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## January 18-25 CALENDAR

For a complete listing of regular activities and upcoming events, visit [genevapres.churchcenter.com/calendar](http://genevapres.churchcenter.com/calendar), or go to our website at [genevapres.org](http://genevapres.org) and click Calendar at the top of the homepage.

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**Geneva**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
*Loving God • Loving Others • Making Disciples*

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 AM

**January 18, 2026**

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

### TODAY'S SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Darren Pollock  
*A Prophet in His Own Hometown*

### TEXTS

Psalms 146  
Deuteronomy 24:17-22  
Matthew 13:54-58  
Luke 4 (selected verses)

### 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](http://genevapres.org) or connect directly at [YouTube.com/genevapresbyterianchurchoc](https://www.youtube.com/genevapresbyterianchurchoc)

## TODAY'S GREETERS

**Iliana Campos** and **Noah Morehouse** are welcoming you to worship today, representing Geneva's Youth Group. Our youth—grades 6-12—meet together on Tuesday evenings as well as Sunday mornings. All youth are welcome!

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

*Amazing Grace*

arr. Wilbur Held  
Charlotte Hsieh, organ

Welcome

The Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Steele

Call to Worship†

Cynthia Conners, elder

Psalter Reading: Psalm 146 (OT p715)

Congregational Hymn

*Holy God, We Praise Your Name*

*Glory to God #4*

Prayer of Confession†

Moment for Connecting

Children up to 5th grade are escorted to classrooms.

Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 24:17-22 (OT p225)

Musical Offering

*Church Without Walls*

Pepper Choplin

Holly Moore Harvey, mezzo-soprano; Juanita Tsu, piano

*Lord, we gather in Your Spirit,  
living within Your love and grace.  
As we enter in with family and friends,  
we feast on the blessings You bring.*

*Though we glory in Your presence,  
help us remember who we are.  
Let us heed Your call to go beyond these walls  
to be the church You send us out to be.*

*Make us a church without walls, open to all,  
sharing holy love with all the world.  
And forgive us when we hide and hold Your love inside.  
O Lord, we hear the call to be a church without walls.*

*Break down the walls that hold the people out.  
Break down the walls that hold us in.  
Lord, set us free, empower us to be a people that will go into the world.  
Send us to the world!*

*Make us a church without walls, open to all,  
sharing holy love with all the world.  
And forgive us when we hide and hold Your love inside.  
O Lord, we hear the call to be a church without walls.*

† The Call to Worship and Prayer of Confession are adapted and/or taken from *Connections Worship Companion*, Year A, Volume 1 (Louisville, Kentucky: Westminster John Knox Press, 2021).

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:54-58 (NT p18)

Anthem

*The Work of Christmas*

Dan Forrest; words by Howard Thurman  
Geneva Chancel Choir; Eileen O'Hern, director

*When the song of the angels is stilled,  
when the star in the sky is gone,  
When the kings and princes are home,  
when the shepherds are back with their flock,  
The work of Christmas begins:*

*To find the lost,  
To heal the broken,  
To feed the hungry,  
To release the pris'ner,  
To rebuild the nations:  
To bring peace among brothers,  
To make music from the heart.*

*When the song of the angels is stilled,  
when the star in the sky is gone,  
When the kings and princes are home,  
when the shepherds are back with their flock,  
The work of Christmas begins.*

Message: *A Prophet in His Own Hometown*

The Rev. Dr. Darren Pollock

Pastoral Prayer

Congregational Hymn

*Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*

*Glory to God #729*

Life at Geneva

Opportunity to Be Generous

Doxology

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

*Glory to God #606*

Blessing

Postlude

*Postlude on Old Hundredth*

Fred Bock

## 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

### WELCOME THE REV. DR. DARREN POLLOCK

*Sunday, January 18, 10:30am*

We welcome The Rev. Dr. Darren Pollock to our pulpit today, candidate to fill the position of solo pastor at Geneva. A congregational meeting will take place after today's service for the purpose of voting to extend the call to Rev. Pollock. All are invited to remain for the meeting, but only members will be allowed to vote.

### OFFICE CLOSED TOMORROW

*Monday, January 19*

The church office will be closed tomorrow in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. We will be open again for the rest of the week.

### GENEVA PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

*Wednesday, January 21, 12-2pm*

Our program 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!

### IN MEMORIAM

*The Rev. Dr. Mary Carol Perrott*

We mourn the loss of The Rev. Dr.

Mary Carol Perrott, who passed away January 13. Mary Carol was a vital part of our congregation for over a decade, after a lifelong career in the church and academia. A memorial service is being planned.



### *Jerra Lynne Beckhart*

We mourn the passing of Geneva member Jerra Lynne Beckhart on January 8. She and her late husband, Don, joined us in 2019. A memorial service will be held Friday, January 30, at 10:30am in the sanctuary. Please keep her family in prayer during this time of unexpected loss.



### YOUTH WINTER CAMP

*February 13-16*

6th-12th graders, the registration deadline is approaching for this transformative 3-day weekend at Forest Home. Delve deeper into faith and personal growth! Scholarships available. Registration open until Jan. 30: [go.genevapres.org/wintercamp](http://go.genevapres.org/wintercamp).

### GIVING AND SHARING

#### 2025 GIVING STATEMENTS

2025 giving statements were emailed and mailed (via USPS) recently. If you did not receive — or have questions about — your statement, contact Angie Najarian, business manager, at [anajarian@genevapres.org](mailto:anajarian@genevapres.org) or 949-387-2323. You can check your pledge progress at any time: log in to Church Center and click on your picture, then "My giving." If you use autopay, it does **not** automatically update when you update your pledge; you must do that manually. If you need assistance, please contact Angie.

#### 2026 PER CAPITA ASSESSMENT

Per capita assessment is the amount per member that Geneva must pay towards Presbytery infrastructure, 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).

### GENERAL INFO

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#### Office Hours:

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

#### 24-Hour Emergency Line:

949-837-2323

### CAMPUS PARTNERS

#### Geneva Children's Center

Preschool for children age 2-6  
Amy Lussier, Director  
949-581-2200 / [genevacc.org](http://genevacc.org)

#### Irvine Taiwanese Presbyterian Church

Worship Sundays at 10am in the chapel.  
[irvinetpc.org](http://irvinetpc.org)

#### The Geneva School

Education for K-8th Grade  
Gina Freda, Head of School  
[genevaschooloc.org](http://genevaschooloc.org)  
949-377-1616



### PRAYER LIST

Saul Bonilla Lopez  
Noemi Campbell  
Sunshine Chiu  
Norm Coombs  
Rebecca Morehouse  
Carolyn Raines  
Phil Riddick  
Jennifer Strickland  
Louann and Ross Van Riper

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