

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 11, 2021**

Second Sunday of Easter

## CURRENT SERMON SERIES

Jesus' Message: You Are The Conduit

## TODAY'S SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Steven M. Marsh

*"Being an Empathetic Historian"*

## TEXTS

Psalm 133

Acts 4:32-35

1 John 1:1-2:2

John 20:19-31

**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](http://genevapres.org/reopen).

### 10:30am – Live Stream Worship

Connect at [genevapres.org](http://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](mailto:info@genevapres.org) or call the church office. Learn more and join the group in which you want to participate at [genevapres.org/zoomactivities](http://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](mailto:caring@genevapres.org). All requests are confidential. Learn more at [genevapres.org/stephenministry](http://genevapres.org/stephenministry).

### PRAYER

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

# 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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"Being an Empathetic Historian"

## Connect

Visit us on the web  
[genevapres.org](http://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, register for events, join a group, donate, check out the church calendar and more! Download the Church Center App: <https://churchcenter.com/app>.



### Give Online @

[genevapres.churchcenter.com/giving](http://genevapres.churchcenter.com/giving)



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

*He Lives* ..... Alfred H. Ackley, arr. Charlotte Hsieh

Welcome

The Rev. Dr. Steven M. Marsh

Life at Geneva

Moment for Stephen Ministry

Mickey Vanier

Call to Worship

Jack Clement, elder

One: Peace be with you.

**Many: How good and pleasant it is when we live together in unity.**

One: Receive the Holy Spirit.

**Many: It is like precious oil on the head, the blessing of the Lord.**

Psalter Reading: Psalm 133

Musical Offering

*Concerto in A minor, 1. Allegro BWV 593* .....

Antonio Vivaldi; arr. J.S. Bach

Prayer of Confession

Passing of the Blessing

Epistle Reading: 1 John 1:1-2:2

Musical Offering

*Peace Be Still* ..... Holt / Darst / Fieldes

Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31

Prayer of Illumination

Message

An Opportunity to Be Generous

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Musical Offering

*You Are Here (The Same Power)* ..... George / Pankratz

Closing Thoughts

Benediction



## CONNECTING

### MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

*Saturday, April 17, 7:30-9am*

Grab a cup of coffee and join this lively virtual group for study and fellowship every first and third Saturday of the month. You are invited for the next meeting, April 17, as the group continues their study of the book *Ephesians: Wholeness for a Broken World* by Andrew and Phyllis LePeau. To participate, [join the group here](#) and a Zoom meeting ID will be emailed to you. Books are widely available – look for them at your favorite bookseller.

## PRAYER LIST

[Click here to request prayer.](#)

Paul Arndt	Jack Garrison
Pat Chapman	Mary Geib
Beth Coombs	Hank Green
Norm Coombs	The Horne Family
Mary Enser	Harriet and Bink Lewis

**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.



## 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 a few highlights of what this will look like:

- 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)

Although it is praiseworthy that we will be together again, we want to make it clear that we are still not quite “back to normal”.

To learn more and register, visit [genevapres.org/reopen](http://genevapres.org/reopen). **Please note that we will continue to offer a live stream service at 10:30am** for those who either prefer online worship or are not yet ready to return to in-person worship.

Thank you for your patience and support. We’ll 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. 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 \$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](mailto: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.



## ADMINISTRATION

### O'NEILL/BOYER SCHOLARSHIPS

Geneva offers scholarships for student members and relatives of Geneva members pursuing a two-year, four-year, graduate degree or enrolled in a technical college/trade school. To learn more and apply, visit [genevapres.org/scholarship](http://genevapres.org/scholarship). Applications will be accepted now through **April 30** (no applications will be accepted after this date). Please note that an academic transcript is also required. Email us at [info@genevapres.org](mailto:info@genevapres.org) with any questions.

### VACCINE UPDATE

The administering of 20 million vaccines in California has greatly contributed to the stabilization of COVID-19 case rates and hospitalizations in the state. It was recently announced that on April 15 all Californians age 16+ are eligible for vaccination. People 50+ are eligible for the vaccine now, so if you have not yet gotten a vaccine and plan to do so, this would be a good time to sign up. For the most recent update as it concerns our state, visit [covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy](http://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy).



## SERVING

### LOVE PROJECT REVAMP

*Next lunch delivery:  
Saturday, May 1*

Thank you to all Genevans who helped provide 30 sack lunches for the homeless April 3rd. The lunches were delivered to the City of Laguna Beach Alternative Sleeping Location (ASL) on Laguna Canyon Road.

We are now working on sign-ups for May 1st. To lend a hand in making sandwiches, cutting up apples, providing baked goods and inspirational notes for the sack lunches, please visit the [Homeless Shelter Lunch](#) registration page for program details and to sign up. You can commit to just one Saturday or more depending on your availability.

As a reminder, this new monthly program is a reboot of the previous weekly program where we delivered lunches directly to the homeless every Sunday afternoon. The pandemic has forced us to pivot a bit, but it looks like this new approach thus far is proving successful. Thank you in advance for your willingness to serve!



## LEARNING

### BEING A BRIDGE TRAINING COURSE

*April 19, 26 & May 3, 10  
6:30-8pm*

This free, four-week course teaches practical, everyday ways to be the best Jesus someone sees, and has worked for homemakers and business folk, for old and young, for any ethnic background and cultural context. Using the *Bridges* training – based upon the type of training overseas missionaries receive – you will learn that anyone can effectively and lovingly share the love of Jesus with others.

The training will be done via Zoom. To participate, [register here](#) to receive meeting details and a Zoom invitation. For questions or technical assistance, call the church office at 949-837-2323 or email us at [info@genevapres.org](mailto:info@genevapres.org).

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

*VBS is June 28 - July 2  
9am-12:30pm*

We know summer planning begins early when you have kids. We hope your calendar includes this year's Vacation Bible School. Registration begins May 1.

## GENEVA ONLINE

 [genevapres.org](http://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](http://genevacc.org) or call Director Amy Lussier at 949-581-2200 to schedule a visit.

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