



GLENDALE CITY CHURCH

of Seventh-day Adventists



Second Sabbath of Advent

December 6, 2025

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 Elizabeth Johnston Taylor. The service can be viewed online at:
youtube.com/glendalecitychurch.
- 12:30 PM (*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

The Lord God said:
I myself will dream a dream within you,
Good dreaming comes from me, you know.
My dreams seem impossible,
not too practical
nor for the cautious man or woman;
a little risky sometimes,
a trifle brash perhaps.

Some of my friends prefer
to rest more comfortably
in sounder sleep with visionless eyes.
But from those who share my dreams
I ask a little patience,
a little humour,
some small courage,
and a listening heart – I will do the rest.

So come now, be content.
It is my dream you dream,
my house you build,
my caring you witness;
my love you share

And this is the heart of the matter.

WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude

XII Noel
Louis Claude Daquin

Kemp Smeal

Call to Worship

Uriel Herinirina

Beloved, we gather to remember who we are, not who the world tells us to be.

We tell the story together of the day that all the earth awaits. We watch and wait with hope.

We recall the story of God's people, how God has called us to live in peace and righteousness in a world full of conflict and twisted morality.

We seek the way of Christ, the Prince of Peace.

We recount the story of our journey with God, the moments of God's provision, God's prodding, and God's prophetic guidance.

We trust the One who leads us still.

We gather to repent and return anew to God's story that guides our lives to work for peace and flourishing for all God's creation.

We gather to tell the story of the day that all the earth awaits. We commit ourselves again to God's work in the world. Thanks be to God! Amen.

{Lighting of the Advent Candle}

Hymn of Praise

O Come, All Ye Faithful

No. 132

Greeting and Litany of Intercession

Rebecca Barceló

Trusting in the power of God to deliver us, let us make our prayers of intercession for all, saying:
God of Hope, we know that you are with us on our Advent journey, both in our gathering and in our waiting.

We pray for the church . . . Keep us from wavering in our faith. Help us to hold fast to our confession: that Christ Jesus is the giver of life.

God our Savior, hear our prayer.

We pray for the world . . . Help us to heed the law and prophets. Work in our world to shrink the gaps between high and low, rich and poor.

God our Savior, hear our prayer.

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(Litany of Intercession, continued)

We pray for this community . . . Watch over the strangers in our midst, protect those who are most vulnerable, and disrupt the plans of the wicked.

God our Savior, hear our prayer.

We pray for loved ones . . . Cover them with your merciful care. Answer them in times of trouble and shelter them from every danger.

God our Savior, hear our prayer.

Merciful and mighty God, as you are one, make us one with you through Jesus Christ, always, and particularly this Advent time. In whose holy name we pray.

Merciful Father, in the name of your Son, hear our prayer. Amen.

Worship in Song

Gesu Bambino by Pietro Yon

Rebecca Tomasko

Scripture Reading

Caitlin Herinirina

Matthew 1:18-21 and Matthew 2:1, 11-14, 19-22

This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem.

WORSHIP SERVICE

(Scripture Reading, continued)

On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route. When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. “Get up,” he said, “take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him.” So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt.

After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who were trying to take the child’s life are dead.” So he got up, took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning in Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Having been warned in a dream, he withdrew to the district of Galilee.

<i>Sermon</i>	Joseph and the Magi: Reflecting on How God Messages Humans with Dreams	Elizabeth Johnston Taylor
<i>Offertory</i>	Welcome to Our World Arr. by Jack Schrader	Rebecca Tomasko
<i>Hymn of Response</i>	It Came Upon a Midnight Clear	No. 130
<i>Benediction</i>		Elizabeth Johnston Taylor
<i>Postlude</i>	Fugue and Toccata on God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen arr. Myron Roberts	Kemp Smeal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Glendale City Church is **gathering old stories and photos** to use for our upcoming 120th Anniversary Weekend coming up January 30, 31. If you have any cherished snapshots or images from your time at GCC, and would be willing to share them with us, please send them to: office@glendalecitychurch.org.



“Friendsmas” Potluck with CODA - We’re excited to partner with CODA’s community again for another festive meal on December 20th, immediately after the service, in the Fellowship Hall. This gathering is a wonderful opportunity to share good food, build connections, and celebrate the season together. Bring a favorite vegetarian dish to share if you’re able, or simply come and enjoy!

Vallejo Drive Church will host a special Candlelight Concert this evening, December 6, at 4:00 p.m. The program will feature *Vivaldi’s Autumn and Gloria*, along with congregational Christmas carols. All are invited to join for an afternoon of inspiring music and a seasonal celebration. For more information, visit vallejodrive.church.



Our heartfelt condolences go out to Steve Ungson and Jennifer Garcia and family on the passing of their mother, Jemimah Ungson, on November 14, at the age of 90. She was a loving and deeply nurturing wife, mother, and grandmother. A memorial service will be held in her honor on Friday, December 12 at 10:00 am in the sanctuary of Glendale City Church, followed by a Graveside Service at Glendale Forest Lawn. The reception will be at Glendale City Church at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

STAY CONNECTED

PREACHING SCHEDULE

December 13:
Uriel Herinirina

December 20:
Uriel Herinirina



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