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December 15-22 CALENDAR

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Geneva
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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December 15, 2024

Third Sunday of Advent

TODAY'S HOMILY

The Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Steele
It's All About the Promise

*Service of
Lessons and Carols*

TEXTS

Psalm 130:7-8

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Luke 1:26-35, 38

Luke 2:1-20

Matthew 2:1-5a, 7-11

John 1:1-5, 14

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

In dulci jubilo

Tom Mueller
Charlotte Hsieh, Organ

Welcome

The Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Steele

Lighting of the Advent Candle

The Joy Candle

Iliana Campos, Noah Morehouse, Ethan Morehouse
Rebecca Njoroge, Liz Njoroge

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, v4

Glory to God #88

Call to Worship†

Elder Rod Kingston

Psalter Reading: Psalm 130:7-8 (OT page 705)

Poem*

O Emmanuel

Malcolm Guite
Elder Jane Kingston

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 (OT page 780)

Elder Watt Prichard

Anthem

There Shall a Star Come Out of Jacob

Felix Mendelssohn
Geneva Chancel Choir; Eileen O'Hern, director

*There shall a star come out of Jacob, and a scepter shall rise out of Israel,
With might destroying princes and cities!*

*As bright the star of morning gleams,
So Jesus sheddeth glorious beams
Of light and consolation.*

*Thy Word, O Lord,
Radiance darting, truth imparting, gives salvation;
Thine be praise and adoration!*

Gospel Reading: Luke 1:26-35, 38 (NT page 69)

Daria Clement

Congregational Hymn

My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout, v1-2

Glory to God #100

Gospel Reading: Luke 2:1-7 (NT page 71)

Elder Elizabeth Carlisle

Musical Offering

Lovely Child, Holy Child

arr. David N. Johnson
Julia Sapeta, Holly Moore Harvey, Tony Gonzales, Stephen Oey

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

* Malcolm Guite: *Sounding the Seasons: Seventy Sonnets for the Christian Year* (London, England:

Lovely Child, Holy Child,
Gentle, mild, undefiled;
Infant King, Fairest King,
Gifts we'll bring and anthems sing:
Alleluia, alleluia.

Child of light, Born that night,
Our delight, promise bright;
Child so fair: see him there;
Now declare him ev'rywhere:
Alleluia, alleluia.

Rest thy head, sweetest head;
Gifts we'll spread at thy bed.
Jesus Lord, be adored,
May this word now be outpoured:
Alleluia, alleluia.

To this boy, our great joy,
We employ hymns of joy;
Child so fair; see him there;
Now declare him ev'rywhere:
Alleluia, alleluia.

Congregational Hymn
Away in a Manger, v1, 3

Glory to God #114

Musical Offering
I wonder as I wander

John Jacob Niles; arr. Benjamin Britten
Stephen Oey, baritone

*I wonder as I wander out under the sky
How Jesus, the Savior, had come for to die
For poor on'ry people, like you and like I.
I wonder as I wander out under the sky.*

*When Mary birthed Jesus, t'was in a cow's stall
With wisemen and farmers and shepherds and all,
But high in God's heaven a star's light did fall,
And the promise of ages, it then did recall.*

*If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing
A star in the sky or a bird on the wing
Or all of God's angels in heaven for to sing
He surely could have it, for he was the King!*

*I wonder as I wander out under the sky
How Jesus, the Savior, had come for to die
For poor on'ry people like you and like I.
I wonder as I wander out under the sky.*

Gospel Reading: Luke 2:8-14 (NT page 71)

Congregational Hymn

Angels We Have Heard on High, v1, 3

Glory to God #113

Musical Offering

"Alleluia" from Exsultate, jubilate K.165

W. A. Mozart

Julia Sapeta, soprano; Kwang Seo, piano

Gospel Reading: Luke 2:15-20 (NT page 71)

Congregational Hymn

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Glory to God #128

Anthem

How Great Our Joy!

trad. German carol; adapted and arr. Mark Grizzard

Charlotte Hsieh and Juanita Tsu, piano

*While by the sheep we watched at night
Glad tidings brought an angel bright.
How great our joy! How great our joy!
Praising the Savior in heav'n on high,
Praising the Savior in heav'n on high.*

*There shall be born, so he did say,
in Bethlehem a child today.
How great our joy!...*

*There shall the Child lie in a stall,
This Child who shall redeem us all.
How great our joy!...*

*This gift of God we'll cherish well,
that ever joy our hearts shall fill.
How great, how great our joy!*

Gospel Reading: Matthew 2:1-5a, 7-11 (NT page 2)

Elder Dr. Jack Clement

Musical Offering

Watchman, Tell Us of the Night

Jakob Hintze; text by John Bowring

Tony Gonzales, tenor

*Watchman, tell us of the night,
What its signs of promise are.
Trav'ler o'er yon mountain's height,
See the glory beaming star.*

*Watchman, does it's beauteous ray
Aught of joy or hope foretell?
Trav'ler, yes, it brings the day,
Promised day of Israel.*

Watchman, tell us of the night,
Higher yet the star ascends.
Trav'ler, blessedness and light,
Peace and truth its course portends.

