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December 12, 2021

Third Sunday of Advent

## CURRENT SERMON SERIES

Embrace Geneva's Future: Advent, Christmas and Making Disciples

## TODAY'S SERMON

The Rev. Ryan Romberg  
"Sorrow or Joy"

## TEXTS

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Isaiah 12:2-6

Philippians 4:4-7

Luke 3:7-18



Join us for Jazz Vespers this afternoon in the Sanctuary at 4pm.

Geneva Presbyterian Church is a congregation aspiring to remember, tell and live the way of Jesus by being just, kind and humble.

# Sunday Worship

## 10:30am – On Campus

Join us in the Sanctuary.  
Masks are required for all individuals regardless of vaccination status.

## 10:30am – Online

Connect at [genevapres.org](http://genevapres.org),  
[Youtube](https://www.youtube.com/genevapresbyterianchurchoc) ([youtube.com/genevapresbyterianchurchoc](https://www.youtube.com/genevapresbyterianchurchoc))  
or [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/genevapresoc) ([facebook.com/genevapresoc](https://www.facebook.com/genevapresoc)).

## 10:30am – LW Channel 6

Laguna Woods Village residents may view the current worship service on Laguna Woods Village TV (Channel 6).

## 4pm – Jazz Vespers

*This afternoon in the Sanctuary*

The same pastoral message as our other services enhanced by the smooth sounds of the Norm Freeman Quartet. To learn more about the service and sponsorship, visit [genevapres.org/jazzvespers](http://genevapres.org/jazzvespers).

† The Call to Worship and Prayer of Confession are adapted and/or taken from *Feasting on the Word, Liturgies for Year C, Vol I* (Louisville, Kentucky: Westminster John Knox Press, 2013).

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

*In dulci jubilo* ..... J. S. Bach  
Charlotte Hsieh, organ

Welcome

The Rev. Ryan Romberg

Life at Geneva

Generosity Update Rod and Jane Kingston, elders

Call to Worship†

The Rev. Dr. Mary Carol Perrott

Old Testament Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-20

Musical Offering

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*..... T. Cottrell, R.H.  
Prichard, C. Wesley, and K. Wilbanks  
Gabe Burt, vocals, guitar, piano; Dan Stark, vocals, guitar;  
Bonnie Dolan, vocals; Manuel Ruíz, percussion

Prayer of Confession†

Passing of the Blessing

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 12:2-6

Epistle Reading: Philippians 4:4-7

Congregational Hymn

*Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty* ..... Glory to God #403

Gospel Reading: Luke 3:7-18

Message: *Sorrow or Joy*

Musical Offering

*In the Bleak Midwinter* ..... Roger Jones  
Julie Stephenson, soprano; Charlotte Hsieh, piano

Opportunity to Be Generous

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Blessing

Postlude

*Ding Dong Merrily On High* ..... arr. Gordon Young  
Charlotte Hsieh, organ

## Sunday Activities

**GENEVA KIDS SUNDAY  
DROP-OFF & PICK-UP**  
(infant through 5th grade)

**9-10am** - McLennan Lounge  
**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 8TH DAY**  
(6th-12th grade)

**9-10am:** Drop-off / pick-up, room 29 (Youth Room).

**10:30 - 11:30am:** Attend service with youth and leaders in Sanctuary.

**7pm - High School Hang**

To learn more and participate, email Pastor Ryan at [rromberg@genevapres.org](mailto:rromberg@genevapres.org)

## ADULT CLASSES

**9am** – *Exploring the Bible Together* meets in the Saddleback Room  
**9am** – *The Network* meets in the Annex

To participate via Zoom, join the group to receive the meeting ID at [genevapres.churchcenter.com/groups](http://genevapres.churchcenter.com/groups).



## Announcements

**POINSETTIA ORDERING**  
*Deadline is December 12*

This is the final day to order a poinsettia to recognize your loved ones and help decorate our worship spaces. Cost is \$13 per plant. [Order online here](#) or at the Welcome Center outside of the Sanctuary doors.

**ALTERNATIVE GIFT MARKET**  
*Deadline is December 12*

Give the gift of HOPE in the name of a friend or loved one to those who need it most. Visit [Alternative Gift Market](#) to shop and learn more or shop in person today on the courtyard. Don't miss this final opportunity to shop in person to help our local and world mission partners!

**CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP**

*5pm Online & Laguna Woods Channel 6*

Celebrate with us the season of Hope, Peace, Love and Joy.

Our beautiful online

Christmas Eve service premieres at 5pm on YouTube, Facebook or connect at [genevapres.org](http://genevapres.org). For those who live in Laguna Woods Village, you may enjoy our broadcast at 5pm Christmas Eve on Laguna Woods TV Channel 6.

# 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...*



*"O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!"*

*– Psalm 95:6*



*"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."*

*– 2 Peter 3:18*



*"Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."*

*– Galatians 6:2*



*"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."*

*– Matthew 6:21*



*"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*

## GENEVA ONLINE



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The Rev. Dr. Steven M. Marsh

Website: [realtheology.org/blog](http://realtheology.org/blog)

## OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday, 9am-4pm  
and Fridays 9am-1pm.

### 24-Hour Emergency Line

Dial 949-837-2323 and follow  
the prompts. You will be  
contacted by the pastor on call.

## CAMPUS PARTNERS

### Geneva Children's Center

Preschool for children age 2-6.  
Learn more at [genevacc.org](http://genevacc.org) or  
call Director Amy Lussier at  
949-581-2200.

### Irvine Taiwanese Presbyterian Church

Weekly 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  
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949-377-1616

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

December 13-19

Time Event / Location

### Monday 12/13

- 8am "Rowdies" / Ann
- 11am Chair Yoga / Zoom
- 3:30pm Line Dancing / SB

### Wednesday 12/15

- 11am Chair Yoga / Zoom

### Thursday 12/16

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

### Saturday 12/18

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

### Sunday 12/19

- 9am & 10:30am Geneva Kids, Middle &  
High School  
(see page 3 for schedule)
- 9am Exploring the Bible  
Together / SB
- 9am The Network / Ann
- 10am ITPC Worship / CHAP
- 10:30am In-Person Worship / SAN
- 10:30am Online Worship Premier  
YT, FB
- 7pm High School Hang / OC

#### Location Key:

Ann = Annex	OC = Off Campus
CHAP = Chapel	PL = Parking Lot
CY = Courtyard	SB = Saddleback Rm
CW = Campus Wide	SAN = Sanctuary
CR = Choir Room	SH = Simpson Hall
EB = Education Bldg	YR = Youth Room
FB = Facebook	YT = YouTube
LIB = Library	Z = Zoom
ML = McLennan Lounge	

GCC preschoolers Christmas  
video debuts in worship next  
week. You won't want to miss it!

## LEADERSHIP

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