

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 19, 2023

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

CURRENT SERMON SERIES

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

TODAY'S SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Steven M. Marsh

"Choices Have Consequences"

TEXTS

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

Psalm 90:1-8

1Thessalonians 5:1-11

Matthew 25:14-30

Thank you to today's door greeters!

Howard Prol and Rod Kingston are welcoming you to worship this morning. Both gentlemen are non-ruling elders of Geneva, meaning they are ordained but not currently serving on session at this time. We thank them for their many years of service to our congregation.

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

Chorale from Cantata no.79 "Now Thank We All Our God" J.S. Bach
arr. C.H. Trevor
Charlotte Hsieh, organ

Welcome

The Rev. Dr. Steven M. Marsh

Life at Geneva

Call to Worship†

Nina Pomery, elder

Old Testament Reading: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18 (OT page 1070)

Congregational Hymn

Holy God, We Praise Your Name *Glory to God #4*

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.

Psalter Reading: Psalm 90:1-8 (OT page 673)

Congregational Hymn

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past *Glory to God #687*

Epistle Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 (NT page 250)

Anthem

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms text by Elisha Albright Hoffman
music by Eric Nelson
Geneva Chancel Choir; Eileen O'Hern, director
Mary Palchak, flute; Karen Linkletter, cello

† 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).

*What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
 leaning on the everlasting arms;
 What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
 leaning on the everlasting arms.*

*Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
 leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.*

*Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
 leaning on the everlasting arms;
 oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
 leaning on the everlasting arms.*

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come.

*What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
 leaning on the everlasting arms?
 I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
 leaning on the everlasting....*

*Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
 leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.*

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:14-30 (NT page 34)

Message: *Choices Have Consequences*

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Opportunity to Be Generous

Generosity Campaign 2023 Update Jane and Rod Kingston

Congregational Hymn

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me Glory to God #543

Blessing

Postlude

Sonata in Bb Major, IV Vivace Georg Philipp Telemann

WEEKLY CALENDAR November 20-26

Time Event / Location

Monday 11/20

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

Tuesday 11/21

6:30pm Session Meeting / ML

Wednesday 11/22

10am Chair Yoga / Zoom

Thursday 11/23



Friday 11/24

Geneva Office Closed

Saturday 11/25

Sunday 11/26

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 Congregational Meeting / San
 11:45am Romberg Celebration Luncheon / 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

2024 GENEROSITY CAMPAIGN

It's not too late to pledge!

We have received **90%** of the donations needed to reach our pledge income goal for 2024. It's not too late to contribute. You may do so online at genevapres.org/give or call Geneva Business Manager, Gary Pado, at 949-837-2323.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

TODAY! *November 19, 11:30am*

This meeting will be held in the Sanctuary immediately following worship to elect deacons for the Class of 2026, an unexpired term for the Deacon Class of 2024, and an unexpired term for the Elder Class of 2024.

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY **TODAY!**

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

Join Pastor Steve immediately after the congregational meeting 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.

GENEVA OFFICE CLOSED...

...Thursday, **November 23rd and 24th** in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING & ROMBERG CELEBRATION LUNCH

Sunday, November 26, 11:30am

This meeting is required by the PC (USA) to formally dissolve the pastoral relationship between Pastor Ryan and the Congregation (we cannot add this piece of business to the November 19 Congregational Meeting). We will celebrate the Romberg family immediately following with lunch in Simpson Hall.

PASTOR RYAN LOVE GIFT

Give now through November 26

A "love gift" will be collected for Pastor Ryan as an expression of appreciation for his service to our congregation. Contribute online at genevapres.org/giving, choosing "Romberg Celebration" in the dropdown menu, or write a check to the church with "Romberg Celebration" in the memo line. Checks may be dropped off at the church office or brought to the November 26th luncheon.

GPW CHRISTMAS SILVER TEA

Saturday, December 2, 12-2pm

All women are invited to join this annual Geneva Presbyterian Women celebration. 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.

MEET & GREET LUNCH

Sunday, December 3, 11:45am in McLennan Lounge

Visitors and guests are invited to join Pastor Steve 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.

SING ALONG & PLAY ALONG MESSIAH

Monday, December 4, 7pm in the Sanctuary

Kick off the advent season by attending this free participation event at Geneva. Singers may just show up ready to sing. Limited scores are available so we encourage you to bring your own. Instrumentalists may reserve a seat via email at contact@globalharmonysymphony.com.

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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