

FINDING GOD AT THE INTERSECTION OF OUR LIVES

**April 13, 2024** 

#### On Campus Today at Glendale City Church, April 13:

- 9:00 a.m.: Courtyard Café. Enjoy simple breakfast foods & beverages in our Fellowship Hall lobby.
- 9:30 a.m.: **Grace Sabbath School class** with Pastor Leif, both live in the Fellowship Hall and on Zoom, meeting ID 818-244-7241. Book study: "Do I Stay Christian? A Guide for the Doubters, the Disappointed, and the Disillusioned" by Brian McLaren.
- 9:30 a.m.: **The Living Project Support Group** meets weekly in the Council Room. "Telling my story. Listening to your story. Living our story."
- •11:00 a.m.: **Sanctuary worship service** with Jonny Moor, followed by Communion Service; also available online, https://YouTube.com/c/GlendaleCityChurch. **Next Sabbath, April 20:** Sabbath worship service with Leif Lind.
- •11:00 a.m.: City Kids Children's Praise with Music, Room 2.
- •11:15 a.m.: **Tiny Tots** (0-3 years old, together with a guardian) go to Classroom 2; **Godly Play** (4-12 years) go to Classroom 1. Noon pickup.

#### **OPEN TABLE WORSHIP:**

•12:15 p.m.: Informal worship gathering downstairs in the multipurpose room. All are welcome as we share with music, story-telling, and interpersonal connections!

#### THIS WEEK AT GLENDALE CITY CHURCH:

• 7:00 p.m. **Social Jesus Heartgroup** by Herb Montgomery, each Wednesday at https://Zoom.us/j/8182447241, discussing Jesus' call to bringing justice and equality to all. Study guide or podcast: https://RenewedHeartMinistries.com.

# SATURDAY WORSHIP — 11:00 A.M. (PLEASE SILENCE YOUR ELECTRONIC DEVICES)

We welcome you as you worship with us online today. Please feel free to contact any of our pastoral staff if you have a question, want a visit, or need help:

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

Kemp Smeal, organ

**Call to Worship** The grace of Jesus Christ be among us. Leif Lind

The love of God be among us.

The communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen.

**Hymn of Praise** "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" No. 103

**Greetings & Prayers of the Congregation** 

Leif Lind

(Please remain standing for prayer)

**Offertory** "The Lord's Prayer" Albert Hay Malotte

Amanda Achen, soprano

(Deacons will collect the offering as we meditate on the message in song. Please give as you're able — unless otherwise marked, loose offering goes to local church expense.)

**Scripture Reading** John 3:16-21 Gail Murphy

**Sermon** "Brain-Bending Love" Jonny Moor

Meditation in Song "One Bread, One Body" John B. Foley

Amanda Achen, soprano

One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.



**COMMUNION**—Seventh-day Adventists practice open Communion, so we invite all members and guests to participate. The communion bread and juice will be brought to the pews. (Let deacons know if you need a gluten-free wafer.)

Breaking the Bread Leif Lind

We remember Jesus who took bread in his hands, broke it, gave it to his friends, and said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. Take, eat, this is my body, which is for you. Do this to remember me."

Offering the Cup Allan McDonald

We remember Jesus who took the wine cup in his hands and gave thanks for it. He gave it to them and said, "This is the new covenant sealed by my blood. When you drink from it, do this in memory of me. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day."

#### **Congregational Response**

God of the past and the present, with this bread and wine we remember your Son.
We thank you for his life, his death, and resurrection.
We look for his coming in glory and in him we give ourselves to you.

**Prayer**Allan McDonald God of love, send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that as we receive this bread and wine we

shall by faith receive the body and blood of Christ.

#### **Congregational Response**

Called to follow him, help us to reconcile and unite. Called to serve, give us hope in our calling.

Deacons will distribute the bread and wine.

**Receiving the Bread** The Bread we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

**Receiving the Cup**The Cup we take is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

Congregational Response We who are many are one body, for we all share the one bread.

**Partaking of the Bread** Here are bread and wine; the gifts of God for the people of God.

**Partaking of the Cup**May we, who share these gifts, be found in Christ and Christ in us.

Take, eat and drink.

### **Congregational Prayer Response**

May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others. We whom the Spirit enlightens give light to the world.

**Hymn of Response** "Sent Forth By God's Blessing" No. 407

**Benediction** (*Please be seated after the benediction*)

Leif Lind

**Postlude** "Rondeau" from *Sinfonie de Fanfares* Jean Joseph Mouret Kemp Smeal, organ

Our regular Emergency Fund offering will be collected at the doors after the service.



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#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

#### Preaching schedule and announcements:

• Apr 13 Jonny Moor; Communion service.

Apr 20 Leif Lind

We welcome today's speaker, Pastor Jonny Moor, D.Min., Chaplain and Religion Teacher at Glendale Adventist Academy. Jonny has been married to Heather for 12 years, and together they parent their Labrador, Leo, here in Glendale. Jonny is learning to stay in balance while being nine months in to helping high school students meet themselves and wrestle with God. He hopes to be known for being kind and helping people grow. If he had to capture who he is in three one-sentence scenes, this is how he says he would describe it:

- —Brother's and sister's tiny hands animating the stories that pour from them until sunset while neighborhood kids play ball in the street.
- —The server's face as she turned to enter the restaurant after the boy's father said they wanted her to keep the change.
- —The boy's sister reading Nietzsche in the basement the 12th week, the boy, now a freshman, rips out the door in response to the junior's honking to make the Bible study.

Prayer Concerns: Please remember Richard Wortham and Mario Mendizabal, who both have recently had health issues. Thank you for remembering these families in prayer. Also, **Ruth Counts's mother** who is on hospice.

Invitation to Joseph Chilopoulos's Junior Classical Recital on Saturday, April 20, at 4:30 p.m., located at Bob Cole Conservatory of Music, Room C-100. Park at the Carpenter Performing Arts Center 6200 East Atherton Street, Long Beach, 90840. (Ph. 818-429-5828 Julaine Chilopoulos for any questions.)

> April 27, save the date! After the morning sermon and a church potluck, in-demand keynote speaker Shasta Nelson will be leading an afternoon seminar in the Chapel entitled "Frientimacy — The 3 Requirements for All Healthy Relationships". Be sure to mark your calendars for this interesting and important presentation!

Our church is providing meals for the homeless each Sunday in May. We still need volunteers to serve and provide food for May 5 and 12 only. Contact Anji at 610ecalifornia@gmail. com if you are able to help.

Home Again L.A. (HALA) has simplified its housing practice: Families will now spend their time at one church (First Presbyterian Church of Burbank) instead of proceeding from church to church. We need volunteers to chaperone and to cook at the one permanent location for OUR week of May 12-18. To sign up as a volunteer, please visit https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B49AEAA29A7FAC52-48307489-shelter.