

GLENDALE CITY CHURCH

of Seventh-day Adventists



September 26, 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 Pastor Branden Stoltz.
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

Day in, day out
I swallow the beauty
of the world
this hungering beauty

My God
open windows within me
to let the world enter
calmly and peacefully
that more of the world enter

the world that I love
cry over
and love again and again.

WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude

Pari intervallo
Arvo Pärt

Kemp Smeal

Call to Worship

Rebecca Barceló

We remember the roads we have traveled.
We remember the One who has walked before us.

Through waters He's made a way.
Through the wilderness He has led.

We do not know the way before us
Yet we know the One who goes ahead.

The God who led us then goes before us now.
So we step forward in hope, fueled by our faith. Amen.

Hymn of Praise

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

No. 12

Greeting and Prayer of Thanksgiving

Uriel Herinirina

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!
All the earth, Make a joyful noise to your Lord

We give thanks for this good earth, your gift to us and our home, and we pray for wisdom and gentleness to care for your creation, O God.
We worship the Lord with gladness;
We come into God's presence with singing.

We gather with grateful hearts, remembering your mercy and strength,
your justice and your compassion, your goodness and your grace.
We know that the Lord is God.

May we live what we know of you and strive for what you seek, O God.
We are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture.

In humility we pray for the entire human family,
remembering those in need, and all who are alone, dishonored or excluded.
We enter God's gates with thanksgiving and God's courts with praise.

WORSHIP SERVICE

(Prayer of Thanksgiving continued)

Move us through thanksgiving and praise to action.

Use us to heal wherever there is violence and harm.

Give thanks to God, bless God's name.

May we embrace your just purpose, O God, and offer ourselves in prophetic witness.

For the Lord is good;

We pray for your goodness to flow outward, flooding this world with love.

God's steadfast love endures forever,

We pray for your loving purpose in every life this day and into the days to come.

And God's faithfulness to all generations.

Anthem

Saints Bound for Heaven
arr. Robert Shaw & Alice Parker

GCC Choir

Confession & Assurance of Pardon

Tom Chatt

Within the strength of community, in the power of silence, we come before God with the truth of our lives, trusting in the mercy and love of our Creator. Let us offer our confession before God and each other.

Holy God, we know that in so many ways

We have run from you,

We have ignored your call,

We have closed our eyes to your presence,

We have disbelieved your mercy,

We also know that oftentimes:

We have disregarded your words,

We have belittled ourselves,

We have forsaken others.

So we ask, once again, for your forgiveness. We ask you to stay with us as we turn away from what is wrong and hurtful to what is bright and life-giving. And hear now our silent prayers.

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WORSHIP SERVICE

(Moments of silence for personal prayer.)

Receive the good news:
God's love abounds for us,
Forgiving us and restoring us to
Community with God and one another.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Glory to God! Amen.**

Anthem

Zion's Walls
by Aaron Copland

GCC Choir

Scripture Reading

Joshua 4:1-10

Clarissa Shan

When the entire nation had finished crossing over the Jordan, the Lord said to Joshua, "Select twelve men from the people, one from each tribe, and command them, 'Take twelve stones from here out of the middle of the Jordan, from the place where the priests' feet stood, carry them over with you, and lay them down in the place where you camp tonight.' "

Then Joshua summoned the twelve men whom he had appointed from the Israelites, one from each tribe. Joshua said to them, "Pass on before the ark of the Lord your God into the middle of the Jordan, and each of you take up a stone on his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the Israelites, so that this may be a sign among you. When your children ask in time to come, 'What do those stones mean to you?' then you shall tell them that the waters of the Jordan were cut off in front of the ark of the covenant of the Lord. When it crossed over the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. So these stones shall be to the Israelites a memorial forever."

The Israelites did as Joshua commanded. They took up twelve stones out of the middle of the Jordan, according to the number of the tribes of the Israelites, as the Lord had told Joshua, carried them over with them to the place where they camped, and laid them down there. (Joshua set up twelve stones in the middle of the Jordan, in the place where the feet of the priests bearing the ark of the covenant had stood, and they are there to this day.)

The priests who bore the ark remained standing in the middle of the Jordan until everything was finished that the Lord had commanded Joshua to tell the people, according to all that Moses had commanded Joshua. The people crossed over in haste.

WORSHIP SERVICE

Speaker Welcome & Bio

Rebecca Barceló

Sermon

Sticks and Stones (Micah 6:8)

Branden Stoltz

Offertory

Deep River
arr. Moses Hogan

Matthew
Byron Lewis

Hymn of Response

Great is Thy Faithfulness

No. 100

Benediction

Branden Stoltz

Choral Benediction

On Eagle's Wings

GCC Choir

Postlude

Litanies
by Jehan Alain

Kemp Smeal



OUR LIFE TOGETHER



Today's Guest Speaker: Branden Stoltz serves as West Region Director for the Southern California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, supporting multicultural congregations across Southern California. He previously served as senior pastor of the Hollywood Seventh-day Adventist Church for ten years and also pastored the Burbank church. Branden is passionate about helping people experience the freedom, belonging, and abundant life found in Jesus, while cultivating churches marked by authentic faith, community, grace, and welcome. He loves exploring the intersections of faith, culture, people, and the stories that shape us.

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.



OUR LIFE TOGETHER

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 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!

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

special **EMPHASIS SABBATH**



Southern California Conference
of Seventh-day Adventists



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

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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**

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

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



STAY CONNECTED

PREACHING SCHEDULE

October 3
Pr. Joshua Estrada

October 10
Ray Tetz



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