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October 19-26 CALENDAR

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Geneva
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Loving God • Loving Others • Making Disciples

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 AM

October 19, 2025

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

TODAY'S SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Steele
The Giving Community

TEXTS

Psalms 133
Acts 9:36-43
Philippians 4:10-20
2 Corinthians 8:1-7

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

GOD'S GENEROSITY

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

TODAY'S GREETERS

Mark and Suzanne Ryan are welcoming you to worship today. Both Mark and Suzanne serve Geneva as volunteers in separate areas.

Prelude

*Pastorale in F Major, BWV 590
III. Aria*

J. S. Bach

Charlotte Hsieh, organ

Welcome

The Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Steele

Call to Worship*

Cynthia Conners, elder

Psalter Reading: Psalm 133 (OT p706)

Congregational Hymn

The Church's One Foundation

Glory to God #321

Prayers of Intercession†

Gloria Patri

Glory Be to the Father

Glory to God #581

Introduction of New Members

Moment for Connecting

Children up to 5th grade are escorted to classrooms.

Reading from Acts of the Apostles: Acts 9:36-43 (NT p156)

Musical Offering

I Need Thee Every Hour

R. Lowry; arr. Martin Green
text by Annie Hawkes
Brennan Bastanchury, baritone

*I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord.
No tender voice like thine can peace afford.
I need thee, oh, I need thee; every hour I need thee!
Oh, bless me now, my Savior; I come to thee!*

*I need thee every hour; stay thou nearby.
Temptations lose their pow'r when thou art nigh.
I need thee, oh, I need thee....*

*I need thee every hour in joy or pain.
Come quickly and abide, or life is vain.
I need thee, oh, I need thee....*

*I need thee every hour, most holy One.
Oh, make me thine indeed, thou blessed Son!
I need thee, oh, I need thee....*

* The Call to Worship is from *In Welcoming the Stranger*, and posted on the Minnesota Council of Churches website. <http://www.mnchurches.org>

† The Prayers of Intercession are adapted and/or taken from *Connections Worship Companion*, Year C, Volume 2 (Louisville, Kentucky: Westminster John Knox Press, 2021).

Epistle Reading: Philippians 4:10-20 (NT p243)

Anthem

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing melody by John Wyeth
setting by Nick Strimple; text by Robert Robinson
Geneva Chancel Choir; Eileen O'Hern, director

*Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!*

*Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.*

*O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.*

Amen.

Epistle Reading: 2 Corinthians 8:1-7 (NT p222)

Congregational Hymn

Where Charity and Love Prevail Glory to God #316

Message: *The Giving Community*

Pastoral Prayer

Congregational Hymn

Go to the World! Glory to God #295

Life at Geneva

Opportunity to Be Generous

Gloria Newell

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow Glory to God #606

Blessing

Postlude

Fugue in e minor "The Wedge", BWV 548 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

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

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

TODAY we welcome new members **John and Souchin Chen** into our fellowship. Please make them feel at home in our congregation!

TRUNK OR TREAT

Friday, October 24, 5-7:30pm

This event is hosted by the Geneva Children's Center, in partnership with Geneva Presbyterian Church and The Geneva School, and we're always looking for trunks! Does your car need to get out more? Reserve your "trunk-stop" space by October 21!

No room in your trunk for spider webs? No problem! We also accept **donations of candy** for the event and **cakewalk prizes!** Bring candy to the church office before 1pm on the 24th, and cakewalk prizes on the 23rd or the 24th before 1pm. Registration and details at genevapres.org/events.

HALLA-PALOOZA

Friday, October 24, 4:30pm -

Saturday, October 25, 10am

Come join Geneva Youth for a fun and spooky overnighter at the church! We'll volunteer at the GCC Trunk or Treat, and as the sun sets, the real fun begins! Skeleton info: it's at church, runs Friday 4:30pm- Saturday 10am, drop-off /pickup at Youth Room. Bring Halloween costume, sleeping bag, pillow, change of clothes, pjs, running shoes, toiletries like toothbrush and toothpaste. For questions, contact Saul at sbonilla@genevapres.org. Can't wait to see you there for a night of fun and friendship!

FOR ALL THE SAINTS

Saturday, November 1, 4pm

Geneva's Chancel Choir will be joined by choirs from St. George's Episcopal Church and Irvine Taiwanese Presbyterian Church in a concert

service celebrating living and departed loved ones. Along with uplifting anthems, solos, and instrumental music, there will be scripture, prayers, poetry, a litany of remembrance, and a brief homily given by The Rev. Canon Patricia McCaughan, Vicar at St. George's Episcopal Church.

TRANSITION UPDATE

The Pastor Nominating Committee has been working diligently and effectively toward discerning who will be our next pastor. For updates on our journey toward new pastoral leadership, find the link: genevapres.churchcenter.com.

PRAYER GROUP

Sundays, following worship, Sanctuary

All are invited to gather in the sanctuary after worship each Sunday to join in prayer together. Topics include Geneva, the Pastor Nominating process, the pastor, the church universal, or anything that's on your heart.

GIVING AND SHARING

FOOD DRIVE FOR SCO

Saturday, October 25

Geneva's Food Drive for our mission partner, South County Outreach Food Pantry, continues on October 25th, 1-5pm at Stater Bros., across the street from the church. Donate groceries while you shop, or leave them in the cart at church during office hours (or in the courtyard Sundays, today & next week). Cash donations also welcome.

2025 PER CAPITA ASSESSMENT

Per capita assessment is the amount per member (NOT household) that Geneva must pay towards Presbytery infrastructure, Synod expenses, General Assembly meetings/ leadership training and legal support. To help offset this cost you may donate your personal share of **\$44.69**. Donate online (via dropdown menu) or by check ("Per Capita" in memo line).

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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

The Geneva School

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



PRAYER LIST

Noemi Campbell
Sunshine Chiu
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Phil Riddick
Jennifer Strickland
Louann and Ross Van Riper

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