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March 1-8

# 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

**March 1, 2026**

Second Sunday in Lent

## TODAY'S SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Darren Pollock  
*The Kingdom of Heaven:  
Be Prepared*

## TEXTS

Ephesians 6:10-17  
Matthew 25:1-13

## 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 KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

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

## TODAY'S GREETERS

**Glenn Payne** and **Bill Sutfin** are welcoming you to worship today, representing the Men's Bible Study. Join us the first and third Saturdays of the month at 7:30am in Simpson Hall.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

*Ich ruf zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ*

*(I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ) BWV 639*

J. S. Bach

Charlotte Hsieh, organ

Welcome

The Rev. Dr. Darren Pollock

Life at Geneva

Call to Worship

Shirley Fargo, Moderator of Deacons

Congregational Hymn

*Standing on the Promises, v1-3*

*Glory to God #838*

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Moment for Connecting

Children up to 5th grade are escorted to classrooms.

Epistle Reading: Ephesians 6:10-17 (NT p238)

Musical Offering

*O Lord, Be Merciful*

Homer N. Bartlett

Tony Gonzales, tenor

*With broken heart, and contrite sigh,  
A trembling sinner, Lord I cry;  
Thy pard'ning grace is rich and free:  
O God, be merciful to me.*

*Nor alms, nor deeds that I have done,  
Can for a single sin atone;  
To Calvary alone I flee:  
O God, be merciful to me.*

*And when redeemed from sin and hell,  
With all the ransomed throng I dwell,  
My raptured song shall ever be,  
God hath been merciful to me.*

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13 (NT p34)

Anthem

*I Want to Be Ready*

traditional spiritual, arr. Howard Helvey

Geneva Chancel Choir; Brennan Bastanchury, baritone

Eileen O'Hern, director

† The Call to Worship is adapted from Psalm 28

I want to be ready,  
I want to be ready.  
I want to be ready  
to walk in Jerusalem just like John.

John said the city was just four-square.  
(Walk in Jerusalem just like John.)  
And he declared he'd meet me there.  
(Walk in Jerusalem just like John.)

Oh I want to be ready,  
I want to be ready,  
I want to be ready  
to walk in Jerusalem just like John.

Oh, John, oh, John, want do you say?  
(Walk in Jerusalem just like John.)  
That I'll be there at the coming day.  
(Walk in Jerusalem just like John.)

I want to be ready,  
I want to be ready.  
I want to be ready  
To walk in Jerusalem just like John.

Congregational Hymn

*"Sleepers, Wake!" A Voice Astounds Us*

*Glory to God #349*

Message: *The Kingdom of Heaven: Be Prepared*

Congregational Hymn

*Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers*

*Glory to God #362*

Pastoral Prayer

Opportunity to Be Generous

Doxology

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

*Glory to God #606*

Blessing

Postlude

*Fantasia in A minor, BWV 904*

J. S. Bach

## 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

### MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

*Saturday, March 7, 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!

### PASTOR MEETUPS

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

March 12 12pm (baguette sandwich bar)

March 19 10:30am (crêpes!)

...with more to come. Space is limited and registration is required. Check here for the latest sessions and availability: [go.genevapres.org/meetup](https://go.genevapres.org/meetup) and select only **one event** to attend, or call the church office for assistance.

### IN MEMORIAM

*Saturday, March 7, 1pm*

A memorial service will be held to celebrate the life of **The Rev. Dr. Mary Carol Perrott** on Saturday, March 7, 1pm in the Chapel.



### SPRING FORWARD

*Sunday, March 8*

Don't forget to set any analog clocks you have *forward* one hour next week!

### ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

*Sunday, March 22, 11:40am*

The annual meeting of the congregation will take place immediately following worship on Sunday, March 22, in Simpson Hall. We will receive the 2026 budget and hear ministry reports from elders and team leaders. Lunch will be served.

### NAME BADGES

Please wear your name badge every time you're on campus. If you don't have one, pick up an order form from the church office or Welcome Center.

### IN MEMORIAM

*Pat Gardner*

Longtime Geneva Member **Pat Gardner** went to be with the Lord on January 22nd. Pat and her husband Chuck joined Geneva in 2003. Pat served on the Board of Deacons for two terms and was very active at Geneva until she moved north to be closer to family in 2024.



### GIVING AND SHARING

#### DEACON'S FUND

Your donation to this fund goes toward helping Geneva members and friends with emergency financial needs. Donate online using the dropdown menu on the "Donate" page at [genevapres.org](https://genevapres.org), send a check made out to Geneva with "Deacon's Fund" in the memo line, or simply use a pew envelope marked "Deacon's Fund".

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#### ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

*through March 29*

One of three special offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), One Great Hour of Sharing is a way for Presbyterians worldwide to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the globe by providing relief from disaster, hunger, poverty, climate change, and assisting immigration/migration and refugees, providing people with safety, sustenance and hope. We will prepare for the OGHS offering during Lent and collect it on Palm Sunday.

### 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](https://genevacc.org)

#### Irvine Taiwanese Presbyterian Church

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

#### The Geneva School

Education for K-8th Grade  
Gina Freda, Head of School  
[genevaschooloc.org](https://genevaschooloc.org)  
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### PRAYER LIST

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