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**November 30-
December 7**

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

November 30, 2025

First Sunday of Advent

TODAY'S SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Steele
Worship Fully

TEXTS

Psalms 84

Philippians 4:4; 1 Peter 4:10-11

Matthew 2:5b-12

1 Chronicles 16:8-14, 25-27

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.*

Current Sermon Series

RETURNING TO CHRISTMAS

* View past services online at genevapres.org or connect directly at [YouTube.com/genevapresbyterianchurchoc](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCv3v3v3v3v3v3v3v3v3v3v3)

TODAY'S GREETERS

Cynthia Conners and Rod Kingston are welcoming you to worship today. Both Cynthia and Rod are ordained elders; Rod will be re-installed in this morning's service to complete an unexpired term.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Now Sing We, Now Rejoice

Paul Manz
Charlotte Hsieh, organ

Welcome

The Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Steele

Call to Worship*

Shirley Fargo, Moderator of Deacons

Psalter Reading: Psalm 84 (OT p667)

Congregational Hymn

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Glory to God #611

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Jane Kingston, elder, and Salli Griffith

Prayer of Confession†

Moment for Connecting

Children up to 5th grade are escorted to classrooms.

Epistle Reading: Philippians 4:4, 1 Peter 4:10-11 (NT p242, 285)

Musical Offering

Have I Done Any Good

Frank W. Asper; arr. Laree Wadsworth
Brennan Bastanchury, baritone

Have I done any good in the world today?

Have I helped anyone in need?

Have I cheered up the sad and made someone feel glad?

If not, I have failed indeed.

*Has anyone's burden been lighter today
because I was willing to share?*

*Have the Sick and the weary been helped on their way?
When they needed my help was I there?*

*Then wake up and do something more
than dream of your mansion above.
Doing good is a pleasure, a joy beyond measure,
A blessing of duty and love.*

*There are chances for work all around just now,
opportunities right in our way.
Do not let them pass by saying "Sometime I'll try,"
but go and do something today.*

*'Tis noble of man to work and to give;
love's labor has merit alone.*

* The Call to Worship is adapted and/or taken from *Feasting on the Word, Liturgies for Year A, Vol 1* (Louisville, Kentucky: Westminster John Knox Press, 2013).

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Only he who does something helps others to live.
To God each good work will be known.
Then wake up and do something more....

Gospel Reading: Matthew 2:5b-12 (NT p2)

Anthem

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Gustav Holst

translated by G. Moultrie

Geneva Chancel Choir; Eileen O'Hern, director

*Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly minded for with blessing in his hand,
Christ our Lord to earth descendeth our full homage to demand.*

*King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth He stood,
Lord of Lords, in human vesture in the Body and the Blood
He will give to all the faithful His own self for heavenly food.*

*Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way
As the light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day
That the pow'rs of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.*

*At His feet the six-winged seraph; Cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the Presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry,
Alleluya Lord most High. Amen.*

Congregational Hymn

I Love You, Lord

Glory to God #627

Old Testament Reading: 1 Chronicles 16:8-14, 25-27 (OT p464)

Message: *Worship Fully*

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Installation of Elder

Congregational Hymn

Of the Father's Love Begotten (vs. 1, 3, 5, 6)

Glory to God #108

Life at Geneva

Opportunity to Be Generous

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Glory to God #606

Blessing

Postlude

Now Thank We All Our God

Paul Manz

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

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Saturday, December 6, 7:30-9am

Join us this Saturday in McLennan Lounge or by Zoom. We are studying *The Life of David*, and we welcome your participation!

MEET & GREET LUNCH

Sunday, December 7th, 11:35am, McLennan Lounge

Our Meet & Greet lunch in McLennan Lounge is an opportunity for newcomers to break bread with our pastor and Geneva elders, to learn more about the church. Please register at go.genevapres.org/events. We look forward to meeting you!

ADVENT EVENTS 2025

Today is the first Sunday of Advent—the beginning of the church year and the time we prepare for the coming of Christ to our world! Join us Sunday mornings throughout the season, as we celebrate God's remarkable gift, and at these special services further described below:

Sunday, December 14, 10:30am

Christmas concert and Luncheon

Wednesday, December 24, 4:00pm

Service of Lessons and Carols

GENEVA PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CHRISTMAS TEA

Saturday, December 6, 12-2pm

Tickets are on sale now through December 1 for GPW's annual Christmas Tea, a favorite holiday tradition. This year's entertainment will be El Toro High's *Choralistics* and *Soundsation* Choirs. Join us for tea in a beautiful setting with delightful entertainment—tickets are only \$5! Bring finger food to share.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Sunday, December 14, 10:30am

Our morning service on December 14 will feature a presentation of Vivaldi's *Gloria*, with choir, soloists and chamber orchestra, a *Concerto for Organ* by G. F. Handel, plus hymns, scripture, and a homily by Pastor Elizabeth. Come be inspired this holiday season, and bring a friend!

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Sunday, December 14, 11:35am

Join us for a luncheon in Simpson Hall following the morning concert! We will celebrate our 2025 volunteers and do some final shopping at the Alternative Gift Market. The luncheon is free; space is limited. Please RSVP by December 10 at go.genevapres.org/xmas-lunch.

GIVING AND SHARING

POINSETTIA DEDICATIONS

Now through December 9

Poinsettia dedications may be purchased in honor or in memory of a loved one now through December 9. The plants will beautify our worship space beginning December 7, and will be delivered to homebound members at the end of the Advent season. Dedications are \$13 per plant.

ALTERNATIVE GIFT MARKET

November 30-December 14

Our alternative Gift Market is up and running! Pick up a brochure, or find the order form at go.genevapres.org/AGM25 beginning Thanksgiving.

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

Now through December 21

Your gifts to the Christmas Joy Offering combine with gifts from thousands of congregations throughout our denomination to do our part to repair the world and to ensure our siblings have the tools they need to flourish. Your gifts prepare the way for the God we know in Jesus Christ, the child whose birth we celebrate.

GENERAL INFO

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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
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genevaschooloc.org
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