

IN COMMUNITY WITH



Geneva

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Loving God • Loving Others

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

On Campus

9am in the Sanctuary

Register for Worship

Required registration opens for next week's service upon the conclusion of today's service.

Online

10:30am livestream on YouTube and Facebook

Rebroadcast

10:30am on Laguna Woods TV Channel 6

May 23, 2021

Day of Pentecost

CURRENT SERMON SERIES

Jesus' Message: You Are God's Presence

TODAY'S SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Steven M. Marsh

"The Holy Spirit"

TEXTS

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Romans 8:22-27

Acts 2:17, 21

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Geneva Presbyterian Church is a congregation aspiring to remember, tell and live the way of Jesus and encouraging others to join us on the journey.

Regular Sunday Activities

WORSHIP

9am – Jesus & Jammies

Live streaming of the Geneva Kids large group story. Connect via YouTube and Facebook.

9am – On Campus Worship in the Sanctuary

All state and county protocols observed. Registration required. Details at genevapres.org/reopen.

10:30am – Livestream Worship

Connect at genevapres.org. Call the church at 949-837-2323 during office hours for assistance.

10:30am – Rebroadcast

Laguna Woods Village residents may view the previous week's worship service on Laguna Woods Village TV (Channels 6, 6.1 or 406).

CHILDREN

9-10am – Nursery Open

Infants up to age three are welcome in the nursery during worship to be picked up immediately following.

9-10am - GenevaKids

Children PreK-5th grade begin the morning in the Sanctuary,

then PreK-K move to Room 1 in the education building and kids 1st-5th grade relocate to the Chapel. Pick up for PreK-5th grade will be in the chapel courtyard after worship.

ADULT CLASSES

Sunday adult classes meet via Zoom. To participate, join the group for the class in which you are interested at genevapres.churchcenter.com/groups. Upon joining, you will receive an email invitation with the Zoom meeting ID. Email us at info@genevapres.org or call the church during office hours at 949-837-2323 for assistance.

Adult classes begin 15 minutes later this week to accommodate the virtual Congregational Meeting.

11:30am – Exploring the Bible Together

Delve deeper into the Bible and fellowship together.

11:30am – The Network

Discuss the morning's sermon, scripture and current events.

7pm - High School Hang

This weekly group provides a non-judgmental refuge for students to be authentically themselves.

Our MISSION

To make passionate followers of Jesus Christ who are...



Connecting

"Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."

– Galatians 6:2



Learning

"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

– 2 Peter 3:18



Worshipping

"O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!"

– Psalm 95:6



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.'"

Mark 9:36-38



Giving

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

– Matthew 6:21

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Connect

Visit us on the web
genevapres.org

Learn more about Geneva and our mission in the Saddleback Valley and beyond.

First-Time Guests

We're glad you're here! Help us get to know you by texting WELCOME to (949) 575-8675.

Get the App!

Connect to live stream worship, donate, register for events and more! Download the Church Center App:



<https://churchcenter.com/app>.

Upon opening for the first time search for Geneva or allow the app to use your device location to confirm you are at Geneva.

Give Online @

genevapres.churchcenter.com/giving

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

The Spirit of Christ Richard A. Nichols, arr. Charlotte Hsieh

Welcome

The Rev. Dr. Steven M. Marsh

Life at Geneva

Stephen Minister Commissioning

Call to Worship

John McCallum, elder (9am)

The Rev. Dr. Howard Hsieh (10:30am)

One: God declares: "I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh.

Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy.

The young shall see visions.

The elders shall dream dreams.

Both men and women shall prophesy.

Many: And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Psalter Reading: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Musical Offering

Fill-A Me Up! Pepper Choplin

Prayer of Confession

Passing of the Blessing

Epistle Reading: Romans 8:22-27

Gospel Reading: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Prayer of Illumination

Message

An Opportunity to Be Generous

Missional Life Testimonial

Ray Miller

Musical Offering

Upon This Rock Pepper Choplin

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Closing Thoughts

Benediction



CONNECTING

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, May 25, 1-2pm

Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte is the focus of this meeting. The book for June is *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michele Richardson. To participate, [join the group here](#) to receive meeting details and a Zoom invitation. Check out books at most Public libraries or purchase used books at [amazon.com](#). Need technical assistance? Contact the church office at 949-837-2323 during office hours or email us at info@genevapres.org.

