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**January 25-  
February 1**

## CALENDAR

For a complete listing of regular activities and upcoming events, visit [genevapres.churchcenter.com/calendar](http://genevapres.churchcenter.com/calendar), or go to our website at [genevapres.org](http://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

**January 25, 2026**

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

### TODAY'S SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Steele  
*The Care and Nurture of Your New Pastor*

### TEXTS

Psalms 122  
1 Thessalonians 5:12-22  
Exodus 18:13-27  
Hebrews 13:7-8, 17

### 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.*

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

## TODAY'S GREETERS

**Charity Alexander** and **Gwen Sutfin** are welcoming you to worship today, representing all our volunteers. Charity and Gwen serve in various areas of ministry at Geneva.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude Dr. Herbert Geisler, organ

Welcome The Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Steele

Call to Worship† The Rev. Paul Reutzel

Psalter Reading: Psalm 122 (OT p702)

Congregational Hymn  
*Brethren, We Have Met to Worship* Glory to God #396

Prayer of Confession

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

Epistle Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22 (NT p250)

Musical Offering  
*Fairest Lord Jesus* Jan Sanborn; words from Munster Gesangbuch  
Madeline Slind, soprano; Kwang Seo, piano

*Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,  
O Thou of God and man the Son:  
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor  
Thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown.*

*Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,  
Robed in the blooming garb of spring:  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,  
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.*

*Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,  
Now and forevermore be Thine.*

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 18:13-27 (OT p80)

Anthem  
*Mighty Spirit, all transcending* W. A. Mozart  
Geneva Chancel Choir; Eileen O'Hern, director

*Mighty Spirit, all transcending,  
Fount of being, Light of light,  
Passing all our understanding,  
In splendor veil'd from mortal sight.*

† The Call to Worship is written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, "Hold Fast to What Is Good". Used with permission.

*Hush'd before Thee, now adoring,  
Hearts in silent homage bow'd,  
Lo, Thy children wait Thy blessing,  
Thy holy love on us bestow'd.*

Epistle Reading: Hebrews 13:7-8, 17 (NT p276)

Congregational Hymn

*God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian*

*Glory to God #303*

Message: *The Care and Nurture of Your New Pastor*

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Congregational Hymn

*Together We Serve*

*Glory to God #767*

Life at Geneva

Opportunity to Be Generous

Doxology

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

*Glory to God #606*

Blessing

Postlude

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## SERMON NOTES:

## 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

### THANK YOU, PASTOR ELIZABETH

**TODAY, January 25, 11:35am,**  
*Simpson Hall*

After two years, today is Pastor Elizabeth's last Sunday with us. Everyone is invited to a farewell luncheon in her honor immediately following this morning's worship service, hosted by the HR Ministry Team in Simpson Hall. Please join us in thanking her for her time with us!

### GENEVA BOOK GROUP

*Tuesday, January 27, 1-2pm in the Annex*

This month's book is *West with Giraffes*, by Lynda Rutledge. All are welcome to participate—just show up in the Annex or join via Zoom (call the church office for the link).

### PRAYER GROUP

*Sundays, following worship,*  
*Sanctuary*

The prayer group continues to meet weekly. All are invited to gather in the sanctuary after worship each Sunday to join in prayer together on whatever topics you find on your heart, including world concerns, the church universal, or Geneva's transition to new leadership.

### IN MEMORIAM

*The Rev. Dr. Mary Carol Perrott*

We mourn the loss of The Rev. Dr. Mary Carol Perrott, who passed away January 13. Mary Carol was a vital part of our congregation for over a decade, after a lifelong career in the church and academia. A memorial service will be held Saturday, March 7, at 1pm in the Chapel.



### IN MEMORIAM

*Jerra Lynne Beckhart*

We mourn the passing of Geneva member Jerra Lynne Beckhart on January 8. She and her late husband, Don, joined us in 2019. A memorial service will be held **Friday, January 30**, at 10:30am in the sanctuary. Please keep her family in prayer during this time of unexpected loss.



### YOUTH WINTER CAMP

*February 13-16*

6th-12th graders, don't forget to register by **January 30** for this transformative 3-day weekend at Forest Home. Delve deeper into faith and personal growth! Scholarships and family discounts are available. [go.genevapres.org/wintercamp](http://go.genevapres.org/wintercamp).

### THANKS, TECH VOLUNTEERS!

Thank you to Molly Levegood and Im Sook Lee, who have been assisting our AV team for the month of January! There's room for you on the team, if you'd like to serve. Contact Elder Kwang Seo at [info@genevapres.org](mailto:info@genevapres.org).

### GIVING AND SHARING

#### 2025 GIVING STATEMENTS

2025 giving statements have been emailed and mailed (via USPS). If you did not receive — or have questions about — your statement, contact Angie Najarian, business manager, at [anajarian@genevapres.org](mailto:anajarian@genevapres.org) or 949-387-2323. You can check your pledge progress at any time: log in to Church Center and click on your picture, then "My giving." If you use autopay, it does **not** automatically update when you update your pledge; you must do that manually. If you need assistance, please contact Angie.

### GENERAL INFO

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#### Office Hours:

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

#### 24-Hour Emergency Line:

949-837-2323

### CAMPUS PARTNERS

#### Geneva Children's Center

Preschool for children age 2-6  
Amy Lussier, Director  
949-581-2200 / [genevacc.org](http://genevacc.org)

#### Irvine Taiwanese Presbyterian Church

Worship Sundays at 10am in the chapel.  
[irvinetpc.org](http://irvinetpc.org)

#### The Geneva School

Education for K-8th Grade  
Gina Freda, Head of School  
[genevaschooloc.org](http://genevaschooloc.org)  
949-377-1616



### PRAYER LIST

Saul Bonilla Lopez  
Noemi Campbell  
Sunshine Chiu  
Norm Coombs  
Rebecca Morehouse  
Carolyn Raines  
Phil Riddick  
Jennifer Strickland  
Louann and Ross Van Riper

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