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February 2-9 CALENDAR

For a complete listing of
regular activities and
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IN COMMUNITY WITH



Geneva
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Loving God • Loving Others • Making Disciples

February 2, 2025

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

TODAY'S SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Steele
God Transforms the People

TEXTS

Psalm 111
2 Kings 25:8-11
Psalm 137:1-6
Jeremiah 29:1, 3b-7, 10-14



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 or connect directly at [YouTube.com/genevapresbyterianchurchoc](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCq0v3y3v3v3v3v3v3v3v3v3)

TODAY'S GREETERS

Jerra Lynne Beckhart and **Marcia Tyler** are welcoming you to worship today. To one another they are sisters; to Geneva, servers. Join them! Volunteer in an area that suits your passions and abilities.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Prelude in B minor from Well-Tempered Clavier, Book 2 J. S. Bach
Charlotte Hsieh, organ

Welcome

The Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Steele

Call to Worship†

Joanna Capelle, elder

Psalter Reading: Psalm 111 (OT p691)

Congregational Hymn

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven *Glory to God #619*

Prayer of Confession†

Moment for Connecting

Children up to 5th grade are escorted to classrooms.

Old Testament Reading: 2 Kings 25:8-11 (OT p445)

Psalter Reading: Psalm 137:1-6 (OT p709)

Anthem

Gonna Sit Down and Rest Awhile Patti Drennan
Julia Sapeta, soprano; Brennan Bastanchury, baritone
Geneva Chancel Choir; Eileen O'Hern, director

*On this road filled with trouble, many burdens weigh me down.
Days can often be cloudy, and hope cannot be found.
When I'm laden with sorry, and I stumble and fall,
Jesus takes me in His loving arms. He hears me when I call.*

*I need to sit down, and talk with my Jesus;
sit down, forget all of my trials;
sit down, and let Him fill my spirit;
sit down, and just rest in Him awhile.*

*I know Jesus is listening. I know He hears my prayer
when I find myself burdened with more than I can bear.
As I walk through the valleys, I should have no fear.
Help me, Lord, to depend on you. Your voice I long to hear.*

*It's time to sit down, and talk with my Jesus;
sit down, forget all of my trials;
sit down, and let Him fill my spirit;
sit down, and just rest in Him awhile.*

† The *Call to Worship* and *Prayer of Confession* are adapted and/or taken from *Connections Worship Companion*, Year C, Volume 1 (Louisville, Kentucky: Westminster John Knox Press, 2021).

No more will I carry this load.
No more will I go it alone, 'cause
Jesus already knows my trials.
Jesus, I give my life to You.

It's time to sit down, and talk with my Jesus;
sit down, forget all of my trials;
sit down, and let Him fill my spirit;
sit down, and just rest in Him awhile.

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 29:1, 3b-7, 10-14 (OT p894)

Congregational Hymn

I Will Call upon the Lord

Glory to God #621

Message: *God Transforms the People*

Pastoral Prayer

Musical Offering

The Lord's Prayer

Josephine Forsyth
Tony Gonzales, tenor

*Our Father, which art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name.
Thy kingdom come.*

Thy will be done in earth, as it is in Heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

*And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil:*

*For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory,
Forever and ever, Amen!*

Introduction of New Members

Saul Bonilla Lopez; John and Ardyss Wherry

Congregational Hymn

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above

Glory to God #41

Life at Geneva

Opportunity to Be Generous

Blessing

Postlude

'Little' Fugue in G minor, BWV 578

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

The *Feasting on the Word*
curriculum used for the
lectionary scripture is the basis
for study for this class.

Leadership duties rotate
among participants, and
discussions veer into how
scripture relates to current
events.

** Geneva Youth (6th-12th grade)

also meets Tuesdays

6-8pm

Room 29 (Youth Room)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEET & GREET LUNCH

TODAY, February 2nd, 11:35am in McLennan Lounge

Newcomers are invited to come break bread with Pastor Elizabeth and Geneva elders to learn more about the church and for current Genevans to introduce a guest to our church family. Please register at genevapres.org/events.

OFFICE CLOSED ON TUESDAY

Tuesday, February 4

The office will be closed on Tuesday, February 4, to enable the staff to attend necessary HR training.

IN MEMORIAM

Tom Jenkins

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, February 22, at 10am in the Sanctuary, to celebrate the life of elder **Tom Jenkins**, who passed away January 1.

ORGAN CONCERT

Saturday, February 22, Sanctuary

Prof. Pierre Méa, Chief Organist of the Reims Cathedral, will give a concert in our Sanctuary on February 22 at 5pm. The evening will include a fundraising auction in Simpson Hall sponsored by American Friends of the Organ, but you may attend the concert without purchasing a ticket to the auction. Admission to the concert is free; donation suggested.

YOUTH WINTER CAMP

February 28 - March 2

All youth, register now to attend a weekend of fun together in Lake Hughes! The cost is \$100 per student; scholarships are available to assist, and transportation to Lake Hughes will be provided by the church.

YOUTH "TURN YOUR CAMPUS"

Saturday, February 8

Turn Your Campus is an event at Biola University that trains youth leaders who want to have an impact for Christ on their school campus. The cost is \$24.99; register at genevapres.org.

GIVING AND SHARING

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

Wildfire Response

PDA has already released emergency grants to meet urgent needs and provide immediate assistance for victims of the LA wildfires. Please continue to support PDA in their mission to meet critical needs of people around the world, as we can now certainly feel and identify with the need for tangible support. Donate on Geneva's website (choose Presbyterian Disaster Assistance from the drop-down menu), or write "PDA" on the memo line of your check. Thank you for your compassionate gifts.

2024 GIVING STATEMENTS

...were emailed and mailed (via USPS) over a week ago. If you did not receive a statement or have questions regarding your statement, please contact Angie Najarian, business manager, at anajarian@genevapres.org or 949-387-2323. You can also check your pledge progress at any time by logging in to the church center app, and choosing the "me" tab.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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 the practice! Email us at prayer@genevapres.org. You can serve at home, in the office, or in line at the grocery store. Also let us know if you are able to help coordinate the team.

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

Susan August-Brown

Sunshine Chiu

Beth Coombs

Norm Coombs

Sandy Corbin

Babs Frink

George Marsh

Phil Riddick

Jennifer Strickland

Louann and Ross Van Riper

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