

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

August 20, 2023

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

CURRENT SERMON SERIES

Words & Deeds Part 1: "They Matter"

TODAY'S SERMON

The Rev. Ryan Romberg

"How I Met the Other"

TEXTS

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Psalm 67

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Matthew 15:21-28

Thank you to today's door greeters!

Zoe (age 9) and Daisy (age 7) Stiso, accompanied by grandparents, Linda and Richard Erickson, are welcoming everyone to worship this morning.

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.

9AM ADULT CLASSES

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Trumpet Tune

Robert Lind
Charlotte Hsieh, organ

Welcome

The Rev. Ryan Romberg

Life at Geneva

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 (OT page 839)

John McCallum, elder

Call to Worship†

Congregational Hymn

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

Glory to God #265

Prayers of Intercession†

Moment for Connecting

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

Epistle Reading: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 (NT p195)

Musical Offering

Oh, Peter, Go Ring Them Bells

traditional; arr. Howard Helvey
Holly Moore Harvey, mezzo-soprano
Juanita Tsu, piano

*Oh, Peter, go ring them bells, Peter, go ring them bells,
Peter, go ring them bells, I heard from Heaven today....*

*I heard from Heaven today, I heard from Heaven today.
I thank God and I thank you too, I heard from Heaven today.*

I wonder where my mother is gone,...I heard from Heaven today.

*I wonder where brother Moses is gone,
I wonder where brother Daniel's gone,
They's gone where Elijah's gone, I heard from Heaven today.*

*I heard from Heaven today, I heard from Heaven today.
I thank God and I thank you too, I heard from Heaven today.*

Oh, Peter, go ring them bells,...

*I heard from Heaven today, I heard from Heaven today.
I thank God and I thank you too, I heard from Heaven today.*

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

Gospel Reading: Matthew 15:21-28 (NT page 20)

Message: *How I Met the Other*

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Congregational Hymn
O for a World

Opportunity to Be Generous

Litany of Blessing
adapted from Psalm 67

Postlude
All Glory Be to God on High

Glory to God #372

arr. Michael Burkhardt
Charlotte Hsieh, organ

SERMON NOTES:

WEEKLY CALENDAR

August 21-27

Time Event / Location

Monday 8/21

8am Rowdies / Ann
10am Chair Yoga / Zoom

Tuesday 8/22

1pm Women's Book Club /
Zoom & Ann

Wednesday 8/23

10am Chair Yoga / Zoom

Friday 8/25

11am Al-Anon / Ann

Saturday 8/26

9am Dementia Seminar / SH

Sunday 8/27

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 Special Congregational
Meeting / San

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

IN MEMORIAM

It is with a heavy heart that we announce the August 13th passing of Geneva member **Evelyn Fanous**.

A retired accountant, Evelyn joined the church in 2000 and served many years in the Geneva business office. As a member of the Geneva Presbyterian Women's Lydia circle, she also served as treasurer of GPW and received a lifetime member award from the national GPW organization. Evelyn was a loyal friend, a faithful servant and a valued member of our congregation. Memorial service information is pending.



WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, August 22 • 1-2pm in Annex

The book for August is *The Whistling Season* by Ivan Doig. To participate online, join the group at genevapres.churchcenter.com/groups to receive an email with the Zoom meeting ID. For technical assistance, call the church office at 949-837-2323 or email us at info@genevapres.org.

DEMENTIA EDUCATION SERIES

Saturday, August 26 • 9am-11:30am in Simpson Hall

If dementia or Alzheimer's has touched your world, we invite you to attend the first of three free educational offerings presented by Alzheimer's of Orange County and hosted by Geneva. The first topic is: **Living with Dementia: Making Each Day Count**. Whether a caregiver or someone with the disease, learn how incorporating faith-based values lightens the journey and provides you with additional support. A continental breakfast will be provided. RSVP to Aaron Leal at a.leal@alzoc.org.

MISSION SUNDAY GUEST PREACHER

August 27 • 10:30am

As part of our Mission Sunday celebration, we welcome **LaVal Brewer**, President and CEO of South County Outreach as a guest preacher. Join us in welcoming Mr. Brewer, and show your support for our mission partners around the corner and around the world.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, August 27 • 11:30am

A Special Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, August 27th immediately after worship for the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between Pastor Steve and the Congregation. This meeting is a required step as outlined in the Presbyterian Church (USA) Book of Order for any pastor to retire. Geneva members are encouraged to attend.

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.

HOMECOMING SUNDAY LUNCHEON

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

To usher in autumn in style, the 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!

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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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