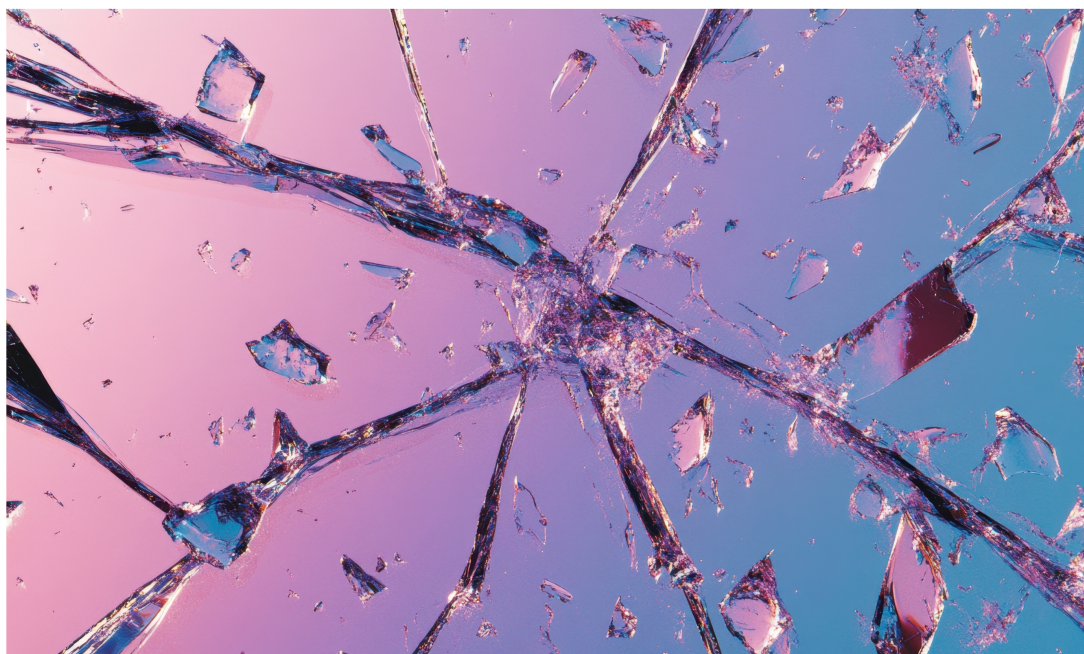




GLENDALE CITY CHURCH

of Seventh-day Adventists



November 8, 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 Uriel Herinirina 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 Rebecca Barceló. The service can be viewed online at:
youtube.com/glendalecitychurch.
- 12:30PM (*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

Confirm the fact and fate
Of a life of contrariety & frustrations,
With a note on every date,
And a count of its disruptions.

Bear it all with amusement,
Be a witness and shed the torment,
Give it beautiful words for garment,
Help heal the worlds' ailments.

You are the maker of your Joy
So wait not for the end of all ploys,
To grant yourself the gift of radiance,
And step into moments
of only gracious dance...

WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude

Prelude and Fugue in E Major
Nikolas Bruhns

Kemp Smeal

Call to Worship

Rebecca Barceló

Come, people of God, held by covenant and grace. We have walked through trial and trembling. Yet even in suffering, God has made our vision clear.

When strength falters, God whispers courage; When fear presses in, God steadies our steps.

By His Spirit we are sanctified and strengthened, called to lives that honor Christ, made worthy of His calling.

The path ahead shines with hope, not because we are strong, but because our God is faithful, and His promises stand.

Come, let us worship the God who sustains and restores,

Who comforts, upholds, and leads us in everlasting love. Amen.

