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December 14-21 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.

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Geneva
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Loving God • Loving Others • Making Disciples

December 14, 2025

Third Sunday of Advent / Christmas Concert

CURRENT SERMON SERIES

Returning to Christmas

TODAY'S SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Steele
Give More

TEXTS

Proverbs 11:24-25

2 Corinthians 9:10-15

Luke 7:36-38, 44-47

TODAY'S GREETERS

Sherry Hoselton and *Lisa Kagan* are welcoming you to worship this morning, representing Geneva Presbyterian Women. GPW meets each month for luncheon, fellowship, and to support missions in our local community and beyond.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Carillon on "Gloria"

Burton Bumgarner
Charlotte Hsieh, organ

Welcome

The Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Steele

Call to Worship*

Kwang Seo, elder

Old Testament Reading: Proverbs 11:24-25 (OT p730)

Congregational Hymn

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Glory to God #716

Lighting of the Advent Candle

The Rev. Paul Reutzell and Art Cordero

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.

Musical Offering

Be Glad, O Ye Righteous

E. H. Hosmer

Tony Gonzales, tenor; Brennan Bastanchury, baritone

*Be glad, O ye righteous and rejoice in the Lord.
And be joyful all ye that are true of heart.
For His wrath endures but for a moment
and in His pleasure is life evermore.
Heaviness may endure for a night
But in the morning cometh light.*

Epistle Reading: 2 Corinthians 9:10-15 (NT p224)

Musical Offering

Gloria in D

Antonio Vivaldi

Geneva Chance Choir

Madeline Slind, soprano; Holly Moore Harvey, mezzo-soprano

* The Call to Worship is written by Rev. Franklin Schaefer and posted on desperatepreacher.com

I

Gloria in excelsis Deo
Glory to God in the highest

II

et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis
and on earth peace to people of good will.

III

Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you

IV

Gratias agimus tibi
We give you thanks

V

propter magnam gloriam tuam
for your great glory

VI

Domine Deus, Rex coelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens
Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty

VII

Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe
Lord, only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ

VIII

VIII. Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father

IX

Qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis
You who take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us
Qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram
You who take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer

X

Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis
You who sit at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us

XI

Quoniam tu solus sanctus, tu solus Dominus, tu solus altissimus, Jesu Christe
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ for you alone are holy, you alone are Lord,

XII

Cum Sancto Spiritu, in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Gospel Reading: Luke 7:36-38, 44-47 (NT p80)

Message: *Give More*

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Congregational Hymn

In the Bleak Midwinter

Glory to God #144

Life at Geneva

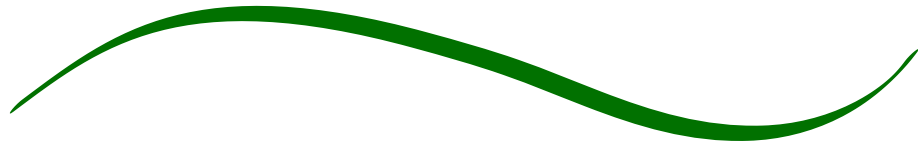
Opportunity to Be Generous

Blessing

Postlude

Organ Concerto Op. 4 No. 6

G. F. Handel



Poinsettia Dedications in Honor of Loved Ones

Joanna Capelle

My grandchildren Donovan, Charli, Gianna, Dean, Vera and Leo

Jean Coombs

Norm Coombs

Patrick Day

Elsa Day

Carol Frogue

My family - Jim, Andy, Carrie, Sophie & Zack

Max Gentzler

The Gentzler Family

Im Sook Lee

Geneva Chancel Choir Members

Geneva Ministry Volunteers

Diane Smith

Dana Smith - Ex-husband

Frank Disbrow – Dad

Nancy Stapleton

The PNC Committee for all their work

Rick Strickland

Jennifer Strickland

Royce & Darlene Wise

Our son and daughter

Poinsettia Dedications in Memory of Loved Ones

Christine Armendariz
Jerra Lynne Beckhart

Carol & Lars Boeryd

Joanna Capelle
Elizabeth Carlisle
Daria Clement
Dr. Jack R. Clement
Cynthia Conners

