

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

August 27, 2023

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

CURRENT SERMON SERIES

Words & Deeds Part 1: "They Matter"

TODAY'S SERMON

Guest Preacher, LaVal Brewer

President/CEO South County Outreach

"Mission Work Can Be Local"

TEXTS

Isaiah 51:1-6

Psalm 138

Deuteronomy 15:11

1 John 3:17

Matthew 25:36, 44-45

Thank you to today's door greeters!

You have been greeted this morning by *Wendy McCalley* and *Elsa Day*, members of our Prayer Warrior team. Email your prayer request to prayer@genevapres.org, or call the church office 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

Aria from "Cantate Domino Canticum Novum"

Dietrich Buxtehude
arr. Willard Irving Nevins
Charlotte Hsieh, organ

Welcome

The Rev. Dr. Steven M. Marsh

Life at Geneva

Missional Life Testimonial

The Rev. Ryan Romberg
and Bob Weatherford

Call to Worship

John Pomery, elder

Psalter Reading: Psalm 138 (OT page 709)

Congregational Hymn

Comfort, Comfort Now My People

Glory to God #87

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

Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.

Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace;

let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:

all are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

Musical Offering

Sicilienne

Gabriel Fauré, transcr. Louis Robilliard
Charlotte Hsieh, organ

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 51:1-6 (OT page 833)

Musical Offering

Come Dwell in Solomon's Walls

Z. Randall Stroope
Hannah Prince, soprano; Holly Moore Harvey, mezzo-soprano
Tony Gonzales, tenor; Stephen Oey, baritone

When the final timber lay 'gainst the measured stones,

With the doorposts in their place overlaid with God.

And then the Lord appeared to Solomon, blessing all the house,

Also the temple of the ark of God, pure and whole.

† 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).

Come dwell in Solomon's walls,
 Come and dwell in the house of the Lord
 Where the humble bow down, seeking wisdom and strength,
 For the Lord dwells within and heals their land.

Come dwell in Solomon's walls,
 Come and dwell in the house of the Lord
 Where wisdom and righteousness, justice and holiness,
 Join at the feet of God.

When the people of this house kneel and humbly pray,
 When they turn from dark to light and your will obey,
 O Lord of Heaven and Lord of earth, show favor on this house,
 And heal, restore, forgive, and bless, Lord, we pray.

Come dwell in Solomon's walls,
 Come and dwell in the house of the Lord
 Where wisdom and righteousness, justice and holiness,
 Join at the feet of God.

Message: *Mission Work Can Be Local* LaVal Brewer
 President/CEO South County Outreach

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Congregational Hymn
The Love of Christ Give Him Glory p.11

Opportunity to Be Generous

Blessing

Postlude
Shall We Gather at the River arr. Joe Utterback

SERMON NOTES:

WEEKLY CALENDAR
 August 28-September 3

Time Event / Location

Monday 8/28

8am Rowdies / Ann
 10am Chair Yoga / Zoom

Wednesday 8/30

10am Chair Yoga / Zoom
 6:30pm Youth Group / YR

Thursday 8/31

7:30pm Chancel Choir / CR

Friday 9/1

11am Al-Anon / Ann

Saturday 9/2

7:30am Men's Bible Study / ML

Sunday 9/3

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
 11:30am Meet & Greet Lunch / 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

IN MEMORIAM

It is with a heavy heart that we announce the August 13th passing of Geneva member **Evelyn Fanous**. A Memorial service will be held at Geneva **Saturday, September 9th at 10am** in the Sanctuary. A retired accountant, Evelyn joined the church in 2000 and served many years in the Geneva business office. As a member of the Geneva Presbyterian Women's Lydia circle, she also served as treasurer of GPW and received a lifetime member award from the national GPW organization. Evelyn was a loyal friend, a faithful servant and a valued member of our congregation.



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

TODAY! *Sunday, August 27 • 11:30am*

A Special Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, August 27th immediately after worship for the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between Pastor Steve and the Congregation. This meeting is a required step as outlined in the Presbyterian Church (USA) Book of Order for any pastor to retire. Geneva members are encouraged to attend.

MEET & GREET LUNCH

Sunday, September 3 • 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.

HOMECOMING SUNDAY LUNCHEON

Sunday, September 10 • 11:30am in Simpson Hall

To usher in autumn in style, Geneva is joining forces with our friends from ITPC (Irvine Taiwanese Presbyterian Church) to host a free luncheon in Simpson Hall immediately following worship. There is no need to register, just show up with your smile and appetite!

RESUMING PROGRAMS

The following programs are up and running again after a summer hiatus:

- **Youth Group:** Grades 6-12 are now meeting every Wednesday in the Youth Room from 6:30-8:30pm. Large group meetings are the 1st, 3rd and 5th Wednesdays, and small groups meet the 2nd and 4th weeks. Questions? Contact Pastor Ryan at rromberg@gevevapres.org.
- **Chancel Choir:** Rehearsals will resume Thursday, August 31 in the Choir Room at 7:30pm, the regular day and time. New voices are always welcome!
- **Line Dancing:** Begins September 11, Mondays and Thursdays from 3:30-4:30pm in the Saddleback room. It's free, no need to register and no experience necessary!

NEW MEMBER EXPERIENCE

Saturday, September 16 • 9:30am in McLennan Lounge

This class is for those who are ready for membership or want to discover what it means to become a Geneva member. We'll discuss: *Why join the church?, What are the benefits of belonging?, How do I find my fit?* and more. Register at genevapres.org/events.




CONNECT

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OFFICE INFORMATION

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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