Hymn of Praise

We Have This Hope

No. 214

Greetings and Litany of Thanksgiving

Uriel Herinirina

Litany of Thanksgiving for our Veterans

Lord of all, you dream of a world ruled by justice, where every person lives in safety and harmony. **Lord, let your peace come.**

Until that day when swords are beaten into plowshares and the lion and the lamb eat together, we give thanks for those who have served with courage and honor. **We give thanks for their courage.**

Until that day when swords are beaten into plowshares and the lion and the lamb eat together, we give thanks for those who have served not for power or conquest, but to protect the vulnerable and preserve peace. **We give thanks for their courage and compassion.**

For those who stood in danger, for those who served far from home, for families who carried the burden of absence and worry. **We give thanks and remember their sacrifice.**

For the pain that still lingers in body or spirit, for memories that still wound, for grief that refuses to fade. **Lord, bring your healing and peace.**

When the weight of war feels too heavy to bear, when hope seems too fragile to hold. **Lord, be our refuge and strength.**

We long for the day when wars will cease, when every nation will learn the ways of peace, and your kingdom of love will cover the earth. **Lord, let your peace come.**

Until that day, bless our veterans and those they love. Surround them with your presence and fill them with the peace that passes understanding. **Lord, bless them and keep them. Amen.**

WORSHIP SERVICE

Worship in Song

One Heart One Mind
by Carolyn Kardinal

Joslyn Sarshad
Soprano

Scripture Reading

Ron Matusea

Jeremiah 7:1-11, NIV

This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: “Stand at the gate of the Lord’s house and there proclaim this message: “Hear the word of the Lord, all you people of Judah who come through these gates to worship the Lord. This is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says: Reform your ways and your actions, and I will let you live in this place. Do not trust in deceptive words and say, “This is the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord!” If you really change your ways and your actions and deal with each other justly, if you do not oppress the foreigner, the fatherless or the widow and do not shed innocent blood in this place, and if you do not follow other gods to your own harm, then I will let you live in this place, in the land I gave your ancestors for ever and ever. But look, you are trusting in deceptive words that are worthless. “Will you steal and murder, commit adultery and perjury, burn incense to Baal and follow other gods you have not known, and then come and stand before me in this house, which bears my Name, and say, “We are safe”—safe to do all these detestable things? Has this house, which bears my Name, become a den of robbers to you? But I have been watching! declares the Lord.

Sermon

“Lessons from Disruption”

Rebecca Barceló

Offertory

O, Divine Redeemer
by Charles Gounod

Joslyn Sarshad
Soprano

Hymn of Response

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

No. 290

Benediction

Rebecca Barceló

Postlude

Praise the Lord with Drum and Cymbals
Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Kemp Smeal

Nominating Committee for 2026

(First Reading)

In accordance with the Glendale City Church's nominating process, the following individuals have been recommended by the Nominating Committee to serve as officers for the upcoming term. We invite all members to prayerfully review these names prior to the second reading. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact pastor Uriel or Rebecca within the coming week.



OFFICERS

Head Elder: Elizabeth J. Taylor

Treasurer: Lee Posner

Clerk: Mindi Rub

ELDERS

Myron Counts

Ruth Counts

Lyndon Johnston-Taylor

Kathleen Glennie

Wanda Koffman

Allan McDonald

Ronald Matussea

Didi Mumford

Lee Posner

Doug Schultz

Beverly Tarr

Mark Azali

Glenda Mendizabal

Debbie Wood-Martinson

AUDIO-VISUAL

Head: Kristofer Wahagheghe

DEACONS

Head: Jerry Wahagheghe

Deacon of Day: Zach Abaro

Deacon of Day: Ronald Matussea

Deacon of Day: Evelyn Poblador

CITY KIDS

Co-Director: Uriel Herinirina

Co-Director: Anji Arm

Teacher: Jaime Kalanick

Teacher: Shelby Mumford

OPEN TABLE MINISTRY:

Co-Director: Anji Arm

Co-Director: Rachel Wolff

Steve Arm

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Stephanie Azali

Vice-Chairpersons: John & Patty Nielsen

MEDIA

Head: Mark Azali

Nominating Committee for 2026

(First Reading-Continued)

CHURCH BOARD

Chairperson: Doug Schultz
Vice-Chairperson: Uriel Herinrina
Beth Johnston-Taylor
Lyndon Johnston-Taylor
Lee Posner
Ruth Counts
Mindi Rub
Steph Azali
Jerry Wahagheghe
Sandra Schultz
Rebecca Barceló

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Lee Posner
Vice-Chairperson: Sandra Schultz
Elizabeth Johnston Taylor
Doug Schultz
Ruth Counts
Patricia Villaseñor
Mindi Rub
Myron Counts
Mark Azali
Anji Arm
Lyndon Johnston-Taylor
Uriel Herinirina

GREETERS

Co-Heads: Tom Chatt and George Scheideman

FELLOWSHIP DINNER & COURTYARD CAFÉ

Head: Lillian Abaro

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT:

Head: Uriel Herinirina

CITY COMPASSION (Houseless Support)

Head: Cheri Watson

Glendale City Church Would Like To Hear From You!

