

IN COMMUNITY WITH



Geneva

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Loving God • Loving Others

ONLINE WORSHIP

Sundays, 10:30am
(until further notice)



December 13, 2020

Third Sunday of Advent

CURRENT SERMON SERIES

Jesus' Message: You Are Family

TODAY'S SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Steven M. Marsh

"You Aren't What You Have"

TEXTS

Psalm 126; John 1:6-8, 19-28

Geneva Presbyterian Church is a congregation aspiring to remember, tell and live the way of Jesus and encouraging others to join us on the journey.

Online Worship

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Visit us on the web genevapres.org

Click *Coronavirus Resources* on the home page to connect and receive assistance during the pandemic.

First-Time Guests

We're glad you're here! Help us get to know you by texting WELCOME to (949) 575-8675.

Village TV Rebroadcast

Rewatch worship services any time on YouTube, Facebook, or view the previous week's service on Laguna Woods Village TV (Channels 6, 6.1 or 406) Saturdays at 11am.

Beginning January 3, the

Village TV Rebroadcast

moves to Sundays at 10:30am

on the same channels.

Give Online @

genevapres.churchcenter.com/giving

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Countdown

Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome

The Rev. Dr. Steven M. Marsh

Life at Geneva

Call to Worship

The Rev. Dr. Howard Hsieh

One: The Promised One of God brings good news to the oppressed and binds up the brokenhearted.

Many: We are witnesses to the light of Christ!

One: The Promised One of God proclaims liberty to captives and release to prisoners.

Many: We are witnesses to the light of Christ!

One: The Promised One of God comforts all who mourn and gives a mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.

Many: Rejoicing always, praying without ceasing, holding fast to what is good, we are witnesses to the light of Christ!

Musical Offering

Like a Child, I Wait Ruth Elaine Schram

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 126

Prayer of Confession

Passing of the Blessing

Musical Offering

Advent Hymn Christy Nockels

Gospel Reading: John 1:6-8, 19-28

Prayer of Illumination

Message

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Closing Thoughts

Benediction



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Regular Online Activities



SUNDAY CONNECTION

9am – Jesus & Jammies

Join Mr. Glen and company for live streaming of the Geneva Kids large group story.

10:30am – Live Stream Worship

Connect through genevapres.org, [YouTube](#) or [Facebook](#). Need assistance? Call the church during office hours at 949-837-2323.

11:30am – Exploring the Bible Together

Delve deeper into the Bible and fellowship together during this Zoom discussion.

11:30am – The Network

Discuss the morning's sermon and current events with this welcoming group via Zoom.

7pm - High School Hang

This weekly Zoom group provides a non-judgmental refuge for students to be authentically themselves. To participate, [join the secure high school group](#) online to get more info and password for the Zoom call. Questions? Email Pastor Ryan at rromberg@genevapres.org.

WEEKLY ZOOMIN'

If you have a computer, phone or tablet, you can participate in Geneva activities from home through ZOOM, a video conferencing app. If you need help getting started, email us at info@genevapres.org or call the church office. Learn more at genevapres.org/zoomactivities.

Support

STEPHEN MINISTRY

We have many Stephen Ministers serving the Geneva family. If you are struggling emotionally or spiritually our Stephen Ministers can provide additional care and support. If you are in need, email us at caring@genevapres.org. All requests are confidential. Learn more at genevapres.org/stephenministry.

PRAYER

Email us your prayer request at prayer@genevapres.org and our team of prayer warriors will lift up your concerns. All requests are strictly confidential.

Our MISSION

To make passionate followers of Jesus Christ who are...



Connecting

"Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."

– Galatians 6:2



Learning

"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

– 2 Peter 3:18



Worshipping

"O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!"

– Psalm 95:6



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.'"

Mark 9:36-38



Giving

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

– Matthew 6:21



WORSHIPPING



CHRISTMAS EVE LIVE STREAM WORSHIP

5 & 11pm

Geneva offers two live stream worship opportunities Christmas Eve to experience the joy of the Christmas story as told through lessons and carols. With the central candle of our Advent wreath lit—the Christ candle—we celebrate the fulfillment of God's promise of salvation in this tiny baby born so long ago in Bethlehem.

Join us as we hear from some of our members and families reading from God's word the amazing account of the birth of Christ, from our praise band and chancel choir sharing music and carols of the season, and from Pastor Steve as he brings us a timely and timeless Christmas Eve message.

If you have not yet participated in online worship, we encourage you to do so for this night of inspiration and

celebration. If you have a computer, tablet or smartphone, you may connect to live stream worship through our website, genevapres.org, [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com) or [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com). If you need assistance, please don't hesitate to contact the church office at 949-837-2323.

