

Hope

IS BORN!

azure hills

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

CHRISTMAS 2025

December 27, 2025
9 am & 11:45 am

Worship

Ordinance of Humility

Pastor Tara VinCross

*He is Exalted Medley
Alpha and Omega*

Gospel Choir

Prayer

Emmanuel Olukaikpe

Holy, Holy, Holy - Lord God All Mighty

Gospel Choir

(Please stand or remain seated according to your worship needs)

Oh How I Love Jesus

Gospel Choir

Children's Story

Pastor Mike Leno

Offering Invitation

Jim Gibson*; Corey Knowlton**

At The Cross

Gospel Choir

Because He Lives

Gospel Choir

Garden of Prayer

Jim Gibson*; Corey Knowlton**

Hallelujah, Salvation & Glory

Gospel Choir

Sermon

Hope is Born

Pastor Tara VinCross

Blessed Assurance

Hervé Jr & Naomi Thomas

There Is A Fountain

Gospel Choir

The Lord's Supper

Pastor Tara VinCross

Pastor Linda Biswas & Pastor Mike Leno*

Pastor George Tuyu & Pastor Sabina Vieira**

The Blood Never Loose Its Power

Gospel Choir

There Is Power In The Blood

Gospel Choir

Benediction

Pastor Tara VinCross

Postlude

Holy, Holy, Holy

Gospel Choir

(Please maintain reverence during the postlude)

Gospel Choir Director: Judith Thomas

Deacons in Charge: Mike Acquistapace & Haroldo Salcedo

Sunset Today: 4:47 pm

Sunset Friday, January 2: 4:52 pm

First Service*, Second Service**

Announcements

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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.

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ERMON TODAY

We are glad you joined us on this final Sabbath of the year. Pastor Tara VinCross will share the last message in our

Christmas series, *Hope Is Born*. Advent reminds us that even in the darkest seasons, God's promise breaks through with hope, life, and renewal. Come to the Communion table together as we celebrate the hope Jesus brings to each of us. Worship music will be led by the Gospel Choir, under the direction of Judith Thomas. Enjoy a warm community and a message that invites us to rediscover the hope found in the birth of Christ.

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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.

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ISION IN ACTION

Our Vision in Action year-end goal is **\$473,000**. So far, we've raised **\$183,000**, leaving **\$290,000** to be raised

by **midnight December 31**. Thank you for your generosity as we close the year. Your giving fuels worship, children's ministries, seniors ministries, community care, pastoral support, local outreach, global mission, and the many unseen acts of kindness that flow from this campus. Together, we complete the year-end cycle that sustains our ministry all year long. You can give securely online at: www.azurehills.org/give

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LOOD DRIVE

Our Communion Sabbath Blood Drive is today from 10 am-2 pm in the Fellowship Hall. On this final Saturday of 2025,

Health Ministries invites you to *live out* the meaning of Communion Sabbath by giving life to others. Walk-ins are welcome! Your donation can save up to 3 lives!

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HE HEART OF WORSHIP

On the first Sabbath of 2026, we will gather as a church family for 24 hours of non-stop worship and prayer. Join us

January 2-3 from 6 pm-6 pm in the main sanctuary to intercede for our community and to worship Jesus. Come for one hour or stay for all 24! Sabbath morning church services and classes will run as normally scheduled. If you have questions or want to volunteer, please contact Elder Jordan Harris at prayer@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.

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ANCING LIKE DAVID

Dancing Like David 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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IONIA (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.

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 and on our YouTube Channel.

Church Calendar

December

27	Sermon - Pastor Tara VinCross Communion Sabbath
27	Blood Drive 10 am-2 pm - Fellowship Hall
31	Office Closed

January

1	Office Closed Happy New Year!
2-3	Heart of Worship 24 Hours of Worship & Prayer - Sanctuary
2	Gospel Choir Practice 7 pm - MC8
3	Sermon - Pastor Gabriel Morales

January

3	Orchestra Practice 2:30 pm - Sanctuary
7	Ladies LIFT 9:45 am - MC1
7-17	Ten Days of Prayer
8	Jesus' Teachings About the Holy Spirit 10 am - Small FH

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

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