

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LINE DANCING HIATUS

February 20 - March 2

The Geneva Line Dancing Class which usually meets on Mondays and Thursdays, will be going on a short hiatus. Class will resume Monday, March 6 at 3:30pm.

MEET OUR GUEST PREACHER

Rebecca Njoroge, a ninth grader at El Toro High School, is a gifted thinker and inquisitive young theologian. Because Geneva wants to take the voices of our young people seriously, Rebecca was invited by Pastor Steve to preach and she has spent months preparing with Pastor Ryan. Rebecca has been attending Geneva since 2012 with her mother and father, Christine and Sam, and sister Elizabeth. Thank you, Rebecca, for the hard work you've put in to sharing your message with us.

MEET & GREET LUNCH

Sunday, March 5, 11:30am

Visitors and guests are invited to join Pastor Steve in Simpson Hall for a light lunch directly after worship to chat, ask questions and discover how we can help you connect with the church. Register at genevapres.org/ events or call the church office at 949-837-2323.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS

Sunday, March 12

This is just a reminder to "spring forward" by setting your clocks one hour ahead.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, March 12, 11:30am

The Stated Meeting of the Congregation will be held in the Sanctuary immediately following worship to elect Elders for the Class of 2026 and any vacancies. This is important for the life of Geneva and your vote matters. Thank you!

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

Sunday, March 12 & 19, 11:30am

A verse by verse exposition of Philemon will address the similarities in societal ethics between the 1st Century CE and the 21st Century CE. A light lunch will be served. A donation is suggested.

GPW LUNCHEON

Wednesday, March 15, 12pm

Geneva Presbyterian Women invite all women to join them for an architectural tour of the church examining intentional design features meant to express and celebrate our Christian faith. Please bring a dish to share.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Give **now through April 9** to the PC(USA) *One Great Hour of Sharing* offering. The programs supported – Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People – work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. Give online at genevapres.churchcenter.com/giving (choose *One Great Hour of Sharing* in the dropdown menu) or use the special envelope in your offering envelope box. *NOTE: Envelope delivery for 2023 has been delayed due to production issues. Hopefully by the time you read this they are in hand. Thank you for your patience!*

GIVE TO EARTHQUAKE RELIEF




There's still time to help those effected by the 7.8 magnitude earthquake which struck near the Turkey-Syria border by supporting the *Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Fund*. You may do this by donating online at genevapres.org/giving, choosing *Presbyterian Disaster Assistance* in the dropdown menu. Please make check donations out to Geneva Presbyterian Church with *Presbyterian Disaster Assistance* indicated in the memo line.

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OFFICE INFORMATION

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Office Hours: Monday-Thursday,
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

Irvine Taiwanese Presbyterian Church

Worship service Sundays at 10am in the chapel. Albany Lee, Pastor
albany.lee@gmail.com/irvinetpc.org

The Geneva School
Education for K-8th Grade
Gina Bonecutter, Head of School
genevaschooloc.org 949-377-1616

Our MISSION

To remember, tell, and live the way of Jesus by being just, kind and humble. Geneva also is an inclusive congregation, who together are...

Worshipping

"O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!"
– *Psalm 95:6*

Learning

"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."
– *2 Peter 3:18*

Connecting

"Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."
– *Galatians 6:2*

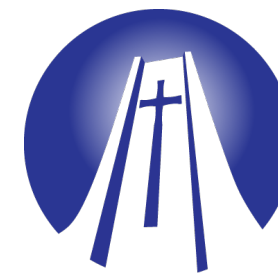
Giving

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."
– *Matthew 6:21*

Serving

"When Jesus saw the crowds, he had compassion on them...Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.'
Matthew 9:36-38

IN COMMUNITY WITH



Geneva
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Loving God • Loving Others • Making Disciples

February 26, 2023

First Sunday in Lent

CURRENT SERMON SERIES

Obedience: "The Spiritual Disciple For Transformation"

TODAY'S SERMON

Rebecca Njoroge
"Delight in the Wisdom of God"

TEXTS

Genesis 2:15-17
Psalm 32
Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11

Thank you to today's door greeters!

Ruling elders *Elena Bennett* and *Penny Prol* are welcoming us to worship this morning. Elders are church members elected by the congregation to serve as the governing body of the church, known as Session. Meet all of our ruling elders at genevapres.org/elders.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

10:30am – On Campus
Join us in the Sanctuary. Masks recommended but not required.

10:30am – Online
Connect at genevapres.org,
[Youtube](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...) ([youtube.com/](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...)
[genevapresbyterianchurchoc](https://www.facebook.com/genevapresbyterianchurchoc)) or
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SUNDAY CLASSES

KIDS DROP-OFF & PICK-UP
(infant through 5th grade)
9-10am - Room 2
10:30-11:30am
Nursery Rm 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.

