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April 13-20 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.

IN COMMUNITY WITH



Geneva
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Loving God • Loving Others • Making Disciples

April 13, 2025

Palm Sunday

TODAY'S SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Steele
Unclaimed Power

TEXTS

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-20, 26-29

Luke 19:1-10

Luke 23:39-43

Acts 9:10-19

Acts 16:25-34

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 AM



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.*

* View past services online at genevapres.org or connect directly at [YouTube.com/genevapresbyterianchurchoc](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCv1v1v1v1v1v1v1v1v1v1v1)

TODAY'S GREETERS

Mark and **Suzanne Ryan** are welcoming you to worship today. Both Mark and Suzanne volunteer in essential ministries at Geneva, and encourage you to find your passion and get involved as well!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude
Processional

William Mathias
Charlotte Hsieh, organ

Welcome

The Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Steele

Call to Worship†

The Rev. Dr. Mickie Choi-Hoe

Psalter Reading: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-20, 26-29 (OT p694)

Congregational Hymn
Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

Glory to God #403

Prayer of Confession††

Moment for Connecting
Children up to 5th grade are escorted to classrooms.

Gospel Reading: Luke 19:1-10 (NT p100)

Musical Offering
The Holy City

by Stephen Adams
Holly Moore Harvey, mezzo-soprano; Juanita Tsu, piano

*Last night I lay a sleeping, there came a dream so fair.
I stood in old Jerusalem beside the temple there.
I heard the children singing, and ever as they sang
me thought the voice of angels from heaven in answer rang:
Jerusalem! Lift up your gates and sing,
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna to your King!*

*And then me-thought my dream was changed the streets no longer rang,
Hushed were the glad Hosannas the little children sang.
The sun grew dark with mystery, the morn was cold and chill,
as the shadow of a cross arose upon a lonely hill.
Jerusalem! Hark! How the angels sing,
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna to your King.*

*And once again the scene was changed, New earth there seemed to be,
I saw the Holy City beside the tideless sea.
The light of God was on its streets, the gates were open wide
and all who would might enter, and no one was denied.
No need of moon or stars by night, or sun to shine by day,
It was the new Jerusalem that would not pass away.
Jerusalem! Sing, for the night is o'er!
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna for evermore!*

Gospel Reading: Luke 23:39-43 (NT p108)

† The *Call to Worship* is taken from *Connections Worship Companion*, Year C, Volume 1 (Louisville, Kentucky: Westminster John Knox Press, 2021).

†† The *Prayer of Confession* is adapted from *Feasting on the Word, Liturgies for Year C, Vol I* (Louisville, Kentucky: Westminster John Knox Press, 2013).

** "Prayer for Transformation", © John Birch. <http://www.faithandworship.com/>

Anthem

Forever King!

music by Dan Forrest; lyrics by Johanna Anderson
Geneva Chancel Choir; Eileen O'Hern, director

Who is God, that we should praise Him?

Who is He, that we should sing?

Who is this exalted Savior, crown'd the everlasting King?

Why fall at His feet in worship, alleluias to Him bring?

*Architect of ev'ry atom, Author of each passing hour,
Chief of all the changing seasons, Maker of each field and flow'r,
Speaking all into existence, God of majesty and pow'r!*

Morning stars, all sing together, shout for joy, ye saints of God!

Rocks and stones, O be not silent,

Streams and rivers, give Him laud!

Clouds that frame the dome of heaven,

Sound your thunder and applaud!

Can creation fail to praise Him? How can we refuse to sing?

Come, fall at His feet in worship, alleluias to Him bring!

Reigning in eternal brightness, crown our Christ forever King!

Morning stars, all sing together, shout for joy, ye saints of God!...

Clouds that frame the dome of heaven,

Sound your thunder and applaud!

Reading from The Acts of the Apostles: Acts 9:10-19 (NT p155)

Congregational Hymn

The Spirit of Christ

Give Him Glory p7

Reading from The Acts of the Apostles: Acts 16:25-34 (NT p166)

Message: *Unclaimed Power*

***"...If we claimed just a fraction of the power you promised to your Church
then this world would be transformed, Lord...."*

Prayer for Transformation **

Congregational Hymn

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Glory to God #196

Life at Geneva

Opportunity to Be Generous

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Glory to God #606

Blessing

Postlude

Fugue in D Major, BWV 532

J. S. Bach

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

The *Feasting on the Word*
curriculum used for the
lectionary scripture is the basis
for study for this class.

Leadership duties rotate
among participants, and
discussions veer into how
scripture relates to current
events.

**** Geneva Youth**
(6th-12th grade)

also meets Tuesdays

6-8pm

Room 29 (Youth Room)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY WEEK

MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 17, 7pm, Sanctuary

(in-person only)

An observance of the Last Supper of Jesus with his disciples, followed by a meaningful service of Tenebrae (darkness), with communion, music, and meditation.

GOOD FRIDAY

April 18, 12pm, Chapel (in-person only)

Good Friday commemorates the crucifixion of Jesus and his death at Calvary. Meditations on the last words that Christ spoke from the cross are offered by church leaders and elders.

EASTER COURTYARD CAFÉ

Sunday, April 20, 10-10:30am

Come to church a bit early on Easter morning and enjoy some fellowship time on the courtyard. It's a great time to welcome new faces!

EASTER SUNDAY

April 20, 10:30am, Sanctuary or online

On Easter Sunday we join with Christians around the world to celebrate the impossible: the resurrection from the dead of our Savior, Jesus Christ! Christ was risen to conquer death for all! Connect to the live stream at genevapres.org.

NOTE: There will be no children's classes Easter Sunday. Childcare is available for children up to age 3.

PC(USA) CHURCH ATTENDER SURVEY

As part of an *Exploring the Pandemic Impact on Congregations* research project, Geneva is joining with the PC(USA) and other denominations and faiths in studying the changing nature of congregational life. Whether you attend every week or sporadically, in person or online, your input is vital

to the accuracy of this study. If you're 18 or older, please pick up a copy of the Attender Survey from the information booth or the office, or complete the survey online.



GENEVA PW LUNCHEON

Wednesday, April 16, 12-2pm

Our own very talented Linda Erickson will teach us about a new paper craft: "quilling". Bring a dish to share!

... AND ANNUAL SPRING TEA

Saturday, May 3, 12-2pm

Tickets are on sale on the courtyard!

PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Interested in serving on the PNC? Please send a brief, confidential paragraph to info@genevapres.org.

IN MEMORIAM

The Rev. Albany Lee

We are saddened to learn of the passing of The Rev. Albany Lee, pastor of Irvine Taiwanese Presbyterian Church, our campus partner, on March 23.

A service will be held to honor him on Saturday, May 17, in the Chapel.



GIVING AND SHARING

EASTER FLOWERS

Through **TODAY**, April 13

You may still dedicate an Easter plant in honor or in memory of a loved one or esteemed friend. Cost is \$13 per plant. See insert, or donate online at genevapres.churchcenter.com/registrations; click on "Easter Flowers".

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Now through April 20

To donate, use the special envelope in the pew pocket or donate online at genevapres.churchcenter.com/giving and choose *One Great Hour of Sharing* on the dropdown menu.

GENERAL INFO

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

24-Hour Emergency Line:

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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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Beth Coombs
Norm Coombs
Sandy Corbin
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George Marsh
Phil Riddick

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Louann and Ross Van Riper

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