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October 18-25 CALENDAR

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Geneva
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Loving God • Loving Others • Making Disciples

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 AM

October 18, 2026

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

TODAY'S SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Darren Pollock
Hosea: Steadfast Love and Mercy

TEXTS

2 Corinthians 11:1-4
Hosea 2:8-3:5

FILMING & CONSENT NOTICE

Welcome! We're glad you're here.

Please be advised that today's worship service is being recorded and livestreamed to our online platforms. By entering this space, you consent to the use of your image, voice, and likeness in the livestream and any future recordings, broadcasts, or promotional materials.

If you prefer not to appear on camera, please ask an usher to direct you to a designated camera-free zone, toward the back of the sanctuary.

Thank you for being part of our community and helping us share the message beyond these walls.



Geneva's Vision

*We seek to share God's love
with people whoever and
wherever they are.*

Geneva's Mission

*All are welcome here!
Just as God receives all who
believe in Jesus Christ, Geneva
aspires to be an inclusive
congregation worshipping,
learning, connecting, giving,
and serving together.*

Current Sermon Series

THE MINOR PROPHETS

* View past services online at genevapres.org or connect directly at [YouTube.com/genevapresbyterianchurchoc](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8UW0DQFvYtTjZG9BzXqRgA)

TODAY'S GREETERS

Charity Alexander and Nancy Stapleton are welcoming you to worship today, as volunteers involved in various ministries at Geneva.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

arr. Harold DeCou
Charlotte Hsieh, organ

Welcome

The Rev. Dr. Darren Pollock

Life at Geneva

Call to Worship

Shirley Fargo, Moderator of Deacons

Congregational Hymn

Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above (v. 1-3)

Glory to God #645

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Moment for Connecting

Glory to God #301 (v. 5)

Children up to 5th grade are escorted to classrooms.

Epistle Reading: 2 Corinthians 11:1-4 (NT p225)

Musical Offering

I Have But One Goal

Joseph A. Carrier
Tony Gonzales, tenor

O Lord, as I wander on earth here below,
my heart is so heavy wherever I go.
I meet with disasters that burden my soul.
And then I remember I have but one goal.

*I'm bound for a city of beauty so rare
to live with my Savior eternally there.
No more disappointments will burden my soul.
Through troubles and trials I have but one goal.*

*I see others living in manner so fine;
Their worldly possessions much greater than mine.
I'm tempted to envy the treasures they hold.
And then I remember I have but one goal.*

I'm bound for a city of beauty so rare....

*I'm filled with ambitions that worry my mind;
I dream of successes that I never find.
I'm haunted by failures that trouble my soul.
And then I remember I have but one goal.*

I'm bound for a city of beauty so rare....

† The Call to Worship is adapted from Psalm 33.

Old Testament Reading: Hosea 2:8-3:5 (OT p1024)

Anthem

Mercy

Craig Courtney; words by Susan Bentall Boersma
Geneva Chancel Choir; Eileen O'Hern, director

*I dare not lift my guilty eyes. I hide my lips in trembling shame.
And in the darkness of my soul, I shrink from Your rekindling flame.
Kyrie eleison, have mercy.*

*In mercy cover me with grace and blot out my iniquity.
Renew my heart and wash me clean; grant with Your pardon, purity.
Kyrie eleison, have mercy.*

*In equal measure of Your love, You promise mercy,
tender compassion to the one who seeks Your face.
A broken heart, a fainting soul, a contrite spirit
together cry for Your forgiveness and Your grace.*

*Against You only have I sinned. My deeds are evil in Your sight.
Of Your forgiveness let me sing, and in my singing take delight.
Kyrie eleison, have mercy.*

Congregational Hymn

Just as I Am, without One Plea

Glory to God #442

Message: *Hosea: Steadfast Love and Mercy*

Congregational Hymn

We Are God's People (v. 1, 2, 4)

Please see insert.