Jean Coombs
Patrick Day
Diane Felton
Carol Frogue
Patty Georges
Ardis Ghobrial

Tony Gonzales
and family

Carol Grabski

Holly Harvey

Karen Jackson &
Jim Brown

Young Soon Kang

In loving memory of Margaret Wayne

Don Beckhart
Mark Mathews

Kerstin & Arne Boeryd and Åsa
Maryedith & Bill Fleenor

Don Capelle
Ann Worley, dear friend
Ted Schafer
Dr. Nancy S. Clement
Jim Juhan

Marion Swarthout
Vincente Delgado
Daniel Delgado

John Hastings

Gerry Day

Roger Felton

My husband Steve Frogue

Robert Skafte

My beloved husband Mourad Ghobrial

My dear sister Evelyn Fanous

Baby girl Tiffany

Robert Grabski
Merle Chapman

Jim and Julia Moore
Roy and Alma Harvey

Martin Jackson
Toivo Jackson
Corrine Jackson

Dr. & Mrs. Duck Kwon Han
Mr. and Mrs. Yong Soo Kang



Im Sook Lee	Rev. Dr. Micheal Wenning
	My dear sister Im J Son
Grace Lee	John H. Lee
Molly McDuff Levegood	My beloved husband William Levegood
	My Parents Lee and Shirley McDuff
	Frances Gleason Levegood
Barbara Liddy	Kathryn & John Liddy, my parents
	The Schlenk Family
Dee Lloyd	My late son-in-law, Mike Moore: daughter Jan's husband
John & Laura McCallum	James & Ardene McCallum
	Lyle & Barbara Gormley
Angie & Tom Najarian	Our son Joseph (Joey) Najarian
Greg & Linda Rankin	Richard and Lois Rankin
	Edward and Jane Harvath
Jeff Rankin	Family and friends no longer with us
Nancy Stapleton	Margaret Graziadie-Miller
	Ted McGrade
	Michael Angelo Graziadie
Rick Strickland	Barbara Strickland
Diane Smith	My Mother – Ella Rhe
	My partner - Chris Benison
Bill Sutfin	John Getzelman, Gwen Sutfin's brother
	John Sutfin, Bill Sutfin's brother
Manal F. Tadros & Family	In loving memory of our beloved Evelyn F. Fanous
James Troup	Penelope Prol
Marcia Tyler	Edward Rousek
John & Ardyss Wherry	Our son, Phillip Wherry





Participants

The Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Steele
Eileen O'Hern, Director of Music and Worship
Charlotte Hsieh, Organist and Accompanist
Kwang Seo, Elder, Liturgist

Soloists

Madeline Slind, soprano
Holly Moore Harvey, mezzo-soprano
Tony Gonzales, tenor
Brennan Bastanchury, baritone

Instrumentalists

Violin 1: Sam Yoon, Larry Greenfield
Violin 2: Katherine Cash, Kirika Suzuki
Viola: Jared Turner, Lindy Grishkoff
Cello: Karen Linkletter
Bass: Matt Hare
Oboe: Scott Reese
Trumpet: Rich Chasin

Chancel Choir

† soloist/ section leader

...soprano
Grace Huynh
Young Soon Kang
Wendy McCalley
Karen Min
Madeline Slind †
Linda Widdowson
Darlene Wise

...alto
Robin Brandt
Joanna Capelle
Jane Carter
Souchin Chen
Celeste Deppmeier

Holly Moore Harvey †
Karen Jackson
Mary Payne

...tenor
Tony Gonzales †
Doug Setterholm

...bass
Brennan Bastanchury †
Paul Harvey
Ryan Harvey
Hsin-Hong Huang
John McCallum
Scott Smith



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

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

TODAY, December 14, 10:30am

Our morning service today features a presentation of Vivaldi's *Gloria in D*, a baroque work that sparkles with joy!

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Sunday, December 14, 11:35am

Join us for a luncheon in Simpson Hall following this morning's service. We'll celebrate our 2025 volunteers. The luncheon is free. Space is limited, but if you have not registered there may still be room; inquire at Simpson Hall.

GENEVA BOOK GROUP

Tuesday, December 16, 11:30 at Olive Garden

Book Group will meet at Olive Garden this week! This month's book is *All Creation Waits*, by Gayle Boss. All are welcome to come—you pay your way for lunch, but the conversation is free!

YOUTH HOLIDAY EVENT

Friday, December 19

Ice blocking and laser tag!! Register at genevapres.org/events, or contact Saul Bonilla for details: sbonilla@genevapres.org.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Saturday, December 20, 7:30-9am

Join us this Saturday in McLennan Lounge or by Zoom. We are studying *The Life of David*, and we welcome your participation!

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

Wednesday, December 24, 4pm

Join us in the sanctuary on Christmas Eve as we celebrate the coming of Jesus Christ to our world with a service of Lessons and Carols at 4pm. This remarkable story will be told once more, using scriptures from Genesis through the Gospels. We'll sing beloved carols and enjoy special music featuring Geneva's choir, soloists,

organist, and a guest guitarist. Communion will be served, followed by a candlelight benediction on the courtyard.

YOUTH GROUP HOLIDAY BREAK

Our youth will not meet on Tuesday, December 23 or December 30. Make the most of your time with family this holiday season!



GIVING AND SHARING

ALTERNATIVE GIFT MARKET

Ends TODAY, 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.

GENERAL INFO

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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
Norm Coombs
Phil Riddick
Jennifer Strickland
Louann and Ross Van Riper

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