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August 23-30 CALENDAR

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Geneva
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Loving God • Loving Others • Making Disciples

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 AM

August 23, 2026

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

TODAY'S SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Darren Pollock
Thoughts and Prayers?

TEXTS

James 2:14-18
Ruth 3:1-18

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

REDEEMED AND RESTORED: THE BOOK OF RUTH

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

TODAY'S GREETERS

Mary Payne and Karen Min
are welcoming you to worship
today, representing Geneva's
Chancel Choir. The Chancel
Choir is taking a much-
deserved break during the
month of August and will
return in September.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Processional

Wilbur Held
Charlotte Hsieh, organ

Welcome

The Rev. Dr. Darren Pollock

Life at Geneva

Call to Worship†

Gloria Newell

Congregational Hymn

For the Fruit of All Creation

Glory to God #36

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Moment for Connecting

Glory to God #301 (v. 5)

Children up to 5th grade are escorted to classrooms.

Epistle Reading: James 2:14-18 (NT p279)

Musical Offering

Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated

*music by Mark Hayes
words by Frances R. Havergal
Darren Pollock, tenor*

*Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

*Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love.
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee,
swift and beautiful for Thee.*

*Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King.
Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from Thee,
filled with messages from Thee.*

*Take my will and make it Thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is Thine own; it shall be Thy royal throne.*

*Take my love, my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store.
Take my self and I will be ever, only, all for Thee,
ever, only all for Thee; ever, only all for Thee.*

† The Call to Worship is adapted from Psalm 86.

Old Testament Reading: Ruth 3:1-18 (OT p301)

Anthem

In This Very Room

Ron and Carol Harris

Summer Choir; Eileen O'Hern, director

*In this very room there's quite enough love for one like me,
and in this very room there's quite enough joy for one like me,
and there's quite enough hope
and quite enough power
to chase away any gloom,
for Jesus, Lord Jesus is in this very room.*

*And in this very room there's quite enough love for all of us,
and in this very room there's quite enough joy for all of us,
and there's quite enough hope
and quite enough power
to chase away any gloom,
for Jesus, Lord Jesus is in this very room.*

*And in this very room there's quite enough love for all the world,
and in this very room there's quite enough joy for all the world,
and there's quite enough hope
and quite enough power
to chase away any gloom,
for Jesus, Lord Jesus is in this very room.*

Congregational Hymn

Called as Partners in Christ's Service (v. 1-3)

Glory to God #671

Message: *Thoughts and Prayers?*

Congregational Hymn

We Are One in the Spirit (v. 1, 2, 4)

Glory to God #300

Pastoral Prayer

Opportunity to Be Generous

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Glory to God #606

Blessing

Postlude

Caricature of a Sunday School Song

Dale Wood

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

GENEVA BOOK GROUP

Tuesday, August 25, 1-2pm in the Annex

This month's book is *Theo of Golden*, by Allen Levi. All are welcome to participate—just show up in the Annex or join via Zoom (call the church office for the link).

SOUTH COUNTY OUTREACH FACILITY TOUR

Friday, August 28

All Genevans are invited to take a field trip to South County Outreach's warehouse and new food pantry on August 28, to learn more about this mission partner's programs. Optional [free] lunch follows in McLennan Lounge. Please register online at go.genevapres.org/SCOTrip or sign up in the church office, and let us know if you plan to lunch with us.

MEMORIAL SERVICE PLANNED

Sunshine Chiu

Maresa "Sunshine" Chiu went to be with the Lord on July 28. A Geneva member since 2009, Sunshine will be remembered for her deep faith and artistic talents. A memorial service is being planned for September 12 at 10am.



RECENT BEQUEST

Estate of Peggy Jefferson

Geneva recently received a generous bequest from the estate of Margaret "Peggy" Davis Jefferson, who passed away in October of 2024. Peggy was a devoted Christian who embraced an active role in church life, singing in choir wherever she lived. Prior to her passing, she found a cherished home at Geneva Presbyterian Church.

Many thanks to the estate and family of Peggy for their generosity.

THANK YOU, SUMMER CHOIR

Thank you to those who have come early today to rehearse and sing our anthem for today's worship service — your leadership this morning is much appreciated! Regular rehearsals will resume for the Chancel Choir on Thursday, September 3, 7:30pm in the choir room. Would you like to join us??

LINE DANCING RETURNS

Thursdays, 3:30-4:30pm

Geneva's Line Dancing Class resumes September 10th in the Saddleback Room. Led by Mary Payne, this class is great for cardio, coordination and balance, and is all-around fun! There's room for you—join us!

GIVING AND SHARING

BOOK DONATIONS

Do you have books that you no longer need? The Library Cart is in need of donations! The books do not have to be religious; fiction is especially popular. Bring your donations to the church office, and don't forget to look for the cart on the courtyard on Sundays—you might find your next read there!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

FRONT DESK RECEPTION

Your friendly and welcoming smile and willingness to assist as needed can be put to good use as a front desk volunteer. We have shifts to fill, or serve as substitute. Laura: info@genevapres.org.

TECH VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Our Tech volunteers assist our AV team with projection for online and in-person worship. You can join the team — no experience necessary! Contact Kwang Seo: info@genevapres.org, or call the church office.

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

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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



PRAYER LIST

Noemi Campbell
Beth Coombs
Norm Coombs
Hank Gioia & Grace Sams
Phil Riddick
Jennifer Strickland
Thora Sutfin
Louann & Ross Van Riper
Doris Wendell

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