

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

November 5, 2023

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

CURRENT SERMON SERIES

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

TODAY'S SERMON

The Rev. Ryan Romberg
"The Humility Paradox"

TEXTS

Micah 3:5-12

Psalm 43

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13

Matthew 23:1-12

Thank you to today's door greeters!

Elsa Day and *Christine Njoroge*, representing our Prayer Warriors, are welcoming you to worship this morning. Email prayer requests to this dedicated group at prayer@genevapres.org, or call the church at 949-837-2323.

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

Trio Sonata No. 1 in Eb Major, BWV 525, I Allegro J.S. Bach
Charlotte Hsieh, organ

Welcome

The Rev. Ryan Romberg

Life at Geneva

Call to Worship†

Elizabeth Tedrow

Congregational Hymn

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty! Glory to God #35

Old Testament Reading: Micah 3:5-12 (OT page 1057)

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

Psalter Reading: Psalm 43 (OT page 634)

Musical Offering

I Sing the Mighty Power of God arr. Anna Laura Page
words by Isaac Watts
Holly Moore Harvey, mezzo-soprano
Juanita Tsu, piano

*I sing the mighty pow'r of God, that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.*

*I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
the moon shines full at His command, and all the stars obey.*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him, all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host.

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

*There's not a plant or flow'r below, but makes Thy glories known;
and clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from Thy throne;
while all that borrows life from Thee is ever in Thy care;
and ev'rywhere that man can be, God is present there.*

I sing the great and mighty pow'er of God!

Epistle Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 (NT page 248)

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

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

Anthem

Nothin' Gonna Stumble My Feet

music by Greg Gilpin
words by John Parker

Geneva Chancel Choir; Eileen O'Hern, director

*I been a-walkin' with the Lord for many a day.
(Nothin' gonna stumble, stumble my feet.)
Tryin' to abide in the straight and narrow way.
(Nothin' gonna stumble, stumble my feet.)*

*But when my time on earth is done and I hear my name,
Oh, when my time on earth is done these weary feet are gonna run.*

*Not gonna stammer, not gonna trip,
not gonna stumble, no, I'm not gonna slip.
No nothin' gonna stumble, stumble my feet,
when I go to walk that golden street.*

*Now the devil is a liar and a cheater, too....
And if he gets his way, he'll make a slider out of you....*

*But if you listen for the Spirit's voice
in the moment of truth,
Oh, if you listen for the Spirit's voice,
He'll help you make the right choice.*

*Not gonna stammer, not gonna trip...
Not gonna waver, falter, sway or fall.
Not gonna tumble or slide.
Not gonna waver, falter, sway or fall.
Not gonna stumble at all!*

*Not gonna stammer, not gonna trip....
Not gonna stumble, stumble my feet!*

Gospel Reading: Matthew 23:1-12 (NT page 31)

Message: *The Humility Paradox*

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Opportunity to Be Generous

Congregational Hymn

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

Glory to God #729

Blessing

Postlude

Trio Sonata No. 1 in Eb Major, BWV 525, III Allegro

J.S. Bach

WEEKLY CALENDAR

November 6-12

Time Event / Location

Monday 11/6

8am Rowdies / Ann
10am Chair Yoga / Zoom
3:30pm Line Dancing / SB

Tuesday 11/7

Wednesday 11/8

10am Chair Yoga / Zoom
6pm Youth Group / YR

Thursday 11/9

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

Friday 11/10

11am Al-Anon / Ann

Saturday 11/11

Sunday 11/12

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

2024 GENEROSITY CAMPAIGN

It's not too late to pledge!

Thank you to those who have already presented pledge cards for our 2024 Generosity campaign. We have received **78%** of the donations needed to reach our pledge income goal for 2024. It's not too late to contribute to this year's campaign. You may do so online at genevapres.org/give or call Geneva Business Manager, Gary Pado, at 949-837-2323.

GPW CHRISTMAS SILVER TEA

Ticket sales begin today!

All women are invited to join this annual Geneva Presbyterian Women Christmas celebration **Saturday, December 2nd**, 12-2pm. Purchase tickets (\$5) on the courtyard before or after worship, in the church office or at genevapres.org/events. Please make seating requests at time of ticket purchase. Tickets are limited so don't delay!

GPW POLLY'S FUNDRAISER

Tuesday, November 14, 8am-8pm

Present a Polly's Pies fundraiser flyer to your server at the Laguna Woods location and 20% of your bill will be donated to Geneva Presbyterian Women. Flyers are available on the courtyard, in the church office or download at genevapres.org/events.

GPW NOVEMBER LUNCHEON

Wednesday, November 15, 12pm in Simpson Hall

Prior to the Silver Tea in December, Geneva Presbyterian Women will host their regular monthly luncheon. After food and fellowship, in November attendees will be guided on an architectural tour of the church examining intentional design features meant to express and celebrate our Christian faith. Please bring a dish to share. All women are invited!

YOON MEMORIAL SERVICE

A memorial service will be held **Friday, November 17th at 4pm** in the Sanctuary for Genevan **Dr. Jong Sik Yoon** who passed away Friday, October 6th. A reception will immediately follow in Simpson Hall.

FRIENDSGIVING

Saturday, November 18, 6-8pm in the Geneva Youth Room

Youth 6th-12th grade are invited for a night of gratitude and good food! We are asking students to bring a food item to share with the rest of the group for a true Thanksgiving feast. Please register at genevapres.org/events by **November 11**.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, November 19, 11:30am

A Stated Meeting of the Congregation will be held in the Sanctuary immediately following worship to elect the following:

- 1) Deacons for the Class of 2026: **Wendy McCalley, Ruth Niebuhr, and Verena Macchia,**
- 2) One Deacon unexpired term for the Class of 2024: **Christine Armendariz,** and
- 3) One unexpired Elder term for the Class of 2024: **Elena Bennett.**

Thank you to these Genevans for serving the church in these roles.

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

Sunday, November 19, 11:45am in McLennan Lounge

Join Pastor Steve immediately after worship as he leads this final study, "The Problem With Evil", to explore various biblical texts that highlight the problem of evil in everyday life. A light lunch will be served and donations are suggested to cover the cost.

CONNECT

PASTORS

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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
genevaschooloc.org / 949-377-1616