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CALENDAR

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Geneva
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 AM

May 10, 2026

Sixth Sunday of Easter

TODAY'S SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Darren Pollock

In-N-(Dev)Out:

A Mighty Refuge

TEXTS

Nahum 1:1-15

Romans 8:31-39

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

IN-'N'-(DEV)OUT

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

TODAY'S GREETERS

Bill Sutfin and **Glenn Payne** are welcoming you to worship today, representing Men's Bible Study. All are welcome to join us on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month at 7:30am.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Prière à Notre-Dame

Léon Boëlmann
Charlotte Hsieh, organ

Welcome

The Rev. Dr. Darren Pollock

Life at Geneva

Call to Worship†

Nina Pomery, elder

Congregational Hymn

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (v 1-3)

Glory to God #275

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Moment for Connecting

Children up to 5th grade are escorted to classrooms.

Epistle Reading: Romans 8:31-39 (NT p192)

Anthem

In Christ Alone

Getty/Townend/Craig/Koch; arr. Harlan
Geneva Chancel Choir; Eileen O'Hern, director

*In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
this cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My comforter, my all in all,
here in the love of Christ I stand.*

*There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the World by darkness slain;
then, bursting forth in glorious day,
up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
for I am His and He is mine,
bought with the precious blood of Christ.*

*In Christ alone I place my trust
and find my glory in the power of the cross.
In ev'ry victory let it be said of me,
my source of strength,
my source of hope is Christ alone.*

† The Call to Worship is adapted from Psalm 46.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
this is the pow'r of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
can ever pluck me from His hand;
'til He returns or calls me home,
here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

Old Testament Reading: Nahum 1:1-15 (OT p1063)

Congregational Hymn

Jesus, Lover of My Soul (v 1-3)

Glory to God #440

Message: A Mighty Refuge

Congregational Hymn

God Is Good, a Fortress Strong

See insert.

Litany Prayer for Mother's Day

See insert.

Musical Offering

Mother of Mine

Martin Green; text by Veda Jane Walker Green
Brennan Bastanchury, baritone

Mother of mine, I never knew
for just one life the price one must pay.
Mother of mine, I never knew
that loving one's own meant toiling each day.

All through the years, mother of mine,
you've prayed for me. How do I know?
Mother of mine, these lips, too,
have prayed for loved ones in heav'n and here below.

Mother of mine, you gave
an understanding heart.
Now I give to my own the love
that bound us from the start.
All through the years...

Mother of mine, now I can know,
Mother of mine, how you loved me so.

Opportunity to Be Generous

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Glory to God #606

Blessing

Postlude

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

John Leavitt

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

Sundays, May 17, 24 and 31

This series of classes is for those who have been attending for a while and are interested in considering membership at Geneva. Register at go.genevapres.org/Memx to assist in our planning, or call the church office for more information.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Saturday, May 16, 7:30-9am

Join us this Saturday in McLennan Lounge or by Zoom. We are studying *The Jesus Paul Knew*, and we welcome your participation!

GENEVA BOOK GROUP

4th Tuesday, 1pm in the Annex

Our May book is *Remarkably Bright Creatures*, by Shelby Van Pelt. Get reading, and we'll see you on May 26!

PASTOR MEETUPS

Pastor Darren has scheduled several "meetups" as a way to get to know each of us! The following events are coming up:

May 19 Chick Fil-A*** 5:30pm-6:45

*** this takes place at Geneva

May 21 S'mores 6pm- 7:15

...and more will be announced. Space is limited and registration is required. Please select only *one event* to attend, and register through the churchcenter app, click through the eNews, or call the church office for assistance.

UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS

Mark your calendar for these events presented by our Music Ministry:

Spring Concert

Sunday, May 31, 4pm

Join us for a special concert in the afternoon to celebrate Trinity Sunday, featuring, **TRINITY: Our God of Hope and Help** by Marianne Forman, a

musical meditation on the intimate care God provides as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The Chancel Choir is joined by a string quartet for this new work. Additional works will be provided by organist Charlotte Hsieh, our wonderful soloists, and pianists Kwang Seo and Juanita Tsu.

