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January 18-25 CALENDAR

For a complete listing of regular activities and upcoming events, visit genevapres.churchcenter.com/calendar, or go to our website at 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

Psalm 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 genepres.org or connect directly at [YouTube.com/genevapresbyterianchurchchoc](https://www.youtube.com/genevapresbyterianchurchchoc)

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.

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 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

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Preschool for children age 2-6
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Irvine Taiwanese Presbyterian Church
Worship Sundays at 10am in the chapel.
irvinetpc.org

The Geneva School

Education for K-8th Grade
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