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December 7-14 CALENDAR

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SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 AM

December 7, 2025

Second Sunday of Advent

TODAY'S SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Steele
Spend Less

TEXTS

Psalms 78:1-4
Joshua 24:14-18
Matthew 6:19-24
1 Timothy 6:9-10

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.

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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

RETURNING TO CHRISTMAS

* View past services online at genevapres.org or connect directly at YouTube.com/genevapresbyterianchurchoc

TODAY'S GREETERS

Glenn Payne and Bill Sutfin

are welcoming you to worship today, representing the Men's Bible Study. They meet the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month from 7:30-9am. All are welcome!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Savior of the Nations, Come BWV 659

J. S. Bach

Charlotte Hsieh, organ; Tony Gonzales, tenor

*"Savior of the nations, come, Virgin's Son, make here your home.
Marvel now, O Heav'n and Earth, that the Lord chose such a birth."*

Welcome

The Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Steele

Call to Worship*

Cynthia Conners, elder

Psalter Reading: Psalm 78:1-4 (OT p661)

Congregational Hymn

To God Be the Glory

Glory to God #634

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Iliana Campos, Noah Morehouse, Ethan Morehouse, Julian Pulido

Prayer of Confession†

Congregational Response

Glory to God #113

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Moment for Connecting

Children up to 5th grade are escorted to classrooms.

Old Testament Reading: Joshua 24:14-18 (OT p268)

Musical Offering

Chorus of Faith

Michael Card and Phil Naish

Tony Gonzales, tenor

*Sing it with your life, sing with your heart;
Make melody with the words of your mouth.
But mind that you listen, tell it to others.
Hear the chorus of faith. Live the chorus of faith.*

*The first note of the song split the darkness
And was sung by the planets and stars.
And their light spoke, "Hallelujah!"
And the words of the chorus were sung by angels before us.
Now come join in the tune.*

*Then in time Jesus came to be for us,
And His coming made our life a song.
And His Word is the chorus, is the light that is burning,
Is the truth beyond learning, is the reason we sing.*

* The Call to Worship is written by Christine Sine (2012), and posted on GodSpace. <http://godspace.wordpress.com/2012/12/07/prayers-for-the-journey-advent-prayers-for-the-week/>

† The Prayer of Confession is written by Thom Shuman and posted on his blog, Lectionary Liturgies.

*Singing this song's what life is about,
And if you refuse the stones will cry out.
We do not sing that we might be more blessed.
He loves us with passion, without regret.
He cannot love more and will not love less.*

Gospel Reading: Matthew 6:19-24 (NT p7)

Anthem

Advent Cry

Joseph M. Martin

Geneva Chancel Choir; Holly Roehl, mezzo-soprano

Eileen O'Hern, director

Veni, veni, Redemptor.

Peace will come on the wings of a promise.

Hope will come like the morning's first call.

Joy will come on the winds of the Spirit.

Love will come, love will come: Come, Lord Jesus, come.

Veni, veni, Redemptor.

Peace will come on the wings of the angels.

Hope will come like a song in the night.

Joy will blossom like roses in springtime.

Love will come, love will come: Come, Lord Jesus, come.

Veni, veni, Redemptor: Come, Lord Jesus, come.

Congregational Hymn

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (vs. 1, 2, 6, 7)

Glory to God #88

Epistle Reading: 1 Timothy 6:9-10 (NT p257)

Message: *Spend Less*

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Congregational Hymn

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Glory to God #366

Life at Geneva

Opportunity to Be Generous

Carol Boeryd, elder

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Glory to God #606

Blessing

Postlude

In dulci Jubilo

Tom Mueller

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

MEET & GREET LUNCH

TODAY, December 7th, 11:35am

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. We look forward to meeting you!

YOUTH HOLIDAY EVENTS

Saturday, December 13

Broomball at Aliso Viejo Ice Palace!

Friday, December 19

Ice blocking and laser tag—it's a *near* blitz!!

Register at genevapres.org/events, or contact Saul Bonilla for details: sbonilla@genevapres.org.

ADVENT EVENTS 2025

Today is the second Sunday of Advent—we have begun the new church year and we continue to 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

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'll celebrate our 2025 volunteers! The

luncheon is free; space is limited. Please RSVP by December 10 at go.genevapres.org/xmas-lunch.

GIVING AND SHARING

POINSETTIA DEDICATIONS

Through December 9

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

ALTERNATIVE GIFT MARKET

Through December 14

Pick up a brochure for the Alternative Gift Market, or find the order form at go.genevapres.org/AGM25.

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

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.

YEAR-END GIVING

Geneva's Session thanks you for completing your 2025 pledge. Please note: year-end gifts will be credited to your 2025 giving statement as long as they are received in the church office by December 31, processed online by midnight on December 31, or postmarked by December 31. If you are pre-paying your 2026 pledge, be sure to indicate it in the memo line of your check.

2026 ENVELOPES

Boxes of 2026 offering envelopes are available at the Welcome Center and in the church office.

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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

The Geneva School

Education for K-8th Grade
Gina Freda, Head of School
genevaschooloc.org
949-377-1616



PRAYER LIST

Noemi Campbell
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