

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

July 23, 2023

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

CURRENT SERMON SERIES

Words & Deeds Part 1: "They Matter"

TODAY'S SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Steven M. Marsh

"Flourish And Realize God's Good Purposes"

TEXTS

Isaiah 44:6-8

Psalm 86:11-17

Romans 8:12-25

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Thank you to today's door greeters!

Stephen Minsters *Howard Prol* and *Barbara Frink* are welcoming everyone to worship this morning. Stephen Minsters are trained to provide additional care to those faced with personal struggles. Are you in need? Email a confidential request to caring@genevapres.org.

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.

7pm - High School Hang

To participate, email Pastor Ryan at
rromberg@genevapres.org.

9AM ADULT CLASSES

- *Exploring the Bible Together*, Annex
- *The Network*, McLennan Lounge
- *The Bible Project*, Saddleback Room

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Sonata No. 3 in D Minor; I. Andante

Johann Sebastian Bach
Bobby Nguyen, organ

Welcome

The Rev. Dr. Steven M. Marsh

Life at Geneva

Call to Worship†

The Rev. Ryan Romberg

Congregational Hymn

We Praise You, O God

Glory to God #612

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 44:6-8 (OT page 824)

Prayer of Confession††

Vacation Bible School Children

Moment for Connecting

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

Psalter Reading: Psalm 86:11-17 (OT page 669)

Anthem

I Believe

Mark A. Miller; anonymous Jewish poem
Geneva Chancel Choir; Hannah Prince, soprano
Eileen O'Hern, director

*I believe in the sun...
even when it's not shining.*

*I believe in love...
even when I don't feel it.*

*I believe in God...
even when God is silent.*

Epistle Reading: Romans 8:12-25 (NT page 191)

Musical Offering

To God Be the Glory

William Howard Doane; arr. Mark Hayes
text by Fanny Jane Crosby

Holly Moore Harvey, mezzo-soprano; Juanita Tsu, piano

To God be the glory, great things He has done,
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life, an atonement for sin,
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

† 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 *Prayer of Confession* and *Invitation To Offering* are adapted and/or taken from *Connections Worship Companion, Year A, Volume II* (Louisville, Kentucky: Westminster John Knox Press, 2022).

Praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice;
Praise the Lord, let the people rejoice.
Oh, come to the Father through Jesus, the Son,
And give Him the glory; great things He has done.

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender, who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Great things He has taught us, great things He has done.
And great our rejoicing through Jesus, the Son.
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our victory when Jesus we see.

Praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice;
Praise the Lord, let the people rejoice.
Oh, come to the Father through Jesus, the Son,
And give Him the glory, great things He has done!

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 (NT page 17)

Message: *Flourish And Realize God's Good Purposes*

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Congregational Song
You Are My All in All

Dennis Jernigan

Invitation To Offering^{††}

One: We have been given life,
Many: so let us live our lives in gratitude.
One: We have been given salvation,
Many: so let us live our lives in peace.
One: We have been given abundance,
Many: so let us live our lives in gratitude.

Opportunity to Be Generous

Blessing

Postlude
Carillon-Sortie

Henri Mulet
Bobby Nguyen, organ

WEEKLY CALENDAR

July 24-30

Time Event / Location

Monday 7/24

8am Rowdies / Ann
10am Chair Yoga / Zoom

Tuesday 7/25

1pm Women's Book Club / Ann

Wednesday 7/26

10am Chair Yoga / Zoom

Friday 7/28

11am Al-Anon / Ann

Saturday 7/29

10am Memorial / CHAP

Sunday 7/30

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

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

PASTOR RETIREMENT FAQ'S AVAILABLE

Have questions? We have answers.

Pastor Steve's recent retirement announcement has raised many questions. We have prepared a "Frequently Asked Questions" document to provide the answers. A printed version of the FAQs will be sent to all member households with the August newsletter and is available at the courtyard welcome booth and in the church office. A link to the document will also be sent in the weekly eNews. If you have questions not covered in the FAQs, email them to info@genevapres.org. We will be adding as we move along in the process. Thank you for your faithfulness and support.

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY "THE KEY TO FOLLOWING JESUS" - TODAY

Sunday, July 23 • 11:45am in McLennan Lounge

Immediately after 10:30am worship Pastor Steve concludes Part II of the series *The Key to Following Jesus*, a verse-by-verse study of Matthew 7 from the Sermon on the Mount. Questions and discussion are encouraged! A light lunch will be served. A donation is suggested.

TODAY IS VBS SUNDAY

July 23 • 10:30am-12:30pm

Our week of Vacation Bible School officially draws to a close with the kids singing the songs they learned in worship. Join us after the service on the courtyard for popcorn and snow cones!

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

July 23 - August 6

We've kicked off our annual school supply drive with a bang thanks to a very generous anonymous donation of

all 220 backpacks requested. Now we just have to fill them up! A list of needed items is available at the courtyard welcome center, or in the church office during the week. You may also download the list at genevapres.org/events. The list will be updated weekly.

IN MEMORIAM

Jackie Overfield

A memorial service will be held this **Saturday, July 29, at 11am** in the Chapel for Geneva member Jackie Overfield. Jackie passed away August 25th, 2021, in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. Jackie had been part of our faith community since 2003. She sang in the Chancel Choir and served as a deacon. We are happy to gather together to celebrate her life.

LIVE STREAM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Thank you to June volunteers **Ben Romberg** and **Liz Njorge**, and **Janet Marsh** and **Im Sook Lee** for stepping up in July, to serve as technical support for the live streaming of our 10:30am service. We need additional volunteers so we are not overtaxing those who have already stepped up to help. Anyone can be trained to volunteer for this ministry. It's not difficult, and **you don't have to be a tech genius** to serve on the team! Contact Worship Celebration elder Kwangho Seo at kseo1948@gmail.com if interested.

PEANUT BUTTER AND CEREAL

Our friends and mission partners at the South County Outreach Food Pantry desperately need unexpired peanut butter and cereal to help their customers. Donations may be placed in the grocery cart on the courtyard on Sundays and in the church office during the week. Thank you!

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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