Watchman, will its beams alone
Gild the spot that gave them birth?
Trav'ler, ages are its own,
See, it bursts o'er all the earth.

Watchman, tell us of the night,
For the morning seems to dawn.
Trav'ler, darkness takes its flight,
Doubt and terror are withdrawn.

Watchman, let thy wand'rings cease,
Hie thee to thy quiet home.
Trav'ler, lo, the Prince of Peace,
Lo, the Son of God is come.

Congregational Hymn

On This Day Earth Shall Ring, v1, 3

Glory to God #141

Musical Offering

Such a Small King

C. Harry Causey

Holly Moore Harvey, mezzo-soprano

*Such a small King, isn't He? Such a small King.
How can He bring deliverance to me?
Can He be the one who'll set us free?
Such a small King. Such a small boy.*

*What can I bring to worship Him, what can I bring?
Angels sing, and Wise Men bring Him gold.
Shepherds kneel to shield Him from the cold.
Such a small King. Such a small boy.*

*I can bring Him a candle and lamp to light His way.
I can bring Him a lamb's warm wool to place on the hay.
Bring Him a song of love for the shepherds to play.
'Tis a Savior that's born today.*

*Such a small King, isn't He? Such a small King.
Yet He will bring deliverance to me.
Prophets foretold His place in history.
Such a small King. Such a small boy.*

*Only His name will reign eternally.
Such a small King. Such a small boy.*

Gospel Reading: John 1:1-5, 14 (NT page 111)

Elder Mark Reed

Poem††

Did You Know?

Todd Agnew

Anthem

Hear the Lamb a-Cryin'

Craig Courtney; text by Pamela Martin

*Hear the Lamb a-cryin',
hear the Lamb a-cryin',
hear the Lamb a-cryin',
I want to go to heaven when I die.*

*Into a stable born,
no fire to keep You warm,
a manger for Your bed,
no place to lay Your head,*

*Listen to Your lambs all a-cryin'...
I want to go to heaven when I die.*

Into a stable born,...

*Oh, tell me, what kind of Lamb makes shepherd leave their sheep?
What kind of Lamb is born for one like me?
What kind of Lamb would come to earth to die?
A Lamb who can hear the little lost lambs cry, the lost lambs cry.*

Homily: *It's All About the Promise*

Pastoral Prayer

Musical Reflection

Where Shepherds Lately Knelt

Carl Schalk; text by Jaroslav J. Vajda
Geneva Chancel Choir

*Where shepherds lately knelt and kept the angel's word,
I come in half-belief, a pilgrim strangely stirred.
But there is room and welcome there for me;
but there is room and welcome there for me.*

*In that unlikely place I find him as they said:
sweet, newborn Babe, how frail, and in a manger bed:
a still, small voice to cry one day for me;
a still, small voice to cry one day for me.*

*How should I not have know Isaiah would be there,
his prophecies fulfilled? With pounding heart, I stare:
a child, a son, the Prince of Peace for me;
a child, s son, the Prince of Peace for me.*

†† Todd Agnew: *Do You Hear What I Hear?* (Arden/INO, 2006)

*Can I, will I forget how Love was born and burned
its way into my heart: unasked, unforced, unearned:
to die, to live, and not alone for me;
to die, to live, and not alone for me.*

Reading of Response

Musical Offering

Tomorrow shall be my dancing day

John Gardner; traditional text
The Geneva Quartet

*Tomorrow shall be my dancing day:
I would my true love did so chance
To see the legend of my play,
To call my true love to my dance:
Sing O my love, O my love, my love, my love;
This have I done for my true love.*

*Then was I born of a virgin pure,
Of her I took fleshly substance;
Thus was I knit to man's nature,
To call my true love to my dance:
Sing O my love, O my love, my love, my love;
This have I done for my true love.*

*In a manger laid and wrapped I was,
So very poor this was my chance,
Betwixt an ox and a silly poor ass,
To call my true love to my dance:
Sing O my love, O my love, my love, my love;
This have I done for my true love.*

