

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

May 12, 2024

Seventh Sunday of Easter

SERMON SERIES

Celebrating the Resurrection in a Broken World

TODAY'S SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Steele

"It's All About Love"

TEXTS

James 2:14-17

Deuteronomy 14:28-29

Psalm 15

Matthew 25:31-40

Thank you to today's door greeters!

Mary Gonzales and Emily Tosh are representing Geneva Presbyterian Women (GPW). This group meets monthly at the church for food and fellowship as well as in individual, smaller groups for bible study (called "circles"). Call the church office at 949-837-2323 if you are interested in becoming a circle member. All are welcome!

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

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

arr. Dale Wood
Charlotte Hsieh, organ

Welcome

The Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Steele

Epistle Reading: James 2:14-17 (NT p279)

Call to Worship†

Cynthia Conners, elder

Congregational Hymn

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

Glory to God #396

Prayer of Confession†

Moment for Connecting

Children up to 5th grade are escorted to classrooms.

Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 14:28-29 (OT p214)

Musical Offering

A Mother's Love

Mark Patterson
Holly Moore Harvey, mezzo-soprano
Matthew Prichard, clarinet; Juanita Tsu, piano

*Blessed are a mother's arms that hold a tiny child.
Blessed are her whispered prayers for one so meek and mild.
Through the years the child will learn of wonders up above,
but safe within a mother's arms the child will know God's love.*

*Blessed are a mother's hands that work to do God's will.
Blessed are her simple deeds that show us how to give.
As we grow and find a world of challenges to face,
a mother's loving sacrifice still teaches us God's grace.*

*Blessed is a mother's love renewed by faith each day.
Blessed are her words of comfort when we lose our way.
Some may learn to place their trust in riches here below,
but a mother's love reminds us of the treasure heaven holds.*

Psalter Reading: Psalm 15 (OT p609)

† The *Call to Worship* and *Prayer of Confession* are adapted and/or taken from *Connections Worship Companion, Year B, Volume I* (Louisville, Kentucky: Westminster John Knox Press, 2022).

Anthem

Thy Name Is Love music by James Hopkins; text by Charles Wesley
Geneva Chancel Choir; Matthew Prichard, clarinet
Eileen O'Hern, director

*O Jesus, Lord, who died for me,
I hear thy whisper in my heart.
The morning breaks, the shadows flee,
pure Universal Love thou art:
to me, to all, thy mercies move—
thy nature, and thy name is Love.*

*My prayer hath power with God;
the grace unspeakable now I receive;
through faith I see thee face to face,
I see thee face to face, and live!
In vain I have not wept and strove—
thy nature, and thy name is Love.*

*I know thee, Savior, who thou art,
Jesus, the feeble sinner's friend;
nor wilt thou with the night depart,
but stay and love me to the end:
thy mercies never shall remove,
thy nature, and thy name is Love.*

Congregational Hymn

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy *Glory to God #435*

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:31-40 (OT p35)

Poem: *A Story of Love* Roddy Hamilton
Read by Jane Kingston

Message: *It's All About Love*

Pastoral Prayer

Congregational Hymn
We Are One in the Spirit *Glory to God #300*

Life at Geneva

Opportunity to Be Generous

Blessing

Postlude
Sent Forth by God's Blessing traditional Welsh Melody
arr. Dale Wood

WEEKLY CALENDAR

May 13-19

Time Event / Location

Monday 5/13

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

Tuesday 5/14

6pm Youth Group / YR

Wednesday 5/15

Thursday 5/16

3:30pm Line Dancing / SB
7:30pm Chancel Choir / CR

Friday 5/17

11am Beckhart Memorial / San
11am Al-Anon/ Ann

Saturday 5/18

7:30am Men's Bible Study / ML
4pm Chinese Chorus / San

Sunday 5/19

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
11:35am Book Discussion / ML

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

YOUTH GROUP MEETING CHANGE *Now Tuesdays, 6-8pm, Youth Room*

Geneva youth (6th-12th grade) will now be meeting Tuesday instead of Wednesday evenings. Led by seasoned youth director Saul Bonilla, the night includes dinner (please bring \$5 to contribute), Bible study, games, worship and small group time. Friends are welcome and encouraged.

BECKHART MEMORIAL *Friday, May 17th, 11am*

The memorial service for Geneva member **Don Beckhart**, who passed away March 10th, will be held Friday, May 17th, at 11am in the Sanctuary. A reception will be held following the service at the home of Brian and Debbie Penderghast.

IRVINE CHINESE CHORUS *Saturday, May 18th, 4pm*

Geneva is proud to once again host the Irvine Chinese Chorus for their Spring concert, entitled **Away....** This non-profit group, which sings in Chinese, English and other languages, is the largest Chinese choir in Orange County. The concert is free. Donations are welcome.

PENTECOST CONCERT *Sunday, May 19th, 10:30am in the Sanctuary*

Come enjoy this special concert in our morning worship service presented by Geneva's Music Ministry. The program will highlight the manifestation and work of the Spirit of God throughout the history of God's people, from the beginnings of creation until today. Consider bringing a guest. It's a wonderful opportunity to introduce someone new to Geneva.



JOIN THE DISCUSSION

Sunday, May 19th, 11:35am - 1pm

As we discern Geneva's mission, we invite the congregation to join a discussion of the N. Graham Standish book, **Preaching to Those Walking Away**. The book may be purchased online at **amazon.com**. A light lunch will be served. Donations welcome.

DOING CHURCH DIFFERENTLY

Video Exploration, May 26 - June 16

Creative, alternative ways to do church are emerging all over the world. For four consecutive weeks, we invite you to stay after the Sunday service for about fifteen minutes to view a few examples of some of these alternative configurations. THESE VIDEOS ARE NOT SUGGESTIONS FOR GENEVA, but are meant to stimulate our creativity as we consider ways we may better reach our community. Sorry, no popcorn!

POOL PARTY BBQ

Sunday, May 26th, 3pm

Geneva youth (6th-12th graders) and their families invite the congregation to a pool party BBQ at the residence of Dave Lammert (25872 Prairiestone Drive, Laguna Hills). Burgers, hotdogs and drinks will be provided. Please bring a side dish to share, and if swimming, sunscreen and a towel. R.S.V.P. by **Friday, May 24** by calling the church office at 949-837-2323.

LINE DANCING

*Monday & Thursday,
3:30-4:30pm in the
Saddleback Room*

This low impact exercise is good for the mind and body. It's also a great way to meet new people. It's only \$5 per person, per class. No need to register and no experience necessary! Just show up and join the fun.

CONNECT

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OFFICE INFORMATION

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Office Hours:

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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