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January 19-26 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.

IN COMMUNITY WITH



Geneva
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Loving God • Loving Others • Making Disciples

January 19, 2025

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

TODAY'S SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Steele
The Last Test

TEXTS

Psalm 36:5-12
Exodus 19:1-9a
Ephesians 6:10-18
Luke 4:1-13

VISION ~ MISSION

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/UCv3p8v8v8v8v8v8v8v8v8v8)

TODAY'S GREETERS

Verena Macchia and **Shirley Fargo** are welcoming you to worship today, representing the Deacons. Known as the heart of Geneva, Deacons minister to each and every one of us in our hour of need.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Bagatelle on "Jesus Loves Me"

John Barr
Charlotte Hsieh, organ

Welcome

The Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Steele

Call to Worship†

Mark Reed, elder

Psalter Reading: Psalm 36:5-12 (OT p627)

Congregational Hymn

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Glory to God #39

Prayers of Intercession†

Moment for Connecting

Children up to 5th grade are escorted to classrooms.

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 19:1-9a (OT p81)

Musical Offering

Come unto Him

from *The Messiah*; G. F. Handel
Julia Sapeta, soprano

*Come unto Him, all ye that labor,
come unto Him that are heavy laden,
and He will give you rest.*

*Take His yoke upon you and learn of Him,
for He is meek and lowly of heart,
and ye shall find rest unto your souls.*

Epistle Reading: Ephesians 6:10-18 (NT p238)

Anthem

Still I Sing Alleluia

Kyle Pederson, incorporating *LOCH LOMOND*
Geneva Chancel Choir; Eileen O'Hern, director

*With Spirit before me, with Spirit behind,
with Spirit below and beside me;
with Spirit all around, even where affliction's found,
I will sing, I will sound, "Alleluia."*

*When darkness descends and the night never ends,
when my shadows and demons surround me;
when questions I spin echo answerless within,
even then, even then, "Alleluia."*

† 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).

Alleluia, still I sing Alleluia,
Open us to You 'til we sing Alleluia.

Weave joy in our gain, bring us hope in our pain;
hear all prayers that we offer to you, Lord;
Breathe life into death, draw us closer with each breath,
that our lips may confess, "Alleluia."

Alleluia....

So praise, praise the Father, and praise, praise the Son,
praise the Spirit who moves in and through all.

All creation sound the word so profound;
let us sing, let us live, Alleluia!

Alleluia... Still I sing Alleluia.

Congregational Hymn

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

Glory to God #775

Gospel Reading: Luke 4:1-13 (NT p74)

Message: *The Last Test*

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Opportunity to Be Generous

Ordination and Installation of Deacons, Class of 2027

Congregational Hymn

When Peace Like a River

Glory to God #840

Life at Geneva

Blessing

Postlude

The Kingsford Trumpet

Alfred V. Fedak

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

OFFICE CLOSED FOR MLK

Monday, January 20

The office will be closed tomorrow, January 20, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

GENEVA BOOK GROUP

4th Tuesday, 1pm in the Annex

Geneva Book Group will meet next week, January 28. All are welcome to join the discussion; January's book is *The Enchanted April*, by Elizabeth Von Arnim. See you next week!

IN MEMORIAM

Tom Jenkins

A memorial service is planned for Saturday, February 22, to celebrate the life of elder **Tom Jenkins**, who passed away January 1. A member of Geneva for many years, Tom served as both a deacon and an elder. At the time of his passing he was the elder and chair of the HR Ministry Team. The service will be held at 10am in the sanctuary. Please keep Tom's family in your prayers as they mourn their loss.



IN MEMORIAM

Helen Kim

Former member **Helen Kim** passed away peacefully on December 20. Helen and her husband John joined Geneva in 1977 and sang in the chancel choir for many years.

NEW MEMBER EXPLORATION

Saturday, January 25, 9:30am-12pm, Annex

Why join Geneva Presbyterian Church? Where do I fit in? If you've been worshipping with us for awhile and these are some of the questions you're asking, you may be ready to take the next step in belonging at Geneva.

SERVICE of COMFORT and HOPE

Saturday, January 25, 4pm, Chapel

In the wake of holidays, devastation of wildfires, or any of life's difficulties, if you are feeling pain or loss, there is hope. Come experience God's loving care at this special service.

GIVING AND SHARING

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

Wildfire Response

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) responds to the emergency in Southern California:

PDA is in close communication with three affected Presbyteries, providing emotional and spiritual care, and has already released emergency grants to meet urgent needs of the communities and provide immediate assistance. 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 gift.

RALPHS GROCERY DONATES...

a percentage of your purchase to Geneva when you link your Ralphs card to their Community Contribution Program. Go to <http://bit.ly/3PquuKG> and follow the instructions to link your card. You will need to search for Geneva Presbyterian Church of Laguna Woods in order to complete your enrollment. Thank you!

EYEGASSES DONATIONS

Donate used glasses—including sunglasses and reading glasses—using the Lion's Club Recycle for Sight collection box in the church office. Help provide usable eyeglasses to people throughout the world!

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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
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PRAYER LIST

Susan August-Brown
Sunshine Chiu
Beth Coombs
Norm Coombs
Sandy Corbin
Babs Frink

George Marsh
Phil Riddick

Jennifer Strickland
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