

# 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 3, 2023**

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

### CURRENT SERMON SERIES

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

### TODAY'S SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Steven M. Marsh

"Being a Stumbling Block and Stepping Stone"

### TEXTS

Jeremiah 15:15-21

Psalm 26:1-8

Romans 12:9-21

Matthew 16:21-28

**Thank you to today's door greeters!**

You have been greeted this morning by current session members  
Barbara Lorenzen and Patty Georges.

## 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

*Trumpet in Dialogue*

Louis Nicolas Clerambault  
Charlotte Hsieh, organ

Welcome

The Rev. Dr. Steven M. Marsh

Life at Geneva

Psalter Reading: Psalm 26:1-8 (OT page 619)

Call to Worship†

Mark Reed, elder

Congregational Hymn

*Lift High the Cross*

*Glory to God #826*

Prayer of the Day†

Moment for Connecting

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

*Let Us Build a House*

*Glory to God #301, v. 5*

Let us build a house where all are named,  
their songs and visions heard  
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed  
as words within the Word.

Built of tears and cries and laughter,  
prayers of faith and songs of grace;  
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:  
all are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 15:15-21 (OT page 877)

Musical Offering

*O Lord on High*

W. A. Mozart; words by Virginia P. Marwick  
Tony Gonzales, tenor

O Lord on high, we pray Thee guide us,  
And keep our souls in Thine own care;  
When dark our way, with light provide us,  
Teach us Thy righteousness to share.  
Lead Thou us on thro' dangers low'ring,  
Be Thou our shield in fears o'erpow'ring;  
Oh, let Thy mercy e'er be our guard,  
Over our life keep watch and ward.

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

Epistle Reading: Romans 12:9-21 (NT page 197)

Anthem

*And Can It Be?*

Dan Forrest; words by Charles Wesley  
Geneva Chancel Choir; Eileen O'Hern, director

And can it be, and can it be? Amazing love, how can it be?  
And can it be that I should gain an int'rest in the Savior's blood?  
Died He for me who caused His pain?  
For me who Him to death pursued?

Amazing love! how can it be  
that Thou my God, shouldst die for me?

He left His Father's throne above, so free, so infinite His grace;  
Emptied Himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race;  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free; for, O my God, it found out me.

And can it be? Amazing love, how can it be?

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus and all in Him is mine!  
Alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach th'eternal throne,  
and claim the crown through Christ my own.

Amazing love, how can it be  
that Thou, my God shouldst die for me?.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 16:21-28 (NT page 107)

Message: *Being a Stumbling Block and Stepping Stone*

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Congregational Hymn

*I, the Lord of Sea and Sky*

*Glory to God #69*

Opportunity to Be Generous

Blessing

Postlude

*Voluntary Op. 5, No. 9*

John Stanley

## WEEKLY CALENDAR September 4-10

Time Event / Location

### Monday 9/4

Office Closed for Labor Day

8am Rowdies / Ann

10am Chair Yoga / Zoom

### Wednesday 9/6

10am Chair Yoga / Zoom

6:30pm Youth Group / YR

### Thursday 9/7

7:30pm Chancel Choir / CR

### Friday 9/8

11am AI-Anon / Ann

### Saturday 9/9

10am Fanous Memorial / San

### Sunday 9/10

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

11:30am Homecoming Luncheon / SH

#### 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

### OFFICE CLOSED

The Geneva office will be closed Monday, September 4, for Labor Day.

### 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.

### MEET & GREET LUNCH

*Sunday, September 3 • 11:45am in McLennan Lounge*

Visitors and guests are invited to join us for a light lunch directly after worship to chat, ask questions and discover how we can help you connect with the church. This is a great first step if you are interested in Geneva membership. Register at [genevapres.org/events](http://genevapres.org/events).

### UNDIE SUNDIE

*Donate now through Sunday, September 10*

Underwear is the most needed item of clothing for homeless men. This is why we are asking for donations of **NEW, packaged, adult** men's underwear – boxers, briefs, athletic fit – to help our male neighbors served by the Orange County Rescue Mission. Drop off donations at the church office during the week or bring them to "Undie Sundie" September 10th.



### HOMECOMING SUNDAY LUNCHEON

*Sunday, September 10 • 11:30am in Simpson Hall*

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 immediately following worship. There is no need to register, just show up with your smile and appetite!

### RESUMING PROGRAMS

The following programs are up and running again after a summer hiatus:

- **Youth Group:** Grades 6-12 are now meeting every Wednesday in the Youth Room from 6:30-8:30pm. Large group meetings are the 1st, 3rd and 5th Wednesdays, and small groups meet the 2nd and 4th weeks. Questions? Contact Pastor Ryan at [rromberg@gevevapres.org](mailto:rromberg@gevevapres.org).
- **Chancel Choir:** Rehearsals have resumed Thursdays in the Choir Room at 7:30pm. New voices are always welcome!
- **Line Dancing:** Begins September 11, Mondays and Thursdays from 3:30-4:30pm in the Saddleback room. It's free, no need to register and no experience necessary!

### 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".

## CONNECT

### PASTORS

**The Rev. Dr. Steven M. Marsh**

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### GENEVA ONLINE

 [genevapres.org](http://genevapres.org)

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

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

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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](http://genevacc.org)

**Irvine Taiwanese Presbyterian Church**

Worship service Sundays at 10am in the chapel. Albany Lee, Pastor  
[albany.lee@gmail.com](mailto:albany.lee@gmail.com)/[irvinetpc.org](http://irvinetpc.org)

**The Geneva School**

Education for K-8th Grade  
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[genevaschooloc.org](http://genevaschooloc.org) / 949-377-1616