



# GLENDALE CITY CHURCH

## of Seventh-day Adventists

*Celebrating 120 Years of Ministry - January, 2026*

(Sanctuary Choir poses with concert musicians, 1937)



January 17, 2026

# 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 Joshua Estrada. The service can be viewed online at: [youtube.com/glendalecitychurch](https://youtube.com/glendalecitychurch).

12:30PM (*Downstairs Multipurpose Room*) - **Special Open Table Worship Today!** Join us for a fun, creative time making vision boards as we dream, reflect, and look ahead to the new year together. Lunch included!

## 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

Oh me! Oh life! of the questions of these recurring,  
Of the endless trains of the faithless, of cities fill'd with the foolish,  
Of myself forever reproaching myself,  
(for who more foolish than I, and who more faithless?)  
Of eyes that vainly crave the light, of the objects mean, of the struggle ever renew'd,  
Of the poor results of all, of the plodding and sordid crowds I see around me,  
Of the empty and useless years of the rest, with the rest me intertwined,  
The question, O me! so sad, recurring—What good amid these, O me, O life?

## *Answer*

That you are here—that life exists and identity,  
That the powerful play goes on, and you may contribute a verse.

# WORSHIP SERVICE

*Prelude*

**Praise to the Lord, The Almighty**  
by Johann Gottfried Walther

Kemp Smeal

*Call to Worship*

Rebecca Barceló

We gather in a world that feels solid and final, yet God tells us it is not the deepest reality.  
**We come to worship the Eternal, whose truth outlasts every age.**

We live between promise and fulfillment, often in places of exile and uncertainty.  
**Still, we trust that God is at work beyond what we can see.**

The Lord calls us to build, to plant, to love, and to seek the good of the city where we dwell.  
**We choose faithfulness here and now, believing God meets us in this place.**

God promises a future not shaped by exile, but by restoration and hope. Come, let us worship the God who is faithful across time.

**We come to worship, with hope rooted in God alone - our truest reality.**

*Hymn of Praise*

**On Jordan's Stormy Banks**

No. 620

*Greetings and Prayers of the Congregation*

Doug Schultz

*Anthem*

**Leaning On The Everlasting Arms**

GCC Choir

*Arr. by Mark Hayes*

*Scripture Reading*

**Jeremiah 29:4-10**

John Nielsen

Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare. For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Do not let the prophets and the diviners who are among you deceive you, and do not listen to your dreams that you dream, for it is a lie that they are prophesying to you in my name; I did not send them, says the Lord. For thus says the Lord: Only when Babylon's seventy years are completed will I visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place.

# WORSHIP SERVICE

*Anthem*

**I Surrender All**

*Arr. by Mark Hayes*

GCC Choir

*Sermon*

**Cadence within the Eternal:**  
A Reflection on the Advent &  
Metamodernism

Joshua Estrada

*Offertory*

**Just A Closer Walk With Thee**

*Arr. by Richard Walters*

Clarissa Shan

*Hymn of Response*

**Sweet By and By**

No. 428

*Benediction*

Joshua Estrada

*Choral Benediction*

GCC Choir

*Postlude*

**Tuba Tune in D Major**

by C. S. Lang

Kemp Smeal



# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Pictures Begin Today! (Jan. 17, 24 and 31)

Bring your families—and your best smiles—as we capture photos for our new church directory over the next few weeks! Photographer Mark Azali will be in the Narthex, and we invite you to stop by before or after the service today, January 24th, or January 31st. We are excited to include you and your family in this special update to our church community!

As you clean out your closets in the new year, please consider donating gently used clothing, shoes, and jackets to GCC so that we can be ready to offer support when it is needed by community members. Contact Cheri Watson for more information. Thanks!



## Young Adult Volunteer Opportunity

The SCC Conference's young adult group, One House, invites young adults to serve at the Dream Center in Los Angeles on Monday, January 19, 2026, from 9am–1pm. Volunteers will assist in the Dream Center's soup kitchen by helping with food preparation, serving meals, distributing snacks, and cleaning tables. Participants must be 18 or older, and space is limited to 30 volunteers, so early registration is encouraged. Sign up at: <https://tinyurl.com/dreamcenterform>.

## Noon Concert – January 21 | Join Us at GCC!

Violinist, composer, and educator Kirstin Fife joins Grammy Award-winning pianist Brendan White for an inspiring midday concert featuring classical and contemporary works. The theme for this performance will be called "Queens and Kings."



GLENDALE CITY  
CHURCH  
CELEBRATES

120 *years*

in Glendale

**Friday, January 30**

7:00 p.m. — Contemporary Worship Night, GCC Chapel  
(with Pastor Andy Palomares)

**Saturday, January 31**

9:00 a.m. — Courtyard Breakfast

9:30 a.m. — History of Glendale City Church Lecture

11:00 a.m. — Sanctuary Worship Service

12:15 p.m. — Anniversary Group Photo in Front of Church

12:30 p.m. — Anniversary Lunch

2:00 p.m. — Organ Recital, with refreshments to follow

If you have any cherished snapshots or images from your time at GCC, please send them to us! Email [office@glendalecitychurch.org](mailto:office@glendalecitychurch.org), or contact the church office at (818) 244-7241. Thank you!

# STAY CONNECTED

## PREACHING SCHEDULE

January 24:  
Mike Quishenberry

January 31:  
Uriel Herinirina  
(120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Sabbath)



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