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January 4-11 CALENDAR

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Geneva
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Loving God • Loving Others • Making Disciples

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 AM

January 4, 2026

Second Sunday of Christmas

TODAY'S SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Steele
A Moment of Recognition

TEXTS

Isaiah 60:1-6
Ephesians 3:1-12
Luke 2:25-35

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.*

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

TODAY'S GREETERS

John and **Ardyss Wherry** are welcoming you to worship today. Both John and Ardyss serve Geneva as volunteers in separate areas.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern BusWV 223 Dietrich Buxtehude
Charlotte Hsieh, organ

Welcome

The Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Steele

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6 (OT p844)

Carol Boeryd, elder

Call to Worship*

Congregational Hymn

Angels We Have Heard on High

Glory to God #113

Prayer of Confession†

Moment for Connecting

Children up to 5th grade are escorted to classrooms.

Epistle Reading: Ephesians 3:1-12 (NT p235)

Musical Offering

From the Eastern Mountains

F. J. Haydn; words by Godfrey Thring
Tony Gonzales, tenor

*From the eastern mountains, pressing on they come;
wise men in their wisdom, to His humble home.
Stirred by deep devotion, hasting from afar,
ever journ'ying onward, guided by a star.*

*There their Lord and Savior meek and lowly lay,
wondrous light that lead them onward on their way.
Ever now to lighten nations from afar;
As they journey homeward by that guiding star.*

*Thou who in a manger once hast lowly lain,
who dost now in glory o'er all kingdoms reign.
Gather in the heathen, who in lands afar
ne'er have seen the brightness of Thy guiding star.*

*Gather in the outcasts, all who have gone astray;
Throw Thy radiance o'er them, guide them on their way.
Those who never knew Thee, those who have wandered far;
Guide them by Thy brightness of Thy guiding star.*

*Onward through the darkness of the lonely night,
shining still before them with Thy kindly light.
Guide them, Jew and Gentile, homeward from afar,
young and old together by Thy guiding star.*

* The Call to Worship is found at: <https://reformedworship.org/>

† The Prayer of Confession is from Church of the Servant, found at Reformed Worship website.
<https://calltoworshipjournal.org/january-6-2025-epiphany-of-the-lord/>

Gospel Reading: Luke 2:25-35 (NT p71)

Anthem

Climb to the Top of the Highest Mountain

Carolyn Jennings

Geneva Chancel Choir; Eileen O'Hern, director

Holly Moore Harvey, mezzo-soprano; Brennan Bastanchury, baritone

*Climb to the top of the highest mountain,
Joyous tidings proclaim to the world,
Lift up your voice, shout the good news:
Behold, your Lord comes to you.*

*He will feed his flock like a shepherd,
He will carry the lambs in his arms,
He will ever keep them safe from harm.
Behold, your Lord comes to you.*

*He who made the stars in the heaven,
He who fashioned the earth and the sea.
From time eternal he was God, the Alpha and Omega, He.
Behold, your Lord!*

*He will come in power and glory,
He will rule with mercy and truth,
Hope of the nations, Light of the world,
Light of all!*

*He will love the little children,
He will hold them in his arms.
Love him and trust him as a child,
Behold, your Lord comes to you.*

Congregational Hymn

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Glory to God #129

Message: *A Moment of Recognition*

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Congregational Hymn

Joy to the World

Glory to God #134

Life at Geneva

Opportunity to Be Generous

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Glory to God #606

Blessing

Postlude

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation

J. G. Walther

Sunday CLASSES

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

9-10am

Room 2

10:30-11:30am

Nursery: Room 2

PreK- 5th:

Drop-off: In Sanctuary

Pick up: PreK/Rm 2, 1st-3rd/
Rm25, 4th-5th/Rm 29

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

LINE DANCING RESUMES

Mondays, 3:30-4:30pm

Geneva's Line Dancing Class resumes **January 5th** in the Saddleback Room. Led by Mary Payne, this class is great for cardio, coordination and balance, and is all-around fun! There's room for you—join us!

GENEVA PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Wednesday, January 21, 12-2pm

Our program for January features Geneva soloist Holly Harvey, an animal therapy volunteer, and her therapy dog Scooby. They will be representing PetPartners.org, sharing the love of therapy animals. Please join us, and bring a friend and a salad or sandwiches to share!

GENEVA BOOK GROUP

4th Tuesday, 1pm in the Annex

Our January book is *West with Giraffes*, by Linda Rutledge. Pick up a copy and get reading, and we'll see you on January 27!

YOUTH WINTER CAMP

February 13-16

6th-12th graders!! Join us up the mountain for a transformative encounter with Christ in an unforgettable 3-day weekend at Forest Home. In a serenely beautiful setting, you will be challenged to delve deep into faith and personal growth. Registration is open until January 30, with an early bird discount of \$25 if registered by December 31: go.genevapres.org/wintercamp.

PRAYER GROUP

Sundays, following worship, Sanctuary

All are invited to gather in the sanctuary after worship each Sunday

to join in prayer together. Topics include Geneva, the Pastor Nominating process, the pastor, the church universal, or anything that's on your heart.

GIVING AND SHARING

2026 ENVELOPES

Boxes of 2026 offering envelopes are available at the Welcome Center and in the church office.

PROJECT LOVE

Sundays, 3:30pm

This ministry to provide meals for homeless and needy in our local communities continues as we begin the new year. Contact Ryan Harvey at info@genevapres.org.

2026 PER CAPITA ASSESSMENT

Per capita assessment is the amount per member (NOT household) that Geneva must pay towards Presbytery infrastructure, Synod expenses, General Assembly meetings/ leadership training and legal support. To help offset this cost you may donate your personal share of **\$48.11**. Donate online (via dropdown menu) or by check ("Per Capita" in memo line).

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

OFFICE VOLUNTEER

Our volunteer receptionists assist our office staff by answering the phones, greeting visitors and performing other light tasks. Weekday morning and afternoon shifts available. Contact Laura McCallum: info@genevapres.org, or call the church office.

TECH VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Our Tech volunteers assist our AV team with projection for in-person and online worship. Join the team! Contact Kwang Seo: info@genevapres.org, or call the church office.

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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

The Geneva School

Education for K-8th Grade
Gina Freda, Head of School
genevaschooloc.org
949-377-1616



PRAYER LIST

Noemi Campbell
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Norm Coombs
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Jennifer Strickland
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