

IN COMMUNITY WITH



Geneva

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Loving God • Loving Others

ON CAMPUS WORSHIP

Sundays, 9am in the
Sanctuary (beginning
May 9th)

ONLINE WORSHIP

Sundays, 10:30am



April 25, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Easter

CURRENT SERMON SERIES

Jesus' Message: You Are The Conduit

TODAY'S SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Steven M. Marsh

"Being For The Oppressed"

TEXTS

Acts 4:5-12

Psalm 23

1 John 3:16-24

John 10:11-18

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 Online Activities



SUNDAY CONNECTION

9am – Jesus & Jammies

Join Mr. Glen and company for live streaming of the Geneva Kids large group story.

9am – On Campus Worship in Sanctuary (begins May 9th)

Geneva reopens for in person worship. Registration required. Details at genevapres.org/reopen.

10:30am – Live Stream Worship

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

11:30am – Exploring the Bible Together

Delve deeper into the Bible and fellowship together during this Zoom discussion.

11:30am – The Network

Discuss the morning's sermon and current events with this welcoming group via Zoom.

7pm - High School Hang

This weekly Zoom group provides a non-judgmental refuge for students to be authentically themselves. To participate, [join the secure high school group](#) online.

WEEKLY ZOOMIN'

If you have a computer, phone or tablet, you can participate in Geneva activities from home through ZOOM, a video conferencing app. If you need help getting started, email us at info@genevapres.org or call the church office. Learn more and join the group in which you want to participate at genevapres.org/zoomactivities.

Support

STEPHEN MINISTRY

We have many Stephen Ministers serving the Geneva family. If you are struggling emotionally or spiritually our Stephen Ministers can provide additional care and support. If you are in need, email us at caring@genevapres.org. All requests are confidential. Learn more at genevapres.org/stephenministry.

PRAYER

Email us your prayer request at prayer@genevapres.org and our team of prayer warriors will lift up your concerns. All requests are strictly confidential.



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

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Theewords by Henry Van Dyke
music by Ludwig von Beethoven, arr. Gabe Burt

Welcome

The Rev. Dr. Steven M. Marsh

Life at Geneva

Call to Worship

Musical Offering

God Of JusticeTim Hughes

Psalter Reading: Psalm 23

Prayer of Confession

Passing of the Blessing

Ordination and Installation of Elders

Elena Bennett, Elizabeth Carlisle, Linda Erickson, David Horne,
Tom Jenkins, Watt Prichard

Epistle Reading: 1 John 3:16-24

Musical Offering

His Eye Is on the Sparrow arr. Mark Hayes

Gospel Reading: John 10:11-18

Prayer of Illumination

Message

An Opportunity to Be Generous

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Any type of bread, crackers or juice you have at home will suffice for the receiving of the elements. If you do not have any of the items listed, don't worry, please participate with bread and juice images in your mind and heart.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Closing Thoughts

Benediction



CONNECTING

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, April 27, 1-2pm

The Library Book by Susan Orlean is the focus of this meeting. The book for May is *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte. To participate, [join the group here](#) to receive meeting details and a Zoom invitation. Check out books curbside at most Public libraries or purchase used books at [amazon.com](#). If you have questions or need technical assistance call the church office at 949-837-2323 during office hours or email us at info@genevapres.org.

PRAYER LIST

[Click here to request prayer.](#)

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| Paul Arndt | Jack Garrison |
| Pat Chapman | Mary Geib |
| Beth Coombs | Hank Green |
| Norm Coombs | Harriet & Bink Lewis |
| Mary Enser | Violet Anne Petersen |
| Jonathon Flores | Joyce Walker |
| Lettie Freeman | |

Church Prayer: Reconciling God, You are the bridge builder, showing the way for all humans to reconcile with one another as equal members in Your family. Create in our hearts a burden for "the other" with whom we may harbor resentment and misunderstanding. Bring others to join our church family from whom we can learn, with whom we can worship, thus together, becoming an even more dynamic missional intergenerational presence in our community. Amen.



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. Registration begins next week.



ADMINISTRATION

PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERING

April 5-May 23

This Presbyterian Church (USA) 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 the lives of young people within our own community. The remaining 60% is used to support ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency. [Give online here](#) and choose "PCUSA Pentecost" in the dropdown menu or use the special envelope found with your offering envelopes. [Learn More.](#)

O'NEILL/BOYER SCHOLARSHIPS

This is a reminder that scholarship applications are due this Friday, **April 30**. No applications will be accepted after the deadline. To learn more and apply, visit genevapres.org/scholarship. Please note that an academic transcript is also required. Questions? Email us at info@genevapres.org.



WORSHIPPING

ON CAMPUS WORSHIP RESUMES

Sunday, May 9, 9am

In-person worship will resume in the Sanctuary Sunday, May 9th adhering to the state and county guidelines as outlined by the *California Blueprint for a Safer Economy*. Here are some highlights of what to expect:

- Health screening (fever & COVID-19 symptoms)
- Masks required (even for those fully vaccinated)
- 6' social distancing
- No printed bulletin
- Pre-recorded music
- No Courtyard Café
- **Registration Required** (to manage capacity limits)

[Register Here](#)

We will continue to offer live stream worship at 10:30am

for those who either prefer online worship or are not yet ready to return to in-person worship.

For quick check-in the day of the service, we encourage you to download the Church Center App. See page 3 for details. See you on the 9th!



SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES & OTHER ACTIVITIES

Although on campus worship opens May 9th, this does not extend to Sunday morning classes or other activities (this includes nursery and children's programs). We are working on a plan to make this happen and will implement that plan as soon as state and county guidelines permit. Thank you for your patience!

CURRENT SERMON SERIES *Now through May 16*

Pastor Steve continues his new sermon series *Jesus' Message: You Are The Conduit*. The Latasha Morrison book, *Be The Bridge: Pursuing God's Heart for Racial Reconciliation* is the resource book for the series which you may purchase for \$10 through the church while supplies last. Call us at 949-837-2323, order online here or send an email request to info@genevapres.org.

VILLAGE TV REBROADCAST *Sundays, 10:30am*

Laguna Woods Village residents may view the previous week's worship service on Laguna Woods Village TV (Channels 6, 6.1 or 406) Sundays at 10:30am.



SERVING

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Although we are covered for our first in-person worship service May 9th, we will need ten volunteers weekly to implement the safety protocols outlined by the state. The available positions are:

1. Check-In Team (3 people): Registration verification.
2. Screening Team (3 people): Temperature checks and health questions.
3. Ushers (4 people): Ensures people enter and exit safely and are seated appropriately distanced.

All volunteers are required to complete a one-hour training session prior to serving which will be scheduled by your team leader. Additionally, volunteers will need to arrive a half hour prior to service time. If you are interested in participating for one Sunday or multiple Sundays, please contact Laura McCallum at 837-2323 or email her at info@genevapres.org.

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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.

LEADERSHIP

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