



GLENDALE CITY CHURCH
of Seventh-day Adventists



November 22, 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 Elizabeth Johnston Taylor 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 Uriel Herinirina. The service can be viewed online at: youtube.com/glendalecitychurch.
- 12:30PM (*Downstairs Multipurpose Room*) - Open Table Worship will join the "Friendsgiving" potluck in the Fellowship Hall today.

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

There's no place like home.

-Dorothy in The Wizard of Oz

And he never had the sense of home
so much as when he felt that he was
going there. It was only when he got
there that his homelessness began.

-Thomas Wolfe,

You Can Never Go Home Again

To be human means both to dwell
and to wander.

-Erazim Kohák

WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude

**Now Thank We All Our God -
from Canata No. 79**
Johann Sebastian Bach

Kemp Smeal

Call to Worship

Uriel Herinirina

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good. **For God's love endures forever.**
Give thanks to the God of gods, the Lord of Lords. **For God's love endures forever.**
God snatched us away from our foes. **For God's love endures forever.**
God gives food to all living things. **For God's love endures forever.**
To the God of heaven belongs all thanks and all praise
Come, give your praises and thanks to God!
We give our praises and thanks to God. For God's love endures forever.

Hymn of Praise

We Gather Together

No. 08

Greeting and Litany of Thanksgiving

Glenda Mendizabal

Thanksgiving for Family and Community Life

Glenda Mendizabal

Gracious Father, we thank you for the shelter of families, where love takes root and grows in grace. We praise you for children and youth, bright with wonder and reminding us that each day can begin anew. For those who live alone, thank you for your nearness that turns solitude into companionship. We bless you for the quiet wisdom of the aged and the tender mercies that sustain them. Knit our homes and hearts with patience, fidelity, and gentle affection. And lead us in your life-giving ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We thank you Lord.

Thanksgiving for the Land

Claudia Dahlsten

Creator God, we thank you for the wonder of your universe—galaxies unfolding and living things flourishing in your design. We give thanks for the earth's resources, offered so generously, and pray for wisdom to use them with care. For harvests from land and water, for every meal, every season, for rain and all that nourishes the soil, reminding us of your faithful provision, we lift our gratitude to you. Teach us to walk gently on your earth, serving your purposes with reverence and joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We thank you Lord.

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Anthem of Response

All Creatures of Our God and King

GCC Choir

Arr. Mack Wilberg

Thanksgiving for the Nation

Elizabeth Johnston Taylor

Gracious God, we thank you for this land and for all the ways you have blessed our common life. Yet we confess that we have not always lived with honor, kindness, or dignity toward one another. We thank you for leaders called to seek justice and peace, and we confess the times we have sowed discord, pride, or indifference instead of unity. Renew in us a spirit of wisdom, compassion, and shared purpose. Guide our nation in your ways, that gratitude and mercy may shape how we live together.

We thank you Lord.

Thanksgiving for the Restoration of Health

Elizabeth Johnston Taylor

Healing God, we thank you for moments when strength returns and hope rises again. We bless your name for renewed breath, renewed energy, and renewed days. For every recovery we give you grateful praise. Grant that those restored may walk forward with deeper trust and gentler hearts. Teach us to cherish the gift of life and the bodies you have made. And may your healing mercy keep drawing us toward the life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We thank you Lord.

Anthem of Response

A Jubilant Thanksgiving

GCC Choir

Arr. Patty Drennan

Thanksgiving for the Diversity of Race and Culture

Caitlin Herinirina

O God, we thank you for creating all peoples in your image, each reflecting your beauty in a different way. We praise you for the rich diversity of races and cultures that color our world with wonder. Enlarge our hearts with friendships that stretch beyond what is familiar. Teach us to recognize your presence in those whose stories differ from our own. Deepen our love until it mirrors your boundless love for all your children. And let our gratitude lead us into ever-widening circles of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We thank you Lord.

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Thanksgiving for the Mission of the Church

Caitlin Herinirina

Gracious God, we thank you for sending Jesus to draw the whole world back into your loving embrace. We praise you for all who carry the Gospel with courage and compassion. Thank you for communities of faith that have taken root in every land and language. We bless you for prayers offered and seeds of love planted by your servants through the ages. Strengthen your Church to be a light of reconciliation and hope. And let our gratitude join the praise of all who call upon your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We thank you Lord.

Old Testament

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

John Nielsen

Scripture Reading

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess and you possess it and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, 'Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

New Testament

John 6:25-35

John Nielsen

Scripture Reading

When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you.

WORSHIP SERVICE

(Scripture reading, continued)

For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us, then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' "Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Homily

Uriel Herinirina

Offertory

Love Will Be Our Home
Sandi Patty

Clarissa Shan
Soprano

Hymn of Response

Let All Things Now Living

No. 560

Benediction

Uriel Herinirina

Choral Benediction

GCC Choir

Postlude

Choral Improvisation on
"Now Thank We All Our God"
Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Kemp Smeal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Glendale Community to Celebrate Interfaith Thanksgiving Gathering:

Join us as Glendale City Church comes together with neighbors across the city TOMORROW at 3:00 PM.

We will meet at **Glendale First United Methodist Church** at 134 Kenwood St.



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. Her gentle spirit and warm heart touched everyone she encountered. She gave selflessly, always putting others before herself, and her generosity and kindness will continue to inspire us. Though she is no longer with us, her unconditional love will always stay with us.

Services will be held in the sanctuary on Friday, December 12 with a reception to follow. Time TBD.



A member of our community who survived the January fires is seeking a temporary rental space while her home is being rebuilt. If you or someone you know has a room, apartment, or small home available for rent, please contact Anji at the church office at 818-244-7241 or email office@glendalecitychurch.org. Your support during this difficult time is greatly appreciated.



GLENDALE CITY CHURCH PRESENTS

*The Light
Has Come*

A joyous evening of *Vivaldi's Gloria* by
the Glendale City Church Choir and the
University of La Verne Chamber Singers

Dr. Clarissa Shan, Conductor
Kemp Smeal, Organist



7 PM

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If you have a clothing donation,
please reach out to Clarissa Shan at music@glendalecitychurch.org.



DONATE YOUR CLOTHES!

Declutter Your Closet for a Good Cause!

Help us make a difference! The ULV Choral Organization is raising funds to cover our expenses for the year, including our upcoming tour to Germany. We will receive a donation for every pound of clothing we collect!

Please donate your gently used:

Clothing	Belts
Shoes	Handbags
Sandals	Backpacks

Please place your clothes in a 13 gallon bag for donation!

1-25
Nov

ULV Music
Department
1950 3rd St.
La Verne

10-4
PM

Let's unite to support those in need this season. Your generosity can make a difference for someone across the globe!

SAVE THE DATE

Make sure to mark your calendar for these upcoming events at Glendale City Church! We hope you'll join us!

- **November 22 (TODAY):** "Friendsgiving" Potluck with CODA
- **November 23 (Sunday):** Interfaith Thanksgiving Gathering
- **December 5 (Friday):** Annual Christmas Concert
- **December 20 (Saturday):** "Friendsmas" Potluck with CODA
- **January 30 & 31, 2026 (Friday & Saturday):**
GCC 120th Anniversary Celebration
- **March 14, 2026 (Saturday):** Next City Church Lecture Series



If you have any old photos of GCC, we'd love to scan them for our upcoming 120th Anniversary Weekend in January! Please send them to Anji at:
office@glendalecitychurch.org.



GLENDAL CITY SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
One Hundred Years of Grace

STAY CONNECTED

PREACHING SCHEDULE

November 29:
Rebecca Barceló

December 6:
Elizabeth Johnston Taylor



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