

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

July 16, 2023

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

CURRENT SERMON SERIES

Words & Deeds Part 1: "They Matter"

TODAY'S SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Steven M. Marsh

"Soil, Seeds, and Sowers"

TEXTS

Isaiah 55:10-13

Psalm 65:9-13

Romans 8:1-11

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Thank you to today's door greeters!

Dave Lammert and Glenn Payne, representing the "Rowdies", are welcoming everyone to worship this morning. This group meets every Monday at the church from 8am-12pm for fellowship and facility repairs. Come lend a hand!

SUNDAY WORSHIP

10:30am – On Campus

Join us in the Sanctuary. Masks recommended but not required.

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.

7pm - High School Hang

To participate, email Pastor Ryan at
rromberg@genevapres.org.

9AM ADULT CLASSES

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Rhosymedre

Ralph Vaughan Williams
Dr. Herbert Geisler, organ

Welcome

The Rev. Dr. Steven M. Marsh

Life at Geneva

Psalter Reading: Psalm 65:9-13 (OT page 649)

Call to Worship†

Jane Kingston, elder

Congregational Hymn

For the Beauty of the Earth

Glory to God #14

Prayer of Confession†

Moment for Connecting

Epistle Reading: Romans 8:1-11 (NT page 191)

Musical Offering

The Call

music by Ralph Vaughan Williams
text by George Herbert
Stephen Oey, baritone

*Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:
Such a Way, as gives us breath:
Such a Truth, as ends all strife:
Such a Life as killeth death.*

*Come, My Light, my Feast, my Strength:
Such a Light, as shows a feast:
Such a Feast, as mends in length:
Such a Strength, as makes his guest.*

*Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:
Such a Joy, as none can move:
Such a Love, as none can part:
Such a Heart, as joys in love.*

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 55:10-13 (OT page 839)

† The *Call to Worship* and *Prayer of Confession* are adapted and/or taken from *Feasting on the Word, Liturgies for Year A, Vol II* (Louisville, Kentucky: Westminster John Knox Press, 2013).

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

Anthem

This Is My Word

Pepper Choplin

Geneva Chancel Choir, Eileen O'Hern, Director

*As the snow falls from heaven as it comes in swirling showers from the sky,
so is my Word.*

*As the rains bring the water to the earth that is thirsty and dry,
so is my Word*

*And the Word of my mouth, it shall not return empty;
it will bless the earth wherever it is heard.
This is my Word.*

*As the rains bring renewal and the tender buds begin to come alive,
so is my Word.*

*Giving seed to the sower, and the bread to the hungry 'til they thrive,
so is my Word.*

*And the Word of my mouth, it shall not return empty;
it will bless the earth wherever it is heard.
This is my Word.*

*O Lord, when I am weary, when I feel the days I'm living are in vain,
my God, help me be faithful to the Word You have given to proclaim.*

*And you will go out in joy and be led forth in peace,
and the hills will break before you into song.
So be faithful, brave, and true, for I will go before you.
And when your earthly journey here is done,
I'll say well done!*

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 (NT page 16)

Message: *Soil, Seeds, and Sowers*

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Prayers of Intercession^{††} and The Lord's Prayer

Congregational Hymn

May They See Christ

Richard A. Nichols and Chris Anderson

Give Him Glory, p9

Opportunity to Be Generous

Blessing

Postlude

Fantasia on "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

John Behnke

Dr. Herbert Geisler, organ

WEEKLY CALENDAR

July 17-23

Time Event / Location

Monday 7/17

8am Rowdies / Ann

9am VBS / CW

10am Chair Yoga / Zoom

Tuesday 7/18

9am VBS / CW

Wednesday 7/19

9am VBS / CW

10am Chair Yoga / Zoom

Thursday 7/20

9am VBS / CW

Friday 7/21

9am VBS / CW

11am Al-Anon / Ann

Sunday 7/23

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

11:45am Pastor's Bible Study / 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

PASTOR RETIREMENT FAQ'S AVAILABLE

Have questions? We have answers.

Pastor Steve recently announced his retirement. His last day in the pulpit will be December 31st. Understandably, this announcement has raised many questions. To provide some answers, we have prepared a "Frequently Asked Questions" document to clarify the reasons for his retirement and how the church will proceed going forward. A printed version of the FAQs will be sent to all member households with the August newsletter. It is also available at the courtyard welcome booth on Sundays and in the church office. Additionally, you may access it from our website and a link will be sent in the weekly eNews. If you have questions not covered in the document, email them to info@genevapres.org. We will be adding to the FAQs as we move along in the process. Thank you for your faithfulness and support.

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY "THE KEY TO FOLLOWING JESUS" - TODAY

Sunday, July 9, 16 & 23 • 11:45am in McLennan Lounge

Immediately after 10:30am worship Pastor Steve continues Part II of the series *The Key to Following Jesus*, a verse-by-verse study of Matthew 7 from the Sermon on the Mount. Questions and discussion are encouraged! A light lunch will be served. A donation is suggested.

VBS SUNDAY

July 23 • 10:30am-12:30pm

Our annual week of Vacation Bible School concludes with kids singing the songs they learned in worship. Join us for popcorn and snow cones afterwards on the courtyard!



SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

July 23 - August 6

Our annual school supply drive begins in earnest July 23rd. This year, we will be collecting items for students and teachers to be delivered to our friends and mission partners at San Joaquin Elementary School, a Title I school in Laguna Hills. The list of needed items is available online at genevapres.org/events, or pick one up on the courtyard or in the church office. Bring donations to the church during office hours or on Sundays beginning July 23rd.

LIVE STREAM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Thank you to June volunteers **Ben Romberg** and **Liz Njoroge**, and **Janet Marsh** and **Im Sook Lee** for stepping up in July, to serve as technical support for the live streaming of our 10:30am service. Live streaming allows people not able to attend in-person worship to enjoy the same experience as those on campus. It takes a little extra effort to make it happen, but it's worth it. We have had 400+ real-time views since we began this new process in February. We need additional volunteers so we are not overtaxing those who have already stepped up to help. Anyone can be trained to volunteer for this ministry. It's not difficult, and **you don't have to be a tech genius** to serve on the team! Contact Worship Celebration elder Kwangho Seo at kseo1948@gmail.com if interested.

PEANUT BUTTER AND CEREAL

Our friends and mission partners at the South County Outreach Food Pantry desperately need unexpired peanut butter and cereal to help their customers. Donations may be placed in the grocery cart on the courtyard on Sundays and in the church office during the week. Thank you!

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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
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