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September 20-27 CALENDAR

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Loving God • Loving Others • Making Disciples

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 AM

September 20, 2026

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

TODAY'S SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Darren Pollock
Rebuking Hate

TEXTS

2 Kings 1:2-12
Luke 9:51-56

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

SEPTEMBER IN SAMARIA

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

TODAY'S GREETERS

Molly Levegood and **Elizabeth Carlisle** are welcoming you to worship today, representing the Geneva Book Group. The Group meets the fourth Tuesday of each month. Join us!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Impromptu on "Adoro Te Devote"

Rachel Laurin
Charlotte Hsieh, organ

Welcome

The Rev. Dr. Darren Pollock

Life at Geneva

Call to Worship†

Cynthia Conners, elder

Congregational Hymn

Lift Every Voice and Sing

Glory to God #339

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Moment for Connecting

Glory to God #301 (v. 5)

Children up to 5th grade are escorted to classrooms.

Old Testament Reading: 2 Kings 1:2-12 (OT p411)

Musical Offering

Adoration

music by J. S. Bach and Charles Gounod; arr. Fettke
words by Joseph A. Swiss and Tom Fettke
Holly Moore Harvey, mezzo-soprano; Juanita Tsu, piano

Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature!

Son of God and son of man!

Light of my soul's glory, joy and crown.

Fair the morning sunshine, fair the evening moonlight.

Bright and beautiful are all the sparkling stars in space.

Jesus is brighter, Jesus is purer.

Jesus shines in radiant beauty, shines in boundless love and grace.

Lord of all creation, we offer praise and adoration

now and forever. Amen.

Gospel Reading: Luke 9:51-56 (NT p85)

Anthem

Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me

arr. K. Lee Scott
Geneva Chancel Choir; Eileen O'Hern, director

† The Call to Worship is adapted from Psalm 106.

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be;
Help me now thy grace to see, I would be like thee;
And, with words that help and heal, thy life would mine reveal;
And, with actions bold and meek, for Christ, my Savior, speak.

Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be;
Help me now thy truth to see, I would be like thee;
And, with wisdom kind and clear, thy life in mine appear;
And, with actions brotherly, speak Christ's sincerity.

Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be;
Show thy mercy tenderly, make me more like thee;
Separate from sin, I would and cherish all things good,
And whatever I can be give him who gave me thee.

Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be;
Help me now thy pow'r to see, I would be like thee;
'Gainst all weapons hell can wield, be thou my strength and shield;
Let thy word my weapon be, Lord, Thine the victory.

Congregational Hymn

O God of Every Nation (v. 1, 2, 4)

Glory to God #756

Message: *Rebuking Hate*

Congregational Hymn

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Glory to God #753

Affirmation of Faith

excerpted from the *Confession of Belhar*

Pastoral Prayer

Opportunity to Be Generous

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Glory to God #606

Blessing

Postlude

Trumpet Tune on "Praise the Lord! Sing Hallelujah!"

Larry Visser

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, September 22, 1-2pm in the Annex

This month's book is *Faith on the Mall*, by Ann Beltran. All are welcome to participate—just show up in the Annex or join via Zoom (call the church office for the link).

SESSION RETREAT

Saturday, September 26

Please be in prayer for our elders this Saturday as they meet together for important discussion and planning for the fall.

WORLD COMMUNION SERVICE

Sunday, October 4, 10:30am, Sanctuary

This year we will observe World Communion Sunday with Irvine Taiwanese Presbyterian Church, in a combined service in our Sanctuary. Be sure to be present for this time of community, fellowship, and worship.

MEMBERSHIP EXPLORATION

Sundays October 11, 18 and 25

This series of classes is for those who have been attending for a while and are interested in considering membership at Geneva. It begins October 11. Register at go.genevapres.org/Memx to assist in our planning, or call the church office for more information.

EAT YOUR WAY TO GENEROSITY

Tuesday, October 13

On Tuesday, October 13, Polly's Pies will donate 20% of proceeds to Geneva Presbyterian Women when you dine in or make a purchase and present the flyer to your server or cashier. Find the flyer on the website or in the church office, and come hungry!!

IN MEMORIAM

Ashlynn Morehouse

Please continue to pray for the Morehouse family in the wake of Ashlynn's tragic death in a car accident on August 29. Thank you to those who came to celebrate her life on September 5. Please continue to reach out to the family with words of comfort and support.



LINE DANCING

Thursdays, 3:30-4:30pm

Geneva's Line Dancing Class is up and running again in the Saddleback Room. Led by Mary Payne, this class is great for cardio, coordination and balance, and is all-around fun! Join us!

GIVING AND SHARING

WORLD COMMUNION OFFERING

One of the special offerings of the Presbyterian Church USA, the World Communion Offering will be collected on World Communion Sunday, October 4. This offering works to ensure all God's people flourish as God intends through ministries working for racial and gender justice, peacemaking, global witness, and ecumenical and interfaith relations. Visit pcusa.org/wco to learn about how your gift makes a difference.

FOOD DRIVE FOR SCO

Saturdays, October 17 and 24

Geneva is sponsoring a Food Drive for our mission partner, South County Outreach Food Pantry, on October 17 from 9am-1pm and October 24 from 1-5pm at Stater Bros., across the street from the church. Donate groceries while doing your own shopping! See the flyer on the courtyard for a list of most-needed items, and thank you for your generosity!

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Mon.-Thurs., 9am-4pm and
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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
family of Ashlynn Morehouse
Hank Gioia & Grace Sams
Phil Riddick
Jennifer Strickland
Thora Sutfin
Louann & Ross Van Riper
Doris Wendel

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