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September 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.

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Geneva
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Loving God • Loving Others • Making Disciples

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 AM

September 13, 2026

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

TODAY'S SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Darren Pollock
And He Was a Samaritan

TEXTS

John 8:31-41
Luke 17:5-19

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 wherever 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/UC8UW0DQFvYtTjZGgR9Bz6wA)

TODAY'S GREETERS

Shirley Fargo and Elizabeth Carlisle are welcoming you to worship today, representing Geneva's Deacons. Deacons help us keep connected with one another and care for those who temporarily require additional support.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

Anthony Giamanco
Charlotte Hsieh, organ

Welcome

The Rev. Dr. Darren Pollock

Life at Geneva

Call to Worship

Edie Robertson, elder

Congregational Hymn

Let All Things Now Living

Glory to God #37

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Moment for Connecting

Glory to God #301 (v. 5)

Children up to 5th grade are escorted to classrooms.

First Gospel Reading: John 8:31-41 (NT p123)

Musical Offering

 He

music by Jack Richard; words by Richard Mullan
Tony Gonzales, tenor

He can turn the tides and calm the angry sea.
He alone decides who writes a symphony.
He lights ev'ry star that makes our darkness bright.
He keeps watch through each long and lonely night.
He still finds the time to hear a child's first prayer.
Saint or sinner call and always find him there.
Though it makes Him sad to see the way we live,
He'll always say "I forgive."

He can grant a wish or make a dream come true.
He can paint the clouds and turn the gray to blue.
He alone knows where to find the rainbow's end.
He alone can see what lies beyond the bend.
He can touch a tree and turn the leaves to gold.
He knows ev'ry lie that you and I have told.
Though it makes Him sad to see the ways we live,
He'll always say "I forgive."

† The Call to Worship is adapted from Psalm 92.

Second Gospel Reading: Luke 17:5-19 (NT p97)

Anthem

Come to Me

words and music by Craig Courtney
Geneva Chancel Choir; Eileen O'Hern, director

Come to Me, all ye heavy-laden, come and I will give you rest.

Take My yoke upon you and learn of Me.

For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.

Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me.

And you shall find rest for your souls.

Come to Me, all ye tired and weary, come and I will give you rest.

Take My yoke upon you and learn of Me.

For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.

Take My yoke upon you and learn of Me.

For I am gentle and humble in heart. Come home at last.

Congregational Hymn

You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim (v. 1, 2, 4) *Glory to God #299*

Message: *And He Was a Samaritan*

Congregational Hymn

Now Thank We All Our God *Glory to God #643*

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Pastoral Prayer

Opportunity to Be Generous

Carol Boeryd, elder

Doxology

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

Blessing

Postlude

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation J. G. Walther

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 PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN *Wednesday, September 16, 12-2pm, Simpson Hall*

This fall begins our 2026-27 "Season of Unity". Ashley Pollock will be the guest speaker for our kick-off meeting. Join us! Bring a friend, and a salad or sandwiches to share.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Saturday, September 19, 7:30-9am

Join us this Saturday in McLennan Lounge or by Zoom. We are studying *The Jesus Paul Knew*, and we welcome your participation!

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.

IN MEMORIAM

Ashlynn Morehouse

We are saddened at the news of the passing of Geneva member

Ashlynn Morehouse in a car accident August 29.

A memorial service was held Saturday, September 5 to accommodate family members who had traveled internationally to be here. Please continue to hold the Morehouse family in prayer during this difficult time of unexpected loss.

LINE DANCING RETURNS

Thursdays, 3:30-4:30pm

Geneva's Line Dancing Class resumes September 10th in the Saddleback Room. Led by Mary Payne, this class



is great for cardio, coordination and balance, and is all-around fun! There's room for you—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.

RALPHS GROCERY DONATES...

a percentage of your purchase to Geneva when you link your Ralphs card to their Community Contribution Program. Here's how: navigate to go.genevapres.org/ralphs-give and follow the instructions to link your card. You will need to search for Geneva Presbyterian Church of Laguna Woods in order to complete the enrollment.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

FRONT DESK RECEPTION

Your friendly and welcoming smile and willingness to assist as needed can be put to good use as a front desk volunteer. We have shifts to fill, or serve as substitute. Laura: info@genevapres.org.

PRAYER WARRIORS

Our Prayer Warriors are on their knees before God and on the front line for you, wherever the need is, and we can use more warriors. Prayer is effective, and blesses those who engage in it! Email us at prayer@genevapres.org.

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



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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