Geneva Organ Festival

Friday, June 12, 7pm — Raphael Vogl

Friday, June 19, 7pm — Jacob Gruss

YOUTH CAMP

Monday-Thursday, June 8-11

Summer Camp for 6th-12th graders is coming, and it's time to reserve your spot! Register online at go.genevapres.org/Camp. Scholarships are available—don't delay!

GIVING AND SHARING

PROJECT LOVE

Sundays, 3:30pm

If you would like to get involved with this missional effort to provide meals for homeless and needy in our local communities, you can contribute time, food, and/or dollars. Please contact Ryan Harvey at info@genevapres.org.

RALPHS GROCERY DONATES...

a percentage of your purchase to Geneva when you link your Ralphs card to their Community Contribution Program. Here's how: go to <https://go.genevapres.org/ralphs-give> and follow the instructions to link your card. You will need to search for Geneva Presbyterian Church of Laguna Woods in order to complete the sign-up.

EYEGASSES DONATIONS

Donate used glasses—including sunglasses and reading glasses—using the Lion's Club Recycle for Sight collection box in the church office. Help provide usable eyeglasses to people throughout the world!

GENERAL INFO

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

24-Hour Emergency Line:

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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
Sunshine Chiu
Norm Coombs
Barbara Frink
Howard Prol
Phil Riddick

Jennifer Strickland
Thora Sutfin

Louann and Ross Van Riper

Email prayer requests to:
prayer@genevapres.org

God Is Good, a Fortress Strong

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Darren Pollock, 2023
based on Nahum 1:2-11

French and Wesh melody
Arr. Hugh Davis, 1906

1. Our just God sets all to right; Puts his en - e -
2. Earth - ly pow'rs all fade a - way; Moun - tains quake and
3. Though God's e - ne - mies with him con - tend, One day e - vil

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mies to flight. Wind and storm an - nounce his way,
hills de - cay. Who be - fore his wrath can stand?
shall meet its end. Wick - ed plots will all be doomed,

7
Clouds and sea his pow'r dis - play. Guilt shall not e
Who can en - dure his rep - ri - mand? God is good, a
Cleared like chaff that's been con - sumed. God is good, a

10
scape his sight; Slow to ire, but great in might.
fort - ress strong; Guard - ing all who to him be - long.
fort - ress strong; Safe are all who to him be - long.

Litany Prayer for Mother's Day

Leader: Loving God, you know us through and through, having knit us together in our mothers' wombs.

People: We praise you for gathering us like a mother hen, for protecting us with the ferocity of a mother bear, and for calming and quieting our souls like a weaned child with its mother.

Leader: We thank you for the gift of mothers and for the examples of faithful mothers in Scripture; for Hagar, who suffered and endured through great injustice to care for her son Ishmael.

People: We pray for all those mothers who persevere through poverty, violence, and persecution to try to provide for their children.

Leader: For Leah, who was unloved by her husband, and Rebekah, whose children battled even in her womb.

Women: We pray for all those mothers who labor to hold their families together in the midst of strife.

Leader: For Sarah, Elizabeth, and others who spent much of their lives desiring but unable to have children.

Men: We pray for all those women who, for various reasons, longed for children but were unable to become mothers.

Leader: For Mary and "the disciple Jesus loved," who became surrogate mother and child when Jesus was on the cross.

Women: We thank you for surrogate mothers and mother figures who love and nurture students, nieces and nephews, neighbors, and other children.

Leader: For Naomi, who faithfully devoted herself to her widowed daughter-in-law.

Men: We pray for mothers-in-law and daughters-in-law, thanking you for loving bonds and praying for healing where these relationships are frayed.

Leader: For the obedience and trust shown by Mary when she answered God's call with "let it be with me according to your word."

All: We thank you, God, for the love and faithfulness of mothers; for channeling your love through them; for magnifying your work in them. Bless them and strengthen them today for the important work you have called them to do. We pray this in the name of the son of Mary according to the flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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