

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

April 21, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Easter

SERMON SERIES

Celebrating the Resurrection in a Broken World

TODAY'S SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Steele

"Wholeness Needs Community"

TEXTS

Psalm 107:1-3, 33-38

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

Hebrews 10:21-25

John 15:12-13

Thank you to today's door greeters!

Elders *Rod Kingston* and *Cynthia Conners* are welcoming you to worship this morning. Elders are the governing body of the church elected by the congregation. Learn more about our current ruling elders at genevapres.org/elders.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

10:30am – On Campus

Join us in the Sanctuary.

10:30am – Online

Connect at genevapres.org,
[Youtube \(youtube.com/genevapresbyterianchurchoc\)](https://www.youtube.com/genevapresbyterianchurchoc)

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.

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. Led by rotating leaders,
discussions veer into how scripture
relates to current events.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Shall We Gather at the River

Joe Utterback
Charlotte Hsieh, organ

Welcome

Call to Worship†

Greg Rankin, elder

Psalter Reading: Psalm 107:1-3, 33-38 (OT p687)

Congregational Hymn

We Praise You, O God

Glory to God #612

Prayer of Confession††

Moment for Connecting

Children up to 5th grade are escorted to classrooms.

Musical Offering

Impromptu in Eb Major, Op. 90 No. 2

Franz Schubert
Kwangho Seo, piano

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 (OT p894)

Musical Offering

Lead Kindly, Light

Ciro Pinsuti; words by John Henry Newman
Tony Gonzales, tenor

Lead, kindly Light, amid th'encircling gloom,

Lead thou me on!

The night is dark, and I am far from home.

Lead thou me on!

Keep thou my feet; I do not ask to see

The distant scene, one step enough for me.

I was not ever thus, nor prayed that Thou
shouldst lead me on;

I loved to choose and see my path; but now,
Lead thou me on.

I loved the garish day, and spite of fears
Pride ruled my will, remember not past years.

So long thy power hath blest me, sure it still
Will lead me on

O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till
The night is gone;

And with the morn those angel faces smile,
Which I have loved long since, and lost a while.

† From the *Ministry Matters* website (<https://www.ministrymatters.com/>); 4/17/24.

†† Written by Stephen Fearing, posted on *re:Worship* website (<https://re-worship.blogspot.com/>); 4/17/24).

Epistle Reading: Hebrews 10:21-25 (NT p272)

Anthem

The Whisper

Craig Courtney; words by Susan Bentall Boersma
Geneva Chancel Choir; Eileen O'Hern, director

*In the desert, in the wilderness of life,
I am searching for the One who searches me.
As I wander, hungry, thirsty, lost, alone,
I hear God's call; I hear the whisper of my name.*

*"Come to the table. Your name is written on My hand.
Come to the table. Your name is hidden in My heart.
Come to the table, come to the table and live."*

*At the table, He prepares for me a place.
He redeems me, I am pardoned by His grace.
He restores me with His rich and lavish love.
In His call, I hear the whisper of my name.*

*"Come to the table. Your name is written on My hand.
Come to the table. Your name is hidden in My heart.
Come to the table, come to the table and live."*

In His call, I hear the whisper of my name.

Gospel Reading: John 15:12-13 (NT p134)

Congregational Hymn

Spirit, Open My Heart

Glory to God #692

Message: *Wholeness Needs Community*

Pastoral Prayer

Congregational Hymn

When Hands Reach Out and Fingers Trace

Glory to God #302

Life at Geneva

Opportunity to Be Generous

Blessing

Postlude

Fugue in D major, BWV 532

J. S. Bach

WEEKLY CALENDAR

April 22-28

Time Event / Location

Monday 4/22

Earth Day!

Do 1 thing to help the planet.

8am Rowdies / Ann
3:30pm Line Dancing / SB

Tuesday 4/23

8am-8pm Polly's Fundraiser / OC
1pm Book Club / Ann
6:30pm Chair Yoga / Zoom

Wednesday 4/24

6pm Youth Group / YR
6:30pm Session Meeting / Ann

Thursday 4/25

3:30pm Line Dancing / SB
6:30pm Chair Yoga / Zoom
7:30pm Chancel Choir / CR

Friday 4/26

11am Al-Anon/ Ann

Saturday 4/27

7:30am Men's Bible Study / ML
10am Book Discussion / ML

Sunday 4/28

9am Geneva Kids/Rm 2
9am Geneva Youth/Rm 29
9am The Network / ML
10am ITPC Worship / CHAP
10am Courtyard Cafe
10:30am Worship / San & Online

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EARTH DAY

Monday, April 22nd

Our Generosity Team encourages you to participate in Earth Day. Christians acknowledge that we are stewards of the earth, called by God to “work it and take care of it” (Genesis 2:15). Pick up a list of what you can do to celebrate Earth Day, *and every day*, in the church office or at the Welcome Center outside the Sanctuary. Download the list at genevapres.org.



GENEVA BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, April 23rd, 1-2pm, Annex

Whether a seasoned bibliophile or occasional reader, you're welcome to join this group. *Becoming Mrs. Lewis* by Patti Henry is the book being discussed in April. *The Lost Bookshop* by Evie Woods is the focus for May. To participate via zoom, join the group at genevapres.churchcenter.com/groups.

GPW POLLY'S FUNDRAISER

Tuesday, April 23rd, 8am-8pm

Present a Polly's Pies fundraiser flyer to your server at the Laguna Woods location and 20% of your bill will be donated to Geneva Presbyterian Women. Flyers are available on the courtyard, in the church office or download at genevapres.org/events.

TEA TICKETS ON SALE NOW

This year's event is Saturday, May 4th

This afternoon of fellowship is hosted by Geneva Presbyterian Women. Buy tickets (\$5) Sundays on the courtyard, in the church office or online at genevapres.org/events. Make seating requests at time of purchase.

PASTER SEARCH UPDATE

Step #5 - Discerning Geneva's mission

Step #6 - Mission Study Plan

In the 2023 Annual Report we presented a *Call Process Check List* outlining the steps to calling a new pastor. A copy of this list along with a description of what the church is doing to accomplish the next steps is available at the Welcome Center on Sunday mornings and in the church office. The document has also been sent in our weekly eNews email. We encourage all Genevans to get involved in the process!

JOIN THE DISCUSSION

As we discern Geneva's mission, we invite the entire congregation to join us in a discussion of two books by author N. Graham Standish.

- **Book #1 Discussion:**
Saturday, April 27th, 10-11:30am
...*And the Church Actually Changed.*
- **Book #2 Discussion:**
Sunday, May 19th, 11:35am - 1pm
Preaching to Those Walking Away. A light lunch will be provided.

Buy at genevapres.churchcenter.com or in the church office while supplies last. Pick up purchased book(s) in the church office. You may also buy directly at amazon.com.

O'NEILL/BOYER SCHOLARSHIP

Deadline is April 30th.

Time is running out to apply for this academic scholarship. Visit genevapres.org/scholarships for eligibility requirements and to complete an application.

2024 PER CAPITA ASSESSMENT

This year the Presbytery has assessed us **\$40.65** per Geneva member (not per family) as the amount we submit to help operate the Presbytery. Your tax deductible donation helps ensure that pledge contributions are not used for this obligation. Donate online at genevapres.churchcenter.com/giving or in an offering envelope.

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OFFICE INFORMATION

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Mon. -Thurs., 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
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