*Then afterwards baptized I was;
The Holy Ghost on me did glance,
My Father's voice heard from above,
To call my true love to my dance:
Sing O my love, O my love, my love, my love;
This have I done for my true love.*

Congregational Hymn

Once in Royal David's City, v1, 2, 4

Glory to God #140

Life at Geneva

Opportunity to Be Generous

The Blessing

Postlude

Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern, BuxWV 223

Dietrich Buxtehude

Participants

The Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Steele, Transitional Pastor
Eileen O'Hern, Director of Music and Worship
Charlotte Hsieh, Organ and Piano

Julia Sapeta, soprano
Holly Moore Harvey, mezzo-soprano
Tony Gonzales, tenor
Stephen Oey, baritone

Kwang Seo, Piano
Juanita Tsu, Piano

Readers

Rod Kingston (Admin/ Finance)
Jane Kingston (Membership & Generosity)
Watt Prichard (Faith Formation)
Daria Clement (Congregational Life)
Elizabeth Carlisle (Missional Life)
Dr. Jack Clement (Admin/ Property)
Mark Reed (Worship Celebration)

Geneva Chancel Choir

...soprano

Leslie Crossman
Young Soon Kang
Wendy McCalley
Karen Min
Julia Sapeta ◊
Linda Widdowson
Darlene Wise

◊ soloist/ section leader

...alto

Joanna Capelle
Celeste Deppmeier
Holly Moore Harvey ◊
Karen Jackson
Joyce Nanchy
Mary Payne
Nina Pomery

...tenor

Tony Gonzales ◊

Ken Min

Doug Setterholm

...bass

Paul Harvey
Ryan Harvey
Hsin-Hong Huang
John McCallum
Sam Nganga
Stephen Oey ◊

Special thanks to:

Saul Bonilla, Youth Director; Joe Gomez and Maritza Rebollar, Youth Interns
Mark and Suzanne Ryan, today's greeters

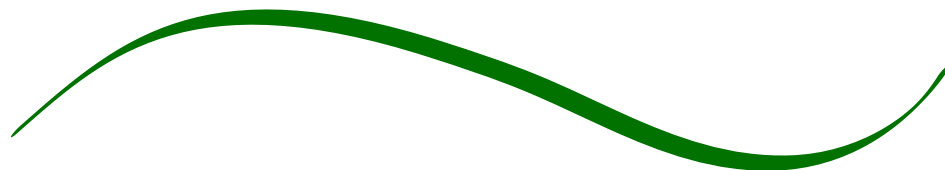


2024 Poinsettia Dedications

Dedication By	<i>In Memory Of...</i>
Christine Armendariz	Margaret Wayne
Jerra Lynne Beckhart	Don Beckhart
Carol & Lars Boeryd	Kerstin & Arne Boeryd and Åsa
Carol & Lars Boeryd	Maryedith & Bill Fleenor
Jim Brown	Marv Fabyanske
Joanna Capelle	Don Capelle
Katherine Cash	May light perpetual shine on Normie, Fr. Norm Freeman
Daria Clement	Ted Schafer
Jack Clement	Dr. Nancy S. Clement
Patrick Day	In Memory of Gerri Day
Barbara Frink	In loving memory of an amazingly wonderful son, Bradley Frink
Barta Gaywood	John Chapman, Brother
Barta Gaywood	Douglas Gaywood, Husband
Patty Georges	my brother Robert Skafte
Ardis Ghobrial	In memory of my husband Mourad and my sister Evelyn Fanous
Carol Grabski	Bob Grabski
Carol Grabski	Merle Chapman
Ryan C. Harvey	Alma "Oma" Edwards Harvey
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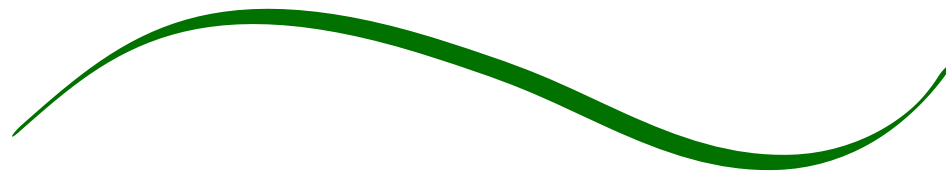