Pastoral Prayer

Opportunity to Be Generous

Campus Stewardship Task Force

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Glory to God #606

Blessing

Postlude

Processional

Alfred V. Fedak

Sunday CLASSES

KIDS DROP-OFF & PICK-UP (infant through 5th grade)

9-10am

Room 4

10:30-11:30am

Infant- 5th grade:

Drop-off: In Sanctuary

Pick up: Room 4

GENEVA YOUTH ** (6th-12th grade)

9-10am

Drop-off / Pick-up: Room 29
(Youth Room)

10:30-11:30am

Attend service with leaders in
Sanctuary.

ADULTS

The Network

9am in McLennan Lounge

Discussions are led by Session-
approved leaders from within
the class. Topics of study
include the Gospels, general
theology, and the *Feasting on
the Word* curriculum.

**** Geneva Youth (6th-12th grade)**

also meets Tuesdays,
6-8pm

Room 29 (Youth Room)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEMBERSHIP EXPLORATION

Continuing **TODAY**

This series of classes is for those who have been attending for a while and are interested in considering membership. After worship.

GENEVA PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Wednesday, October 21, 12-2pm, Simpson Hall

Join us this month as Roneet Cooper, LCSW, is our guest speaker for October, leading us in *Neurobics Cognitive Fitness*. Bring a friend, and a salad or sandwiches to share.

GAME TIME

Friday, October 23 5:30-7:30pm, McLennan Lounge

Join us for some friendly competition at Game Time! We'll start with an all-in competition and then break out into smaller groups with a choice of games. All are welcome! If you'd like to help facilitate, contact Linda Erickson at info@genevapres.org.

CONCERT IN SANCTUARY

Saturday, October 24, 3pm

Elite Chorus will present a concert, *Songs of Gratitude*, on October 24, featuring works by Mendelssohn, Beethoven and others. General admission is \$30; a limited number of free tickets are available. Contact Laura at info@genevapres.org!

GENEVA BOOK GROUP

4th Tuesday, 1pm in the Annex

Our October book is *Lady Clementine* by Marie Benedict. There's still time to pick up a copy and get reading — we'll see you on October 27!

NICENE CREED CLASS

Thursdays, October 29-November 19

This series of classes in McLennan Lounge takes place at 12-1pm on

four Thursdays and explores the history and meaning of this, the most ecumenical of Christian confessions of faith. Registration is appreciated but not required.

ALL SAINTS' DAY CONCERT

Sunday, November 1, 4pm

Once again Geneva's Music Ministry — along with choirs from St. George's Episcopal Church and Irvine Taiwanese Presbyterian Church — will present a concert service on All Saints' Day, November 1, at 4pm in our sanctuary. The event will feature anthems, solos, instrumental music, poetry, prayers, and a homily by Pastor Darren. There will also be a time for remembering loved ones who have passed.

SUCCESSFUL AGING IN PLACE RESOURCE FAIR

Saturday, November 7, 11am-3pm

This community event presented by Concerned Citizens of Laguna Woods Village will take place on Geneva's campus next month. Look for flyers!

GIVING AND SHARING

GENEROSITY CAMPAIGN 2027

During the Generosity Campaign, we ask Genevans to make a financial pledge to the church in accordance with Jesus' teaching in Matthew 10:8. Pledges assist Geneva's leadership in determining next year's budget, and ten percent of pledged income is allocated to Missions. Pledge cards arrive in the mail this week, to be returned by Ingathering Sunday, October 25. Prayerfully consider how you will respond to God's call.

FOOD DRIVE FOR SCO

Saturday, October 24

Our Food Drive for SCO Food Pantry, continues this Saturday, October 24, 1-5pm at Stater Bros., across the street. See the flyer on the courtyard for a list of most-needed items, and thank you for your generosity!

GENERAL INFO

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Mon.-Thurs., 9am-4pm and
Fridays 9am-1pm.

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CAMPUS PARTNERS

Geneva Children's Center

Preschool for children age 2-6
Amy Lussier, Director
949-581-2200 / genevacc.org

Irvine Taiwanese Presbyterian Church

Worship Sundays at 10am in the chapel.
irvinetpc.org



PRAYER LIST

Noemi Campbell
Beth Coombs
Norm Coombs
family of Ashlynn Morehouse
Hank Gioia
Grace Sams
Jennifer Strickland
Thora Sutfin
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