

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 24, 2023

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

CURRENT SERMON SERIES

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

TODAY'S SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Steven M. Marsh
"Everyone Must Show Up"

TEXTS

Jonah 3:10-4:11

Psalm 145:1-8

Philippians 1:21-30

Matthew 20:1-16

Thank you to today's door greeters!

Geneva Stephen's Ministers **Howard Prol** and **Verena Macchia** are welcoming you to worship this morning. Stephen Ministers additional support to those in crisis. Learn more and/or request a Stephen Minister at genevapres.org/stephenministry.

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

Prelude from Prelude, Fugue and Variation

Cesar Franck
Charlotte Hsieh, organ

Welcome

The Rev. Dr. Steven M. Marsh

Life at Geneva

Missional Life Testimonial

Elizabeth Carlisle, elder

Call to Worship†

Cynthia Conners, elder

Psalter Reading: Psalm 145:1-8 (OT page 714)

Congregational Hymn

The Mighty God with Power Speaks

Glory to God #13

Prayers of Intercession††

Reception of New Members

Geneva welcomes Grace Sams and Hank Gioia

Moment for Connecting

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

Let Us Build a House

Glory to God #301, v. 5

Old Testament Reading: Jonah 3:10-4:11 (OT page 1,054)

Anthem

Jonah

Rollo Dilworth
Holly Moore Harvey, mezzo-soprano; Stephen Oey, baritone
Geneva Chancel Choir; Eileen O'Hern, director

This is the story about Jonah,
whose circumstances made for quite a tale.
He was a man who had a great adventure,
while caught up in the belly of a whale!

Jonah, Jonah... in the belly of a whale!

Jonah was a runnin' from the call of the Lord.
So he finds a ship that's sailin' and he makes his way on board.
But soon and very soon, the tempests come.
The call of the Lord, he was hidin' from,
and a mighty whale was a-waitin' by.

† The *Call to Worship* is 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).

The crew said: "We must all do somethin' fast before this boat sinks."

So they all drew lots and found out that old Jonah was the jinx.

Poor Jonah then confessed: "I know it's me."

The crew of the ship threw him in the sea,
and a mighty whale was a-waitin' by.

And he was swallowed up by the whale,
and given some time to think things over.

Swallowed up by the whale,
and given some time to pray.

He spent three days, three nights.

Three days, three nights.

Three days, three nights,
then the whale set Jonah free!

Jonah, Jonah... in the belly of a whale!

Epistle Reading: Philippians 1:21-30 (NT page 240)

Musical Offering

Come to Me

Ludwig von Beethoven; adap. Alexander Aslanoff
Tony Gonzales, tenor

Come to me, all ye that need rest.

Take my yoke upon you and learn of me.

All ye that labor, all ye that are heavy laden:

I will give you rest.

I am meek, I am lowly in heart.

Come to me all ye that need rest.

Come to me to find rest unto your souls.

My yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 20:1-16 (NT page 26)

Message: *Everyone Must Show Up*

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Congregational Hymn

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

Glory to God #649

Opportunity to Be Generous

Blessing

Postlude

"Alleluia" from *Exsultate, jubilate*

W. A. Mozart
arr. Mary Hicks

WEEKLY CALENDAR

September 25-October 1

Time Event / Location

Monday 9/25

8am Rowdies / Ann

10am Chair Yoga / Zoom

3:30pm Line Dancing / SB

Tuesday 9/26

1pm Book Club / Annex

6:30pm Session Meeting / Annex

Wednesday 9/27

10am Chair Yoga / Zoom

6pm Youth Group / YR

Thursday 9/28

3:30pm Line Dancing / SB

7:30pm Chancel Choir / CR

Friday 9/29

11am Al-Anon / Ann

Sunday 10/1

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 Meet & Greet Lunch / 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

LA FORMOSA CHOIR CONCERT

TODAY! Sunday, September 24 • 3pm
in the Sanctuary

Genevans and friends are invited to enjoy an afternoon of sacred choral music presented by the Los Angeles Formosan Master Chorale and the South Bay Taiwanese Presbyterian Church Choir. The concert is entitled *Tyson Hsias: Melody of Life*, and features Conductor Li-Ying Shang, Pianist Susanna Chu and Dennis Lin on Violin. Admission is free.

GENEVA WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, September 26 • 1-2pm in the Annex

The book for September is *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett. Join the group at genevapres.churchcenter.com/groups to receive an email with the Zoom meeting ID if you prefer to participate online. For questions or technical assistance, contact the church office at 949-837-2323 or email us at info@genevapres.org.

MEET & GREET LUNCH

Sunday, October 1 • 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.

HOST A "TRUNK-STOP"

Friday, October 27,
5:30-7:30pm

Get into the spirit of our third annual Trunk-or-Treat event by hosting a "trunk-



stop". As a *Trunk-Stop* host, your car will be one of many parked side-by-side with the hatch up ready to hand out candy to our delightful trick-or-treaters. Decorating your vehicle for the event is greatly encouraged and we ask that you bring at least 100 individually wrapped pieces of candy to hand out. Each car will receive one free dinner ticket. Reserve your *Trunk-Stop* online at genevapres.org/events. Questions? Contact GCC Director, Amy Lussier, at MrsAmy@genevaCC.org.

THE IMPORTANCE OF PASSING THE REGISTRATION PAD

Every Sunday, we ask the congregation to pass and complete the brown registration pad found in the pew pocket. It seems like a mundane exercise, but we thought we'd share with you why it's important.

- The PC(USA) requires us to provide worship attendance statistics annually. This is the means by which we obtain these figures.
- It allows Session to discover and follow up with new guests, if they request it.
- It allows you to know who is sitting in the pew with you. **Greet your neighbor by name!** 😊
- If we discover an absence from a regular worship attender, we are able to reach out and provide additional care when needed.

Basically, pew pads are a relationship building tool as well as a means for us to track attendance. So, even if the pastor forgets to remind us, don't forget to pass the pad!

CONNECT

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OFFICE INFORMATION

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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
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The Geneva School

Education for K-8th Grade
Gina Bonecutter, Head of School
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