



GLENDALE CITY CHURCH

of Seventh-day Adventists



August 15, 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 Dr. Jim Walters. 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*) - Children's Sabbath School

PREPARING

The inner process of change and growth is fundamental to everything, even our bodies. This universal pattern of growth and healing—which always includes loss and renewal. This is the way that life perpetuates itself in ever-new forms.

God keeps creating things from the inside out, so they are forever yearning, developing, growing, and changing for the good. This is the fire God has cast upon the Earth, the generative force implanted in all living things.

That is the eternal pattern. God is still breathing into the soil of every moment.

WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude

Prelude in G
Felix Mendelssohn

Ty Woodward

Call to Worship

Rebecca Barceló

Maker of Our Days, you created each of us with unique strengths and weaknesses.

Help us to share our strengths and receive the gifts of others.

Restorer of Our Souls, meet us in our deepest places of pain, and free us from the need to be self-sufficient.

Draw us into healing and right relationship with you and one another.

Breath of Our Lives, fill us with your presence and breathe new life into our worship.
Maker, Restorer, and Breath of Our Lives—

We come to worship you. Shape us, restore us, and breathe your life into us. Amen.

Hymn of Praise

O Thou in Whose Presence

No. 36

Greeting and Prayers of the Congregation

Uriel Herinirina

Creative Reflections

Hope Anita Smith

Worship In Song

I Thank You, Lord
by Joseph M Martin

Carrah Stamatakis

Scripture Reading

Philip Kellermeier

Luke 2:21-35

And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb. And when the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every male that opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.”

WORSHIP SERVICE

(Scripture Continued)

Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And inspired by the Spirit he came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

"Lord, now let thy servant depart in peace,
according to thy word;
for mine eyes have seen thy salvation
which thou hast prepared in the presence of all peoples,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and for glory to thy people Israel."

And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother,
"Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising of many in Israel,
and for a sign that is spoken against
(and a sword will pierce through your own soul also),
that thoughts out of many hearts may be revealed."

Speaker Introduction

Uriel Herinirina

Sermon

St. Mary & St. Ellen: Indispensable

Jim Walters

Offertory

My Jesus, I Love Thee
arr. by Dan Forrest

Carrah Stamatakis

Hymn of Response

O God, Our Help In Ages Past

No. 103

Benediction

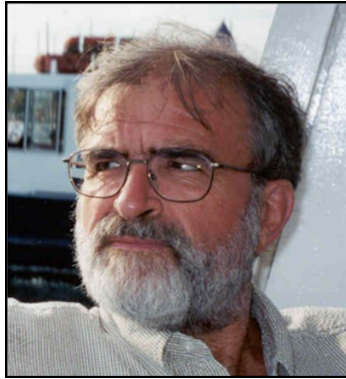
Jim Walters

Postlude

Now Thank We All Our God
J. S. Bach/ arr. Virgil Fox

Ty Woodward

ANNOUNCEMENTS



It is with profound sadness that Glendale City Church announces the passing of Dr. Ronald L. Lawson, who died on August 3, 2026, at his home in Loma Linda, California.

A founder of Seventh-day Adventist Kinship International, Ron was an internationally respected sociologist of religion, a longtime leader within the Adventist Forum movement, and a tireless advocate for LGBTQIA+ Seventh-day Adventists. As Kinship's first Church Liaison, he worked faithfully to foster dialogue, understanding, and compassion within the church while helping countless individuals find community, belonging, and hope.

Over more than four decades, Ron conducted approximately 4,500 interviews in nearly 60 countries, producing one of the most extensive studies of global Adventism ever assembled. He also played a pivotal role in exposing the harmful effects of so-called "conversion therapy" programs and dedicated his life to ensuring that future generations of LGBTQIA+ Adventists would encounter greater understanding and support within the church.

Ron will be remembered not only for his extraordinary scholarship, but also for his courage, humility, generosity, and steadfast conviction that every person is worthy of God's love, compassion, and dignity. We extend our heartfelt condolences to his partner, Tyler, and to all whose lives were touched by his friendship and work.

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Glendale Noon Concert:

Join us for a Glendale Noon Concert featuring Grammy Award-winning pianist Brendan White, performing works by Los Angeles composers Stephen Cohn, George N. Gianopoulos, Liviu Marinescu, Jordan Nelson, Alexander Zhu, and White himself. A Southern California-based performer and educator, White is known for his work in both classical and contemporary repertoire and has collaborated with orchestras, chamber ensembles, and leading composers.