PRAYER LIST

[Click here to request prayer.](#)

Paul Arndt	Jack Garrison
Jerra Lynne Beckhart	Mary Geib
Pat Chapman	Hank Green
Beth Coombs	Carol Van Kirk
Norm Coombs	Char Konyndyk
Mary Enser	Harriet & Bink Lewis
Jonathan Flores	George Marsh
Lettie Freeman	Joyce Walker
	Ruth Ward

Church Prayer: God, we are members of Your family, shaped by suffering, one with everyone, a conduit to others knowing you and your presence. Almighty God, the One who is always present, we are grateful for the Holy Spirit, Your presence in our lives. We, then, are Your presence in the world. Amen.



WELCOME NEW STEPHEN MINISTERS

We feel blessed to welcome the following Genevans to be commissioned today as Stephen Ministers: **Don Beckhart, Frank Whitney, John McCallum, Louann Van Riper** and **Ross Van Riper**. Geneva now has fifteen Stephen ministers serving our congregation.

Stephen Ministers are laypeople trained to walk beside the bereaved, hospitalized, terminally ill, separated, divorced, unemployed and others facing a crisis or life challenge. These wonderful Genevans feel called to serve in this capacity and have completed many hours of training in order to best serve their Geneva family.

Visit genevapres.org/stephenministry to learn more about this important ministry. If you are in need, or if you are interested in becoming a Stephen minister, email us at caring@genevapres.org. All requests are confidential.

Please join us in praying for all of our Stephen ministers, and those they serve, as they continue God's work.



LEARNING

REGISTER FOR VBS

For kids K-5th grade
June 28-July 2, 9am-12:30pm

We hope your kids will join us for free Vacation Bible School as together we **Press Play** for amazing worship, fun activities and games. We are planning an in-person program adhering to COVID-19 protocols. If conditions change, we will transition to a virtual VBS.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

VBS VOLUNTEERS

Make a difference in the life of a child and make a few friends along the way. Volunteer! There are many different positions available. Note that as a volunteer you will be required to attend *VBS Leader and Youth Protection Training* Sunday, June 13 from 1-2pm.

[SIGN UP HERE](#)

YOUTH SUMMER CAMP

June 18-21

Catalina Island is the stunning backdrop for students grades 6-12 as they deepen their faith with loads of time to swim, play games and make friends! Cost is \$400. Scholarships available. **[REGISTER HERE](#)**



WORSHIPPING

CURRENT SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

We have resumed in-person worship in the sanctuary at 9am Sunday mornings adhering to the state and county safety guidelines. To manage capacity limits, registration is required each week [which you may do here](#) or by calling the church office at 949-837-2323.

Note that although the CDC has recently suggesting the relaxing of mask requirements for fully vaccinated individuals, the state of California has not. Please continue to wear your face covering while attending in-person worship. Thank you!

Live stream worship continues at 10:30am as does the rebroadcast of last week's service on Laguna Woods Village TV Channel 6.

NEW SERMON SERIES

Today Pastor Steve begins the sermon series *Jesus' Message: You Are God's Presence*. The Stan Jantz book, *Fire & Wind* is the resource book for the series which you may purchase for \$10. Call us at 949-837-2323, [order online here](#) or send an email request to info@genevapres.org.

GENEVA KIDS SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

We're excited to welcome children nursery-aged through 5th grade back to campus. Masks (children age 2+) and social distancing will be required to adhere to state and county COVID-19 protocol. Here's the new schedule:

- All families check in on the courtyard
- Nursery-aged children may go directly to the nursery in the education building
- Children PreK-5th grade will begin the morning in the Sanctuary, then PreK-K will move to Room 1 in the education building and Children 1st-5th grade will go to the Chapel

After worship at 10am, nursery-aged children may be picked up in the nursery and kids PreK-5th grade will be waiting for parents in the Chapel courtyard. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Ryan at rromberg@genevapres.org.

