

# 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

**October 1, 2023**

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost/World  
Communion Sunday

## CURRENT SERMON SERIES

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

## TODAY'S SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Steven M. Marsh  
"Authority and Hypocrisy"

## TEXTS

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Psalms 25:1-9

Philippians 2:1-13

Matthew 21:23-32

## Thank you to today's door greeters!

Welcoming you to worship this morning are Mary Gonzales and Mary Payne, representing Geneva Presbyterian Women. All women are invited to join this friendly group for study and fellowship. This month's meeting is Wednesday, October 18, 12pm in Simpson Hall.

## SUNDAY WORSHIP

### 10:30am – On Campus

Join us in the Sanctuary.

### 10:30am – Online

Connect at [genevapres.org](http://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

*Simple Gifts*

Shaker tune, arr. Wilbur Held  
Charlotte Hsieh, organ

Welcome

The Rev. Dr. Steven M. Marsh

Life at Geneva

Moment for the Deacon Fund

Psalter Reading: Psalm 25:1-9 (OT page 618)

Call to Worship†

Shirley Fargo

Congregational Hymn

*Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

*Glory to God #81*

Prayers of Intercession†

Moment for Connecting

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

*Let Us Build a House*

*Glory to God #301, v. 5*

Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 (OT page 659)

Anthem

*Down in the River to Pray*

traditional; arr. Jace Wittig  
Geneva Chancel Choir with Geneva Youth  
Eileen O'Hern, director

As I went down in the river to pray, studyin' about that good old way,  
and who should wear the starry crown, good Lord, show me the way.

○ sisters, let's go down, let's go down, come on down.

○ sisters, let's go down, down in the river to pray.

As I went down....

○ brothers, let's go down....

○ fathers, let's go down....

○ mothers, let's go down....

...down in the river to pray.

Epistle Reading: Philippians 2:1-13 (NT page 240)

† The *Call to Worship* and *Prayers of Intercession* are adapted and/or taken from *Connections Worship Companion, Year A, Volume II* (Louisville, Kentucky: Westminster John Knox Press, 2022).

Musical Offering

*En prière (In Prayer)*

Gabriel Fauré

Holly Moore Harvey, mezzo-soprano  
Juanita Tsu, piano

If the voice of a child can reach You,  
O my Father,  
Listen to the prayer of Jesus, on his knees before You!

If You have chosen me to teach your laws  
on earth,  
I will know how to serve You, noble King of kings,  
O Light!  
On my lips, Lord, place the salutary  
truth,

In order that he who doubts should with humility  
revere You!

Do not abandon me, give me  
the necessary gentleness

To ease suffering, to relieve sorrow,  
the misery!

Reveal Yourself to me, Lord, in whom I believe  
and hope:

For You I wish to suffer and to die on the cross,  
at Calvary!

Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:23-32 (NT page 28)

Message: *Authority and Hypocrisy*

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Congregational Hymn

*The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing*

*Glory to God #505*

Opportunity to Be Generous

Blessing

Postlude

*Clarinet Sonata, Op.167: I. Allegretto*

Camille Saint-Saëns  
Matthew Prichard, clarinet

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

October 2-8

Time Event / Location

### Monday 10/2

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

### Wednesday 10/4

- 10am Chair Yoga / Zoom
- 6pm Youth Group / YR

### Thursday 10/5

- 3:30pm Line Dancing / SB
- 7:30pm Chancel Choir / CR

### Friday 10/6

- 11am Al-Anon / Ann

### Saturday 10/7

- 7:30am Men's Bible Study / ML

### Sunday 10/8

- 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

### MEET & GREET LUNCH

*Today, Sunday, October 1 • 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.



**PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING**  
*Ends today, October 1*  
World Communion  
Sunday is when the

PC(USA) receives the annual *Peace & Global Witness Offering* as a way of continuing the ancient Christian practice of sharing what we have with brothers and sisters in need. A gift to this offering enables the church to address systems of conflict and injustice around the world. Give online at [genevapres.churchcenter.com/giving](http://genevapres.churchcenter.com/giving) (choose *PCUSA Peace & Global Witness*) in the dropdown menu) or use the special envelope in your offering envelope box.



**GPW ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW**  
*Wednesday, October 18 • 12-2pm in Simpson Hall*

Geneva Presbyterian Women is showcasing all of the "crafters" in our midst. If you needlepoint, knit, make jewelry or have any other hidden crafty talent we want to hear from you. Contact Emily Tosh at [emilyt@comline.com](mailto:emilyt@comline.com) or Daria Clement at [dariajoc@yahoo.com](mailto:dariajoc@yahoo.com) if you would like to share. All women are invited to attend. Please bring a dish to share your culinary talents!

### DEMENTIA EDUCATION SERIES

*Saturday, October 21 • 9-11:30am in Simpson Hall*

You are invited to the final installment of this three-part educational series presented by Alzheimer's of Orange County. The topic this month is **Are You Good to Go?**, which focuses on how you can anticipate and identify your wishes, ensure those wishes are honored, and start difficult conversations with loved ones. This educational series is open to anyone needing additional resources to help navigate this life altering illness. A continental breakfast will be provided. Please RSVP to Aaron Leal at [a.leal@alzoc.org](mailto:a.leal@alzoc.org).

### HOST A "TRUNK-STOP"

*Friday, October 27, 5:30-7:30pm*

As a *Trunk-Stop* host, your car will be one of many parked side-by-side with the hatch up ready to hand out candy to our delightful trick-or-treaters. Decorating your vehicle for the event is greatly encouraged and we ask that you bring at least 100 individually wrapped pieces of candy to hand out. Each car will receive one free dinner ticket. Reserve your *Trunk-Stop* online at [genevapres.org/events](http://genevapres.org/events). Questions? Contact GCC Director, Amy Lussier, at [MrsAmy@genevaCC.org](mailto:MrsAmy@genevaCC.org).

### TRUNK-OR-TREAT BBQ DINNER

*Friday, October 27, 5:30-7pm*

All genevans and friends are invited to join the trick-or-treaters and trunk hosts for a BBQ dinner served from 5:30-7pm the night of our *Trunk-or-Treat* event. Tickets are \$20 per person and must be purchased online at [genevapres.org/tickets](http://genevapres.org/tickets) no later than, **Saturday, October 21**. Ticket proceeds not only fund the food, but also help to offset the cost of the bounce houses for the kids. We hope you'll join us for this spook-tacular evening!




## CONNECT

### PASTORS

**The Rev. Dr. Steven M. Marsh**  
Pastor, Head of Staff  
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Associate Pastor of Intergenerational Missional Engagement  
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### GENEVA ONLINE

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 [facebook.com/genevapresoc](https://facebook.com/genevapresoc)  
 [youtube.com/genevapresbyterianchurchoc](https://youtube.com/genevapresbyterianchurchoc)

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### OFFICE INFORMATION

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24301 El Toro Road / Laguna Woods, CA 92637 / 949-837-2323  
**Office Hours:** Mon. -Thurs., 9am-4pm and Fridays 9am-1pm.  
**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](http://genevacc.org)

### Irvine Taiwanese Presbyterian Church

Worship service Sundays at 10am in the chapel. Albany Lee, Pastor  
[albany.lee@gmail.com](mailto:albany.lee@gmail.com)/[irvinetpc.org](http://irvinetpc.org)

### The Geneva School

Education for K-8th Grade  
Gina Bonecutter, Head of School  
[genevaschooloc.org](http://genevaschooloc.org) / 949-377-1616