

January 3 | Part 1 | Pastor Gabriel Morales  
*The World Within Our Reach*

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A FAITH JOURNEY THROUGH  
THE BOOK OF 1 JOHN



# Worship

Prelude		Joel Oswari
Worship & Praise	In Christ Alone	Praise Team
Prayer		
Worship & Praise	Good, Good Father Agnus Dei	Praise Team
(Please stand or remain seated according to your worship needs)		
Welcome		Pastor Gabriel Morales
Children's Story		Pastor Daniel Xisto
Baptism**	Natalie Aguilera Paulina Edith Aguilera	Pastor Mike Leno & Dalton Mastrocolla
Offering Invitation		Steve McHan*; Jordan Harris**
Offertory		Praise Band
Prayer & Scripture - 1 John 1:1-4		Steve McHan*; Jordan Harris**
Music Meditation		Joel Oswari
Sermon	The Word Within Our Reach	Pastor Gabriel Morales
Closing Song	Great Are You Lord	Praise Team
Benediction		Pastor Gabriel Morales
Postlude		Joel Oswari
(Please maintain reverence during the postlude)		

Praise Team: Albert Ayawaila, Gianna, Jordan Harris,  
Kwasi Ntim, & Carissa Steen  
Praise Band: JC Carreon, Gato, Joel Oswari, Gerardo Santiago,  
Emily Uribe-Torres, Sebastian Uribe-Torres, & Junior Thomas

Deacons in Charge: Jan Michaelis & Anneke Pangkey  
Sunset Today: 4:53 pm  
Sunset Friday, January 9: 4:58 pm  
First Service\*, Second Service\*\*

# Announcements

## H

### APPY SABBATH

Welcome to the Azure Hills Church! We invite you to use the Connection Cards found at the Welcome Center and in the

pews for prayer requests, special needs, membership transfers, and comments. If you are a first-time guest with us, we have a special gift for you at the Welcome Center. \*\*All visitors are invited to a guest luncheon in the Fellowship Hall after second service.

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### ERMON TODAY

One of the quiet struggles of modern faith is distance. God can feel distant. Truth can feel abstract. Faith can feel like an idea we affirm rather than a life we inhabit. 1 John insists on something radical: The Word of God has come within human reach. At our 9 am and 11:45 am services, Pastor Gabriel Morales will deliver a message titled "The Word Within Our Reach." We will also rejoice in the baptism of Natalie and Paulina Aguilera during second service.

## S

### ABBATH SCHOOL LESSON STUDY GUIDE

The 1st Quarter 2026 Sabbath School Lesson Quarterlies are available at the Welcome

Center and in the Sabbath School classrooms. We also have some in a basket outside the office in both the regular and large print versions.

## P

### PRAYER MEETING

Our next prayer meeting is on Tuesday, January 13 from 7 pm to 8 pm. Join us as we gather in the Small Fellowship Hall to lift

up our voices in song and in prayer. Prayer meeting has been an enriching experience for those who have attended! We would love to see you there!

## C

### CHURCH PICTURE DIRECTORY

If you have a new picture of yourself or your family that you would like to share in our Church Picture Directory, please

email it to [office@azurehills.org](mailto:office@azurehills.org).

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### ABBATH SERVICE 2026

Exciting news, Azure Hills family! We've been praying, asking God to guide us. We've been listening through surveys

and focus groups. In response, we're beginning a worship renewal journey that we believe the Holy Spirit has been leading us toward. Starting with soft launch dates on January 10, February 14, and March 21, our two Sabbath services will take on distinct expressions: our 9 am service will feature classic, reflective worship with joyful hymns and sacred atmosphere, while our 11:45 am service will offer contemporary praise designed to engage seekers and next generations. Both services will include the same gospel-centered message and core elements you love—just expressed in ways that reach different hearts. Unity in heart, diversity in expression. We invite you to attend a soft launch service, share your feedback, and be part of what God is doing among us. Questions? Talk with any of our pastors or pick up a letter from our leadership team and an FAQ sheet at the Welcome Center.