HOLIDAY WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

During these unprecedented times worship is now more important than ever to help us stay connected to the one who knows us the best and loves us the most. Join us for live stream worship at genevapres.org.

- **Sunday, December 20**
10:30am Live Stream
- **Thursday, December 24**
5pm & 11pm Live Stream
- **Saturday, December 26**
11am Channel 6 Rebroadcast of December 20 worship
- **Sunday, December 27**
10:30am Live Stream
- **NEW DAY & TIME!**
Sunday, January 3
10:30am Channel 6
Rebroadcast of December 27
worship
- **Sunday, January 3**
10:30am Live Stream

VILLAGE TV REBROADCAST TIME CHANGE

Begins: **Sunday, January 3**
New Time: **10:30am**

During the pandemic, many people living in Laguna Woods Village have enjoyed watching a rebroadcast of our Sunday online worship service every Saturday at 11am on Village TV Channels 6, 6.1 or 406. We are pleased to report that what we thought was going to be a temporary opportunity is now going to be a permanent offering with a new day and time. **Beginning January 3, the rebroadcast will air every Sunday at 10:30am.** As with the Saturday rebroadcast, we will be airing the previous week's service.

CURRENT SERMON SERIES

Books still available

The Bobby Schuller book *You Are Beloved: Living In The Freedom Of God's Grace, Mercy, And Love* is the resource for Pastor Steve's current series, *Jesus' Message: You Are Family*. Books are available for \$10. Call the church office at 949-837-2323 or email us at info@genevapres.org for a copy.



CONNECTING

LAS POSADAS CAR SCAVENGER HUNT & SING-ALONG

Sunday, Dec 20, 6-7:30pm

Posadas is a Hispanic traditional retelling of Mary and Joseph's search for lodging in Bethlehem. In this interactive recreation of their journey, from the safety of your car, Bible characters at each station will provide clues to follow until you arrive safely at the manger with a live nativity and drive-in Christmas sing-along. All are invited but participation is limited to 25 cars. [Click here to learn more and register.](#)



PRAYER LIST

[Click here to request prayer.](#)

Paul Arndt	Harriett & Bink
Beth Coombs	Lewis
Norm Coombs	Mark Matthews
Lorna Dawson	Kurt Messerschmidt
Mary Enser	Jackie Overfield
Sue Haffley	Mark Reed
Esther Karlson	Colleen Sullivan
Hank Green	Jim & Pati Toole

Our Church Prayer: Almighty God continue to mold me into a strong presence of Jesus in words and deeds. Thank you for calling me beloved. I am not what I do or what others say about me. I am defined by my identity in Jesus. May others see Jesus in me. In the name of Jesus I pray, Amen.



GIVING

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

Now through December 31

This Presbyterian Church (USA) special offering addresses the support needed by some of our leaders, including supporting leadership development for communities of color, and providing support for Presbyterian church workers in their time of need. [Give online here](#) and choose "Christmas Joy" in the dropdown menu or use the special envelope found with your offering envelopes.

GENEROSITY CAMPAIGN UPDATE

A record **64%** of our members have pledged a total of \$613,866 thus far during this year's campaign. That's amazing! We're inching closer, but we're still **\$82,096** short of what is needed. Every pledge counts, no matter what the amount. If you have already sent in your pledge, please prayerfully consider increasing the amount to help us cover the deficit. To adjust your pledge, call Gary at 837-4765 x203 or email him at gpado@genevapres.org. Thank you for your faithfulness.

ALTERNATIVE GIFT MARKET THANK YOU!

A gigantic *Thank You* to everyone who purchased items through the *Alternative Gift Market* for friends and family this year. In total, the Market was responsible for over \$8,000 in gifts which are now on their way to our mission partners to directly support their ministries. Kudos to the Missional Life team for doing an amazing job organizing another successful campaign.



ADMINISTRATION

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING UPDATE

Due to the coronavirus, the recent Congregational meeting was conducted by email over a two-day period. It was determined there was a quorum as 87% of members can be reached by email. With 86 members voting yes, 37% of the membership of 269 voted to elect Kathleen Hagan, Wendy McCalley, and Mary & Glenn Payne to the office of Deacon in the Class of 2023. Thank you all for your participation.

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OFFICE CLOSED

The office remains closed until further notice in response to the mandates from the governor's office. Please continue to do church business via phone and email and use the drop slot in the library door for deliverable items. Thank you for your understanding.

24-Hour Emergency Line

Dial 949-837-2323, press #1 and leave a message with your name and phone number. You will be contacted by the pastor on call as soon as possible.



PRESCHOOL

The *Geneva* *Children's Center*

preschool welcomes children age 2-6. Year-round programs are available. Potty training not required. Learn more at genevacc.org or call Director Sherry Hoselton to schedule a visit at **949-581-2200**.

LEADERSHIP

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