7pm - High School Hang
To participate, email Pastor Ryan at
rromberg@genevapres.org

9AM ADULT CLASSES
Exploring the Bible Together in
the Annex
The Network in McLennan Lounge
The Bible Project in the Saddleback
Room

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude
Invocation in A minor Alexandre Guilmant, arr. Frank W. Asper
Charlotte Hsieh, organ

Welcome The Rev. Ryan Romberg

Life at Geneva
Reception of New Members: *Dianne Hunziger, Ardi Laessig, Vonny Pangemanan, Diane Smith*

Psalter Reading: Psalm 32 (page OT 623) Jane Kingston, elder

Call to Worship†

Congregational Hymn
Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise Glory to God #12

Prayer of Confession†

Passing of the Blessing

Epistle Reading: Romans 5:12-19 (page NT 189)

Musical Offering
O, Divine Redeemer Charles Gounod
Holly Moore Harvey, mezzo-soprano
Juanita Tsu, piano

*Ah, turn me not away, receive me though unworthy.
Hear Thou my cry, Behold, Lord, my distress!
Answer me from Thy throne, Haste Thee, Lord, to mine aid!
Thy pity show in my deep anguish,
Let not the sword of vengeance smite me,
Though righteous Thine anger, O Lord!
Shield me in danger, O regard me!
On Thee, Lord, alone will I call!
O divine Redeemer! I pray thee grant me pardon,
And remember not my sins! Forgive me!
Night gathers round my soul
Fearful, I cry to Thee,
Come to mine aid, O Lord!
Haste Thee, Lord, haste to help me!
Hear my cry, Save me, Lord in Thy mercy;...
Come and save me, O Lord!
O divine Redeemer!...*

† The Call to Worship and Prayer of Confession are adapted and/or taken from *Feasting on the Word, Liturgies for Year A, Vol I* (Louisville, Kentucky: Westminster John Knox Press, 2013).

*Save in the day of retribution
From death shield Thou me, O my God!
O divine Redeemer, have mercy!
Help me Savior!*

Gospel Reading: Matthew 4:1-11 (page NT 3)

Anthem
Over My Head African American Spiritual, arr. John Bell
Geneva Chancel Choir; Holly Moore Harvey, mezzo-soprano
Eileen O’Hern, director

*Over my head, I hear music in the air;
Over my head, I hear music in the air;
Over my head, I hear music in the air;
there must be a God somewhere.
Oh, when the world is silent, (I hear music in the air)
Oh, when the world is silent, (I hear music in the air)
Oh, when the world is silent, (I hear music in the air),
there must be a God somewhere.
Over my head, I hear music in the air....
And when I’m feeling lonely, (I hear music in the air)....
Over my head, I hear music in the air....
Now when I think on Jesus, (I hear music in the air)....
Over my head, I hear music in the air....
there must be a God somewhere.*

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 2:15-17 (page OT 2)

Message: *Delight in the Wisdom of God* Rebecca Njoroge

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Congregational Hymn
When the Poor Ones Glory to God #762

Moment for Mission
One Great Hour of Sharing

Opportunity to Be Generous

Blessing

Postlude
They’ll Know We Are Christians Peter Scholtes; arr. Wilbur Held
Charlotte Hsieh, organ

WEEKLY CALENDAR February 27-March 5

Time	Event / Location
Monday 2/27	
8am	Rowdies /Ann
10am	Chair Yoga / Zoom
Tuesday 2/28	
3:30pm	Stephen Ministry Training / Library
Wednesday 3/1	
10am	Chair Yoga / Zoom
6pm	Youth Program / OC
Thursday 3/2	
7:30pm	Chancel Choir / CR
Friday 3/3	
11am	Al-Anon / Ann
Saturday 3/4	
7:30am	Men’s Bible Study / SB
Sunday 3/5	
9am	Geneva Kids/Rm 2
9am	Geneva Youth/Rm 29
9am	Exploring the Bible / Ann
9am	The Network / ML
9am	The Bible Project / SB
10am	ITPC Worship / CHAP
10:30am	Worship / San
11:30am	Meet & Greet Lunch / SH
7pm	High School Hang/OC

Location Key:
Ann = Annex
CHAP = Chapel
CY = Courtyard
CW = Campus Wide
CR = Choir Room
EB = Education Bldg.
FB = Facebook
LIB = Library
ML = McLennan Lounge
OC = Off Campus
PL = Parking Lot
SB = Saddleback Rm
San = Sanctuary
SH = Simpson Hall
YR = Youth Room
YT = YouTube
Z = Zoom