As we prepare for 2026, we'd love your input on how our church can grow and serve our community more faithfully in the coming year. Please scan the QR code to take our short 4-minute survey and feel free to share it with friends in our community. Thanks for your feedback!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Glendale Community to Celebrate Interfaith Thanksgiving Gathering:

Join us as Glendale City Church comes together with neighbors across the city for an Interfaith Thanksgiving Gathering on Sunday, November 23 at 3:00 PM at Glendale First Methodist Church. The event will bring together members of the



Free Methodist and United Methodist churches, the Jewish community, Disciples of Christ, Latter-day Saints, Salem Lutheran Church, the Gabrieleno Tongva Tribal Council, the Glendale City Council, and the Islamic Center.

GAA Fall Fest – Wild Wild West!

Saddle up and join Glendale Adventist Academy's Home and School Association for this year's Wild Wild West Fall Fest **TODAY** at 6:00 PM! Come out for an evening of fun, food, and festivities for the whole family. Don't miss it!



Noon Concert: Cellist Rachel Coosaia

Join us on Wednesday, November 19 at 12:10 p.m. at Glendale City Church for a special midday concert with acclaimed cellist Rachel Coosaia. A Michigan native, Rachel has performed for more than three decades with ensembles such as the St. Matthew's Chamber Orchestra and the Riverside Philharmonic, and her cello can be



heard on film and TV soundtracks including Glee and Homecoming. She has shared the stage with legends like John Williams, Julie Andrews, Elton John, and Stevie Wonder. Also a dedicated Suzuki teacher and music education advocate, Rachel brings both artistry and heart to her performances. Come and be inspired by her music!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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!

GETTING ACQUAINTED



Margery Rich - The Story Whisperer

Margery was born in Glendale to Harold and Mary Lou Rich, a new Seventh-day Adventist pastor and his recently converted wife. When Margery was five, the family moved to Hawai'i, where she enjoyed a "free-range childhood" amid natural beauty. Far from extended family, her faith was shaped by her father's devotion and her mother's guidance, especially after the death of her beloved maternal grandmother.

With three younger brothers, the household was lively, full of chores, meals, and Sabbath routines. Returning to Southern California for academy, Margery discovered a calling to serve God and a love for English, earning her master's and teaching credential at Andrews University before returning to California, after several snowy winters!

She taught for over forty years in Adventist academies, mainly at San Gabriel Academy. Her parents retired to Walla Walla, passing away in 2015 and 2020, and her brothers settled in Washington State.

Retiring during the pandemic, Margery rediscovered her passions for writing, puzzles, and drawing. Personal growth coaching helped her understand herself, her faith, and how to help others move past limiting stories.

She found her true calling as a Story Whisperer, guiding people to recognize and reshape the stories that shape their lives. At Glendale City Church, she shares this through *The Living Project: "Telling My Story. Listening to Your Story. Living Our Story."* These days, she continues writing, drawing, and coaching others—and sometimes herself—to identify and redirect the stories that shape their lives.

"Now," says Margery. "I 'work' on my novel, but there's more 'play' than work in it. I use drawings along with some of my exploratory essays on all kinds of topics. Unpublished so far, but who knows? As a Story Whisperer coach, I help people—including myself sometimes! —figure out what story "program" is running unconsciously, and how to shift it to another direction. I still believe God wants me to be "useful," and it's okay to be "happy," but WOW! God's world for me now is so much bigger and better than it ever was before!"

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** (Saturday): "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:
Featuring Guest Speaker - Sam Leonor



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 15:
Uriel Herinirina

November 22:
Uriel Herinirina



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