

# 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*

**April 28, 2024**

Fifth Sunday of Easter

## SERMON SERIES

Celebrating the Resurrection in a Broken World

## TODAY'S SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Steele

"Forgiveness: Pay It Forward"

## TEXTS

Genesis 50:15-23

Proverbs 17:9

Colossians 3:3-12

Matthew 6:7-15

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

Long time Geneva member *Glenn Payne* and newly ordained elder, *Bill Sutfin*, are welcoming you to worship this morning.

## 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.

### ADULTS

#### **The Network**

9am in McLennan Lounge

The *Feasting on the Word* curriculum used for the lectionary scripture is the basis for study for this class. Led by rotating leaders, discussions veer into how scripture relates to current events.

† Written by Nancy C. Townley; posted on *Ministry Matters* website (<https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/3623/worship-connection-march-27-2022>).

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

*Variations on "How Firm a Foundation"*

Janet Linker

Dr. Herbert Geisler, guest organist

Welcome

Call to Worship†

Joanna Capelle, elder

Congregational Hymn

*The Church's One Foundation*

*Glory to God #321*

First Old Testament Reading: Genesis 50:15-23 (OT p59)

Prayer of Confession†

Moment for Connecting

Children up to 5th grade are escorted to classrooms.

Second Old Testament Reading: Proverbs 17:9 (OT p737)

Musical Offering

*Softly and Tenderly*

Raymond Brown; words by Will L. Thompson  
Julia Sapeta, soprano; Juanita Tsu, piano

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,  
calling for you and for me;  
see, on the portals he's waiting and watching,  
watching for you and for me.

Come home, come home;  
ye who are weary come home;  
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,  
calling, O sinner, come home!

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,  
pleading for you and for me?  
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies,  
mercies for you and for me?

Come home, come home;  
ye who are weary come home....

Time is now fleeting, the moments are passing,  
Passing from you and from me;  
Shadows are gathering, deathbeds are coming,  
Coming for you and for me.

O for the wonderful love he has promised,  
promised for you and for me!  
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,  
pardon for you and for me.

Come home, come home;  
ye who are weary come home....

Epistle Reading: Colossians 3:3-12 (NT p246)

Anthem

*O Love Divine*

Irish Folk Tune; arr. John Hudson  
Geneva Chancel Choir; Eileen O'Hern, director

*O love divine amazing love,  
That brought to earth from heav'n above.  
The Son of God for us to die  
that we might dwell on high.*

*He died for you, He died for me,  
and shed His blood to make us free.  
Upon the cross of Calvary,  
the Savior died for me.*

*For us a crown of thorns He bore,  
For us a robe of scorn He word.  
He conquered death and rent the grave  
and lives again our souls to save.*

*O wand'rer come on Him believe,  
His grace by faith receive, receive.  
Awake arise and hear His call,  
the feast is spread for all.*

*He died for you, He died for me,  
and shed His blood to make us free.  
Upon the cross of Calvary,  
the Savior died for me.*

Congregational Hymn

*Though I May Speak*

*Glory to God #693*

Gospel Reading: Matthew 6:7-15 (NT p7)

Message: *Forgiveness: Pay It Forward*

Pastoral Prayer

Congregational Hymn

*Where Charity and Love Prevail*

*Glory to God #316*

Life at Geneva

Opportunity to Be Generous

Blessing

Postlude

*The Church's One Foundation*

setting by Charles Ore

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

April 29-May 5

Time Event / Location

### Monday 4/29

8am Rowdies /Ann  
3:30pm Line Dancing / SB

### Tuesday 4/30

6:30pm Chair Yoga / Zoom

### Wednesday 5/1

6pm Youth Group / YR

### Thursday 5/2

3:30pm Line Dancing / SB  
6:30pm Chair Yoga / Zoom  
7:30pm Chancel Choir / CR

### Friday 5/3

11am Al-Anon/ Ann

### Saturday 5/4

7:30am Men's Bible Study / ML  
12pm GPW Spring Tea / SH

### Sunday 5/5

9am Geneva Kids/Rm 2  
9am Geneva Youth/Rm 29  
9am The Network / ML  
10am ITPC Worship / CHAP  
10am Courtyard Cafe  
10:30am Worship / San & Online  
11:45am Meet & Greet / 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

### PURCHASE TEA TICKETS!

*This year's event is Saturday, May 4th*

**Today**, Sunday, April 28, is the last day to purchase tickets for this year's Spring Tea hosted by Geneva Presbyterian Women. Buy tickets (\$5) on the courtyard or online at [genevapres.org/events](http://genevapres.org/events). Make seating requests at time of purchase.

### O'NEILL/BOYER SCHOLARSHIP

*Deadline is April 30th.*

Time is running out to apply for this academic scholarship. Visit [genevapres.org/scholarships](http://genevapres.org/scholarships) for eligibility requirements and to complete an application.

### INVITE A GUEST TO MEET & GREET

*Sunday, May 5th, 11:45am in McLennan Lounge*

Meet & Greet lunches provide an opportunity for newcomers to learn more about Geneva and for current Genevans to introduce guests to our wonderful church. Consider inviting someone! The food is free and Pastor Elizabeth is there to answer any questions. If you are bringing a guest, please register at [genevapres.org/events](http://genevapres.org/events), or call the church office at 949-837-2323.

### BECKHART MEMORIAL

*Friday, May 17th, 11am*

The memorial service for Geneva member **Don Beckhart** who passed away March 10th, will be held Friday, May 17th at 11am in the Sanctuary. Don was an ordained deacon, elder and Stephen Minister, a ministry which combined his strong faith and his passion for caring for others. A reception will be held following the service at the home of Brian and Debbie Penderghast.



### PENTECOST CONCERT

*Sunday, May 19th, 10:30am in the Sanctuary*

Come enjoy this special concert in our morning worship service presented by Geneva's Music Ministry. The program will highlight the manifestation and work of the Spirit of God throughout the history of God's people, from the beginnings of creation until today. Consider bringing a guest. It's a wonderful opportunity to introduce someone new to Geneva.

### JOIN THE DISCUSSION

*Sunday, May 19th, 11:35am - 1pm*

As we discern Geneva's mission, we invite the congregation to join a discussion of the N. Graham Standish book, **Preaching to Those Walking Away**. The book may be purchased at [genevapres.churchcenter.com](http://genevapres.churchcenter.com) or in the church office while supplies last. A light lunch will be served.

### PASTER SEARCH UPDATE

*Step #5 - Discerning Geneva's mission  
Step #6 - Mission Study Plan*

In the 2023 Annual Report we presented a *Call Process Check List* outlining the steps to calling a new pastor. A copy of this list along with a description of what the church is doing to accomplish the next steps is available at the Welcome Center on Sunday mornings and in the church office. We encourage all Genevans to get involved in the process!

### 2024 PER CAPITA ASSESSMENT

This year the Presbytery has assessed us **\$40.65** per Geneva member (not per family) as the amount we submit to help operate the Presbytery. Your tax deductible donation helps ensure that pledge contributions are not used for this obligation. Donate online at [genevapres.churchcenter.com/giving](http://genevapres.churchcenter.com/giving) or in an offering envelope.

## CONNECT

### PASTOR

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### GENEVA ONLINE



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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  
Gina Bonecutter, Head of School