## D

### DANCING LIKE DAVID

*Dancing Like David* Grow Group is a faith-filled community group where movement meets ministry! Inspired by King David—who

danced with all his might before the Lord (2 Samuel 6:14)—this group invites participants to express joy, gratitude, and worship through line dancing. Together, we celebrate what it means to move our bodies as an act of praise and fellowship, growing closer to God and one another. The first meeting is on January 11, 2026 at 4 pm in the Elias Community Center.

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### KIONIA (55+) BINGO

Gene and Linda Rice will be sponsoring bingo at the Elias Community Center on Tuesday, January 13 from 1 pm-3 pm.

Hot chocolate and light snacks will be provided.

## C

### CHRISTIAN EDITION

Christian Edition, an internationally known men's chorus from

Southern California, will

perform classic Christian hymns and selected contemporary sacred music in a special service on Saturday, January 24 at 4 pm in the sanctuary. Let's use this opportunity to invite our friends and neighbors to enjoy Christian music at its finest. Admission is free.

## M

### MEMBER CARE

Please Help Keep Us

Informed! If you know of a church member who might appreciate some special

attention (i.e., is ill, home-bound, and/or enduring some difficulty), please notify the church office at 909-825-8611. The church office will then inform and engage our Member Care Team. Thank you!

## Prayer Requests

### Challenging cancer:

Danny Aceres; Levi Bareng; Vicki Berry; Donald Charboneau; Jerry Garcia; Baltazar Moreno; Anna Rivera; Beth Robertson; Saul Silva, Jr.; Gunter Smailus; Melicia Walwyn

### Other medical needs:

Walter Anderson; Elizabeth Arellano; Amorette Carlucci; Bill Campbell; Kaylee Chinchay; Luis Chinchay; Martha Correa; Carolina Torres de Garcia; Deanna Glindmeyer; Michael Grout; Jodie Johnson; Paula Ibanez; Gina Kirby; Nicholas Logsdon; Samuel Lopez; Daniel McCann; McGee Family; Jared Oxley; Sara Parks; Roy Reed; Nigel Robertson; Gloria Santana; Alfred Simental; Gordon Talge

### Other prayer requests:

Arellano Family; Blanca Chinchay; Maria Frederick; Gianna; Colleen Logsdon; Donna McCann; Josh Self; Vasile Muresan

### Those Serving Our Country:

Jason Keithley; Tashana Lewis

We live stream our services at [www.azurehills.org](http://www.azurehills.org) and on our YouTube Channel.

# Church Calendar

## January

3 Sermon - Pastor Gabriel Morales

3 Orchestra Practice  
2:30 pm - Sanctuary

7 Ladies LIFT  
9:45 am - MC1

8 Jesus' Teachings About the Holy Spirit 10 am - Small FH

## January

9 Children's Choir Practice  
6:30 pm - Sanctuary

9 Gospel Choir Practice  
7 pm - MC8

9 Orchestra Practice  
7 pm - Sanctuary

9 Chorale Practice  
7:15 pm - MC1

## January

10 Sermon - Pastor Tara VinCross

10 Cherub Choir Practice  
1 pm - S6

10 Adventurer Club Meeting  
1:30 pm - Sanctuary

10 Touch of God  
1:30 pm - MC1

## CHURCH AT STUDY

10:30-11:30 AM

Grace Notes	Sanctuary
Loving Well	MC-1
Parents Class	MC-8
Quest: To Know God	HH-2
The Focus	HH-6
The Fringe	Cottage-1
Ladies Table Talk	Cottage-2
Spanish Class	Cottage-3
Indonesian Class	HH-3
Collective: Young Adults	ECC-1
Collegiate	ECC-2
Connect: Group Discussions	ECC-3
Power House (High School)	MC-6
Earliteen (Jr. High)	MC-7
Juniors (Grades 5 & 6)	MC-9
Primary II (Grades 3 & 4)	MC-5
Primary I (Grades 1 & 2)	MC-4
Kindergarten (Age 5 to Grade 1)	MC-10
Pre-K (4 yo)	MC-3
Tiny Tots (Age 2-3)	MC-2
Cradle Roll (Birth-23 months)	HH-4

## CHURCH DIRECTORY

Tara VinCross, Senior Pastor:  
Daniel Xisto, Administrative Pastor:  
Linda Biswas, Community Pastor:  
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