

# 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

**September 10, 2023**

Homecoming Sunday!

## CURRENT SERMON SERIES

Words & Deed Part 2: "Really! They Are Life Changing"

## TODAY'S SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Steven M. Marsh

"From What Is Urgent and Immediate to Mundane and Mechanical"

## TEXTS

Ezekiel 33:7-11

Psalm 119:33-40

Romans 13:8-14

Matthew 18:15-20

## Thank you to today's door greeters!

Howard Prol and Ray Miller are welcoming you today, representing the Men's Bible Study group which meets the first and third Saturdays at 7:30am in McLennan Lounge.

## SUNDAY WORSHIP

### 10:30am – On Campus

Join us in the Sanctuary.

### 10:30am – Online

Connect at [genevapres.org](http://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.

### 9AM ADULT CLASSES

- *Exploring the Bible Together*, Annex
- *The Network*, McLennan Lounge
- *The Bible Project*, Saddleback Room

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

*"Fugue in G minor" BWV 578*

J.S. Bach  
Charlotte Hsieh, organ

Welcome

The Rev. Dr. Steven M. Marsh

Life at Geneva

Moment for Ministry Barbara Lorenzen, elder, and Elizabeth Tedrow

Epistle Reading: Romans 13:8-14 (NT page 197)

Janet Marsh

Call to Worship†

Congregational Hymn

*The Church's One Foundation*

*Glory to God #321*

Prayer of Confession†

Moment for Connecting

(Children up to 5th grade are escorted to classrooms.)

*Let Us Build a House*

*Glory to God #301, v. 5*

Anthem

*A Noble Theme*

Joseph M. Martin  
Geneva Chancel Choir; Eileen O'Hern, director

My heart is stirred by a noble theme.

My spirit soars as I raise my voice to the King.

My heart is stirred by a noble theme.

My spirit soars when I sing.

Lord, Your name is excellent. Your works are glorious!

Lord, You are clothed in splendor and majesty.

Your throne is crowned with grace and light eternal.

You are the King of glory! You are holy.

Holy holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!

God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

My heart is stirred by a noble theme.

My spirit soars when I sing.

Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-11 (OT page 982)

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

Musical Offering

*Within These Walls*

Pepper Choplin

Holly Moore Harvey, mezzo-soprano; Juanita Tsu, piano

Within these walls, we assemble.

Within these walls, we gather in Your name.

As we join our hearts in a holy union, we come to find communion  
in Your holiness again.

Within these walls, let there be harmony,  
a common bond, a Spirit from above.

And as Your children let us love each other as sisters and as brothers  
united by Your love.

We are the branches, You are the Vine.  
We are the vessels and You are the Wine.

We are the body, You are the Head.  
For every hunger, You are the Bread.

Within these walls, let there be refuge,  
a place of rest when doubts and trials form.

And let us lift each other as we gather  
to find Your peace no matter how terrible the storm.

We are the branches...

Within these walls, give us your vision.

Within these walls, let us understand  
that beyond these walls there are hurting people  
who have never felt your healing hand.

Beyond these walls, send us forward.  
Beyond these walls, let Your will be done.

We are Your people, You will leave us never, and we shall work together  
until Your kingdom comes.

Within these walls, let us listen.

Within these walls, let us pray.

Psalter Reading: Psalm 119:33-40 (OT page 697)

Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:15-20 (NT page 24)

Message: *From What Is Urgent and Immediate to Mundane and Mechanical*

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Opportunity to Be Generous

Congregational Hymn

*Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether*

*Glory to God #529*

Blessing

Postlude

*"Allegro assai vivace" from Organ Sonata No.1*

Felix Mendelssohn

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

September 11-17

Time Event / Location

### Monday 9/11

8am Rowdies / Ann

10am Chair Yoga / Zoom

3pm Line Dancing / SB

### Wednesday 9/13

10am Chair Yoga / Zoom

6pm Youth Group / YR

### Thursday 9/14

3pm Line Dancing / SB

7:30pm Chancel Choir / CR

### Friday 9/15

11am Al-Anon / Ann

### Saturday 9/16

7:30am Men's Bible Study / ML

9:30am New Member Experience

### Sunday 9/17

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 & 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

### THE BIBLE PROJECT

*Sundays, 9am in the Saddleback Room*

In September, the Gospel of Mark will be explored through video, lecture and discussion. Pastor Ryan will lead the first two Sundays and Pastor Steve will lead the third and fourth Sundays.

