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November 29-December 6

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.

IN COMMUNITY WITH

Geneva PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Loving God • Loving Others • Making Disciples

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 AM

November 29, 2026
First Sunday of Advent

TODAY'S SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Darren Pollock
Habakkuk: Yet I Will Rejoice

TEXTS

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:2-4
Habakkuk 3:17-19

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.

VISION ~ MISSION

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

TODAY'S GREETERS

Foy Miller *and* ***Marianne Foss*** are welcoming you to worship today, representing Geneva Book Group. Join us in December for our annual lunch meeting at Olive Garden—BYOL$ (lunch money)!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude
Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne — arr. Fred Bock
Charlotte Hsieh, organ

Welcome — The Rev. Dr. Darren Pollock

Life at Geneva

Call to Worship† — Salli Griffith

Lighting of the Advent Candle: Hope

Congregational Hymn
Savior of the Nations, Come — *Glory to God* #102

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Moment for Connecting — *Glory to God* #301 (v. 5)
Children up to 5th grade are escorted to classrooms.

First Old Testament Reading: Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:2-4 (OT p1066)

Musical Offering
A Light of the People — James G. MacDermid
Tony Gonzales, tenor

Thus saith the Lord God:
Behold, my servant whom I uphold,
mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth;
I have put my spirit upon him:
He shall not fail nor be discouraged,
till he have set judgement in the earth.

I, the Lord, have called thee,
and will give thee for a light of the people;
To open the eyes of them that sit in darkness,
and bring them out of the prison house.

I will bring the blind by a way that they know not.
I will lead them in paths they have not known:
I will make darkness light before them,
and crooked things straight.

Sing unto the Lord a new song,
and his praise from the end of the earth.
He giveth breath to the people upon it,
and spirit to them that walk therein.

† The Call to Worship is adapted from Psalm 34.

Second Old Testament Reading: Habakkuk 3:17-19 (OT p1069)

Anthem

Still I Sing Alleluia — Kyle Pederson
incorporating Scottish melody LOCH LOMOND
Geneva Chancel Choir; Eileen O'Hern, director

With Spirit before me, with Spirit behind,
with Spirit below and beside me;
with Spirit all around, even where affliction's found,
I will sing, I will sound, "Alleluia."

When darkness descends and the night never ends,
when my shadows and demons surround me;
when questions I spin echo answerless within,
even then, even then, "Alleluia."

Alleluia, still I sing Alleluia,
Open us to You 'til we sing Alleluia.

Weave joy in our gain, bring us hope in our pain;
hear all prayers that we offer to you, Lord;
Breathe life into death, draw us closer with each breath,
that our lips may confess, "Alleluia."

Alleluia....

So praise, praise the Father, and praise, praise the Son,
praise the Spirit who moves in and through all.
All creation sound the word so profound;
let us sing, let us live, Alleluia!

Alleluia... Still I sing Alleluia.

Congregational Hymn
Sometimes a Light Surprises — *Glory to God* #800

Message: *Habakkuk: Yet I Will Rejoice*

Congregational Hymn
O Lord, How Shall I Meet You? — *Glory to God* #104

Pastoral Prayer

Opportunity to Be Generous

Doxology
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow — *Glory to God* #606

Blessing

Postlude
Christians, One and All, Rejoice — Jacob B. Weber

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

CHRISTMAS CRAFT TIME

TODAY, November 29, 12-2pm

Get ready for Advent with crafting today! Crafts are age-appropriate: free for children, $5 for adults to cover supplies.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Saturday, December 5, 7:30-9am

Join us this Saturday in McLennan Lounge or by Zoom. We welcome your participation!

GPW CHRISTMAS TEA

Saturday, December 5, 12-2pm

Today is the last day to purchase tickets for GPW's annual Christmas Tea. The cost is $5; entertainment is *JuBellation Bell Choir* from Lutheran Church of the Cross. We hope to see you there! Bring finger food to share.

POINSETTIA DEDICATIONS

Now through December 8

Purchase a poinsettia dedication in honor or in memory of a loved one now through December 8. The plants will beautify our worship space beginning next week, then delivered to homebound at the end of the Advent season. $13 per plant.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

December 13, 10:30am

There will be a special concert service December 13, which will include an eclectic mix of anthems and solos presented by Geneva's music ministry, as well as liturgy and a message from Pastor Darren. Join us as we use music to heighten our focus on the coming of Christ into our world.

…CHRISTMAS LUNCH

December 13, 11:45am

Across the courtyard after the concert enjoy a festive Christmas Lunch with your Geneva family. We'll celebrate the volunteers who have enriched our ministries in 2026 and have a final opportunity to shop at the Alternative Gift Market. Lunch is free, donations welcome. Limited space; please RSVP (go.genevapres.org/lunch) by Dec. 1.

GENEVA BOOK GROUP

Tuesday, December 15, 11:30am, Olive Garden

This month's meeting will be at The Olive Garden on El Toro. The book is *The ~~Worst~~ Best Christmas Pageant Ever* by Barbara Robinson. All are welcome… but you'll have to buy your own lunch! See you on December 15!

LINE DANCING RESUMES…

… in the new year! Come Thursdays at 3 for fun and cardio, beginning Jan. 7!

GIVING AND SHARING

ALTERNATIVE GIFT MARKET

Now through December 13

The Alternative Gift Market begins today and continues for two more Sundays. It's a great way to donate to people and communities in need while honoring a friend or loved one whose needs are few. On December 6 there will also be a selection of fair trade gift items from Heavenly Treasures, a network that supports artisans from around the world. There will also be food, activities, and live music. Plan to stick around after church to enjoy food, activities, and live music, and support critical ministries *and* get some Christmas shopping done!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

WORSHIP MINISTRY (Seasonal)

We are now in the season of Advent, and the Worship Ministry Team is preparing special services and presentations, and making our sanctuary a welcoming space. We can still use your help. Please contact Joanna Capelle or Kwang Seo if you're able to assist: info@genevapres.org.

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