NOTE: Adult, middle and high school Sunday activities are still meeting via Zoom until further notice.



SERVING

BE A "FOOD HERO" *Help deliver food to those in need in South Orange County*

Our friends at *Delivering with Dignity Orange County* recently reached out to area churches asking for assistance in delivering food to the most vulnerable in South Orange County. Through partnerships with locally-owned restaurants, leading nonprofit agencies, and private corporations, the program delivers meals directly to the doorsteps of residents and keeps dozens of restaurant staff employed.

"Food Hero" volunteers abide by strict health and social distancing guidelines and must sign a waiver to participate. Delivery days in South Orange County are on **Tuesdays and Fridays**.

To learn more about this wonderful organization and sign up to volunteer, visit deliveringwithdignityoc.org/volunteer. If you have questions or need assistance with sign up, contact Pastor Ryan at rromberg@genevapres.org.

Thank you in advance for serving!



ADMINISTRATION

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING VIA ZOOM

Sunday, May 23, 11:30am

Session has called this meeting by Zoom to approve a revision to the church bylaws allowing electronic meetings to be conducted for church business when necessary. [Download proposed changes here](#) (see pages 7, 9, 10, 13, 14). To establish a quorum we need a minimum of 10% participation. To make this easier, adult education classes will begin 15 minutes later than usual.

[Register here](#) to receive an email with the Zoom meeting ID. Please call the church office at 949-837-2323 during office hours for technical assistance.

CAMPUS ACTIVITIES GRADUALLY RETURNING

In its March 23rd meeting, Session voted to return to on-campus activities and worship in the sanctuary on Sunday, May 9th. Our wonderful worship team immediately got to work, their efforts culminating in our first in-person worship service in fourteen months last Sunday. At the same time, the Geneva administration team also began

working on a plan to orchestrate the return of all other campus activities.

Just as we had to adhere to state and county guidelines for worship, we also have to follow similar guidelines governing campus activities (capacity limits, social distancing and face coverings are included). Because campus groups range in size, type of activity and space considerations, meeting these guidelines is easier for some groups than others. For this reason, all campus group leaders have been in conversation with Laura McCallum to determine the logistics, comfort level, and possible date of their return.

We will keep you informed as campus groups resume. If you would like to know the status of any particular group we encourage you to contact the group leader for an update. [Click here for a complete group listing](#). In the meantime, please know we are hard at work behind the scenes to help us get back to normal as quickly as possible. Thank you for your continued patience and support!



GIVE

PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERING

Sunday is the last day to give

The Presbyterian Church (USA) Pentecost special offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and addresses the needs of at-risk children. We can retain 40% of our offerings to impact young people within our own community. The remaining 60% is used to support ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency. Give online at genevapres.org/give and choose "PCUSA Pentecost" in the dropdown menu or use the special envelope found with your offering envelopes.

DEACON OFFERING

A donation to the Geneva Deacon's Fund provides discretionary money for the Deacons to help Geneva members and friends with emergency financial needs. To donate, visit genevapres.org/give and choose "Deacon Fund" in the dropdown menu. To learn more about this ministry or if you need additional support, visit genevapres.org/deaconministry.

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OFFICE CLOSED

The office remains closed until further notice in response to the mandates from the governor's office. Please continue to do church business via phone and email and use the drop slot in the library door for deliverable items. Thank you for your understanding.

24-Hour Emergency Line

Dial 949-837-2323, press #1 and leave a message with your name and phone number. You will be contacted by the pastor on call as soon as possible.



PRESCHOOL

The **Geneva
Children's Center**

preschool welcomes children age 2-6. Year-round programs are available. Potty training not required. Learn more at genevacc.org or call Director Amy Lussier at 949-581-2200 to schedule a visit.

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