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Molly Levegood	William Levegood, Beloved Father and Husband
Molly Levegood	Lee and Shirley McDuff, grandfather & grandmother to Mary, Will & Jim
Molly Levegood	Frances Gleason Levegood, Gigi to Mary, Will & Jim
Barbara E. Liddy	Kathryn & John Liddy from daughter Barbara Liddy
Barbara E. Liddy	Schlenk Family from niece Barbara Liddy
Foy & Ray Miller	Our parents, Elma and Harold Moore and Ray and Ethyl Miller
Eileen O'Hern	Gene and Lois O'Hern
Eileen O'Hern	Jennie Lee Batson
Che Park	Shin O. Park
Greg & Linda Rankin	Family and Friends
Diane Smith	Rhe Press, mother, and Herb Disbrow, father
Bill Sutfin	John Sutfin, Glen Ellyn, Illinois
Bill Sutfin	Gwen Sutfin's brother, John Getzelman of Palos Verdes, California
Manal Tadros	In loving memory of my mother Evelyn F. Fanous
David Troup	In loving memory of Penny Troup Prol
Marcia Tyler	Edward Rousek
John & Ardyss Wherry	Phillip Wherry
Royce & Darlene Wise	Loved Ones
Kay Yoon	my husband Jong Yoon





Dedication By	<i>In Honor Of...</i>
Joanna Capelle	In honor of my precious grandchildren
Elizabeth Carlisle	Isabella (Karma) Carlisle - with love and prayers
Patrick Day	Elsa Day
Carol Frogue	my family
Carol Frogue	the Elders for their devotion to Geneva
Tom Jenkins	All my friends and family
Im Sook Lee	Geneva Chancel Choir Members
Im Sook Lee	Geneva Shut-in Members
Im Sook Lee	Geneva Volunteers
Rebecca Njoroge	Christine Njoroge
Diane Smith	Leo Press, step-dad
Royce & Darlene Wise	Our Family



Advent and Christmas Season

December 22 — Next Sunday, December 22, is the Fourth and final Sunday of Advent. We will light the Love Candle on our Advent Candle Wreath.

December 24 — Our Christmas Eve service will be at 4:00pm. Come prepared to sing familiar carols, and to celebrate the gift and sacrament of communion. We will finally light the Christ Candle! And we will close our service with the singing of Silent Night together on the courtyard. Please join us!

December 29 — ...begins Christmastide! Christmas carols continue, and themes of the birth of Christ continue to be explored.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LESSONS AND CAROLS

TODAY, December 15, Sanctuary

Our morning worship service today is a service of Lessons and Carols, retelling the story of the birth of Christ. Our readers represent the different areas of ministry at Geneva, and our Chancel Choir, organist, soloists and guests bring the music—with your help, of course!

FA-LA-LA LUNCHEON

TODAY, December 15, immediately following worship, Simpson Hall

The Fa-La-La Luncheon is today in Simpson Hall immediately after this morning's service. There is no ticket cost; a free-will donation may be made to help offset the cost of food. Please come, even if you weren't able to register.

GENEVA BOOK GROUP

Tuesday, December 17, 1-2pm in the Annex or via Zoom

Normally meeting the 4th Tuesday of the month, the group will meet one week early due to the Christmas Eve holiday. This month's book is *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*, by C.S. Lewis. Call the church office for more information.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Saturday, December 21, 7:30-9am

Join us this Saturday in McLennan Lounge or by Zoom. We are currently studying the book of Luke, and we welcome your participation!

WALK WITH US

Saturday, December 21

The walk for Patrick's Purpose Foundation is this Saturday, December 21. You may walk even if you missed the Registration deadline! Cost of \$35/participant; \$125/family

includes t-shirt and lunch ticket for participants. Meet in Geneva's parking lot at 9:30 am to carpool; if your child/youth will ride in a car other than your own, they must be registered for the event on Geneva's website: genevapres.org/events.



IN MEMORIAM

John Lee

We mourn the passing of John Lee on December 1. John was ordained as an elder at Korean Presbyterian Church of New York in 1977, and

after moving to Southern California, he and his wife, Grace, joined Geneva in 2014. The family will hold a private service at El Toro Memorial Park. Please keep John's wife in prayer during this time of loss.

SANCTUARY HEARING LOOP

Our sanctuary is looped for better hearing aid reception of *amplified* (not acoustic) sound. Sit in any of the three main sections downstairs—they are all looped—or sit in the choir loft **, set your hearing aid to "T" or "M/T", and adjust the volume. Sit closer to the center of the looped area for better sound.

** *This option requires a robe, folder, and Thursday rehearsals.*

OPPORTUNITY FOR ADVENT GIVING

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

Through December 22

Supporting the PCUSA's Christmas Joy Offering honors God's gift of Jesus Christ by providing assistance to current and retired church workers in their time of need and developing future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.

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