Thank you for helping us keep our church vibrant,
welcoming, and running strong!

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PREACHING SCHEDULE

September 26
Pr. Branden Stoltz

October 3
Pr. Joshua Estrada



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