AMEN Annual Conference – WholeHearted

Has healthcare become routine instead of a calling? The Adventist Medical Evangelism Network (AMEN) invites Seventh-day Adventist healthcare professionals, pastors, and church members to the WholeHearted Annual Conference, October 29–November 1, 2026, in Rancho Mirage, CA. Through worship, training, and fellowship, discover how God can transform your practice into a ministry and unite healthcare professionals with churches in advancing Christ's healing ministry. Medical and dental student subsidies are available. Register at amensda.org/conference.

Vases Needed for Flower Ministry

We're starting a new ministry to share our church flowers with members, especially those who are homebound, sick, or unable to join us in person. If you have any vases you'd be willing to gift to the church, please consider donating them. We're especially looking for vases around this size. Thank you for helping us share a little beauty and care with our church family!



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Courtyard Cookout –

Saturday, August 22 | 12:30 PM

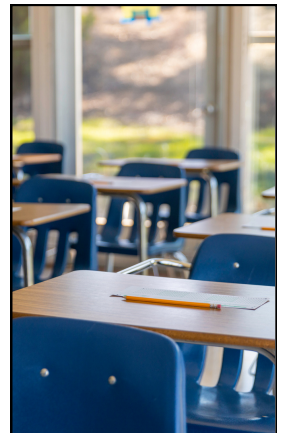
Join us after the service for a relaxed afternoon of good food and good company! We'll provide the vegetarian hamburgers and hot dogs, and we'd love for you to bring a salad, fruit, or dessert to share. We'll have plenty of tables, chairs, tents, and shade set up in the courtyard. Come hungry & bring a friend!



Housing Needed: Reevan Ravi is relocating from Maryland to begin a new position with Adventist Health in Glendale and is looking for a private room to rent. He is a 32-year-old professional and an active member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. If you know of a room for rent or have a recommendation, please contact the church office. Thank you!

Tuition Assistance Fund

Our tithe and offering envelopes include a line item dedicated to subsidizing expenses for qualifying families who enroll their children in local Adventist schools. This collective fund helps make Adventist education more accessible and supports families who desire an Adventist education for their children. If you know a student who could benefit from this assistance and would like to apply for financial aid through our church, please contact us at office@glendalecitychurch.org for more information.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

CODA* MARKET

VENDORS

ANGEL & JESSI (THRIFTS, PLANTS & PRINTS)

CURATED (CAR & SPORTS MEMORABILIA + LIFESTYLE ESSENTIALS)

MY SWEET JOY (SPECIALTY COOKIES & HANDMADE GIFTS)

NONGKONG MATCHA (MATCHA, NA MOCKTAILS)

LOCKED IN (DRINKS & BAKED GOODS)

PASTURES (CLOTHING, ACCESSORIES, FOOTWEAR, "pastures beanies")

LISA THE KNOTTY CROCHETER (CROCHET PLUSHIES)

AUGUST 29

2PM - 6PM

GLENDAL CITY CHURCH
COURTYARD

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MAKE NEW FRIENDS

*Adventist Singles
Retreat Cruise*

Sponsored by Southern
California Conference



For Single
Adults
40+ yrs



November 3-8, 2026

Guest Speakers:



Drs. David & Beverly Sedlacek, Pstr B. Stoltz

- Lounge by the water and soak in breathtaking views
- Meaningful times of sharing and learning
- Enjoy the ship and beautiful destinations
- Dine with new friends every night

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This is not a dating cruise—it's an excursion to make friends and enjoy a great time at sea together!

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**SEPTEMBER
24-27, 2026**

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DIRECTORS register your club:
• Registration Form - SCC office

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System (YMMS)



EARLY BIRD | \$69

07/31/2026

REGULAR | \$89

August 01 - Aug 31, 2026

LATE | \$109

Sept 1 - Sept 25, 2026

Registration is limited to the first
1,000 participants.



PASTOR MESHACH SOLI
Executive Secretary/Ministerial
Director, Hawaii Conference

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STAY CONNECTED

PREACHING SCHEDULE

August 22:
Uriel Herinirina

August 29:
Loren Seibold



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