### UNDIE SUNDIE

#### TODAY!

Because underwear is the most needed item for homeless men, we've asked anyone attending this Sunday's Homecoming Sunday worship service to donate a package of **NEW, adult men's** underwear – boxers, briefs, athletic fit – to help our male neighbors served by the Orange County Rescue Mission. Donations may be placed in the clearly marked bin on the courtyard. Thank you!



### HOMECOMING SUNDAY

#### LUNCHEON TODAY!

*Sunday, September 10*

*Immediately following worship.*

To usher in autumn in style, Geneva is joining forces with our friends from ITPC (Irvine Taiwanese Presbyterian Church) to host a free luncheon in Simpson Hall. Traditional Chinese dishes and pulled pork is on the menu! There is no need to register, just show up with your smile and appetite!

### LINE DANCING RESUMES

*Monday, September 11 • 3:30pm in the Saddleback Room*

Line dancing is a great, low impact exercise, and a fun way to meet new friends! It's free, no need to register and no experience necessary. Join the group every Monday and Thursday at 3:30pm in the Saddleback Room.

### NEW MEMBER EXPERIENCE

*Saturday, September 16 • 9:30am in McLennan Lounge*

This class is for those who are ready for membership or want to discover what it means to become a Geneva member. We'll discuss: *Why join the church?, What are the benefits of belonging?, How do I find my fit?* and more. Register at [genevapres.org/events](http://genevapres.org/events).

### GPW MONTHLY LUNCHEON

*Wednesday, September 20 • 12pm in Simpson Hall*

All women are invited to attend monthly luncheon gatherings featuring fun speakers, activities and engaging fellowship. This month, GPW welcomes Dr. Ron Shackelford, as he presents "The Jesus of Joy".

### YOUTH GROUP HEADS TO TRABUCO PRESBYTERIAN

*Wednesday, September 20 • 7-8pm*

Geneva Youth, grades 6-12, will be meeting with the Youth Group of Trabuco Presbyterian Church (31802 Las Amigas Dr, Trabuco Canyon, CA 92679) for a night of food, fun, and a beautiful message. Students will need to arrange their own transportation to and from Trabuco Presbyterian.

### NEWSLETTER CORRECTION

Whoops! A mistake was made in the September *Geneva News* newsletter. We thanked the wrong people! The August worship tech volunteers were **Shirley Fargo** and **Kwangho Seo**. We regret the error, especially because we are so grateful for these "tech angels" for serving as support for the live-streaming of our 10:30am worship service. **Sebong Kang** and **Linda Erickson** are our tech angels for September. Come join the team! It's easy to learn and no experience is necessary. Email elder Kwang Seo at [kseo1948@gmail.com](mailto:kseo1948@gmail.com) if interested.

## CONNECT

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### GENEVA ONLINE

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 [facebook.com/genevapresoc](https://facebook.com/genevapresoc)

 [youtube.com/genevapresbyterianchurchoc](https://youtube.com/genevapresbyterianchurchoc)

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### CAMPUS PARTNERS

#### Geneva Children's Center

Preschool for children age 2-6  
Amy Lussier, Director / 949-581-2200  
[genevacc.org](http://genevacc.org)

#### Irvine Taiwanese Presbyterian Church

Worship service Sundays at 10am in the chapel. Albany Lee, Pastor  
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#### The Geneva School

Education for K-8th Grade  
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