

# 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

**November 12, 2023**

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

## CURRENT SERMON SERIES

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

## TODAY'S SERMON

The Rev. Ryan Romberg

"The Day Everything Changed...Again"

## TEXTS

Amos 5:18-24

Psalm 70

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Matthew 25:1-13

## Thank you to today's door greeters!

Geneva elders *Tom Jenkins* and *John Pomery* are welcoming you to worship this morning. Elders are ordained officers of the church who serve as the main governing body of the Geneva.

## 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

*Talk About a Child That Do Love Jesus*  
American Spiritual

arr. Calvin Taylor  
Charlotte Hsieh, organ

Welcome

The Rev. Ryan Romberg

Life at Geneva

Prayer of the Day†

Mark Reed, elder

Epistle Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (NT page 250)

Congregational Hymn

*Rejoice, the Lord Is King!*

*Glory to God #363*

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*

Psalter Reading: Psalm 70 (OT page 654)

Musical Offering

*Étude in c minor, Op. 25 No. 12, "Ocean"*

Frederick Chopin  
Kwang Seo, piano

*In our life voyage in the ocean;  
from a calm sailing, comes the stir of a storm,  
a threat of an angry tumult, these we must face;  
We seek God's guidance and cry for help,  
"O hear us when we cry to thee."*

*There comes the wisdom that gives us hope;  
the wisdom that we gain through pain,  
believing in God's mercy and love that protects us from danger;  
In the end, we see the destination on the distant horizon, knowing that,  
our journey is complete, by His grace, we endured tumultuous struggles,  
We let out a joyous shout:  
GLORY BE TO GOD! Amen.*

– poem by Kwang Seo

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13 (NT page 34)

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

Anthem

*Music of Heaven*

Craig Courtney  
words by Susan Bentall Boersma  
Geneva Chancel Choir; Eileen O'Hern, director  
Samuel Yoon, violin

*Immortal Spirit, living eternal "I AM,"  
Look on our weakness.  
Hear now our singing, songs of thanksgiving and praise.  
this is our off'ring.*

*Bowing before You, with grateful hearts we will sing  
music of heaven.  
Hear now our singing....  
this is our off'ring.*

*From highest heaven, send Your invisible wind.  
gift of the Father.  
Hear now our singing....  
music of heaven.*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Him, all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.*

Old Testament Reading: Amos 5:18-24 (OT page 1046)

Message: *The Day Everything Changed...Again*

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Congregational Hymn  
*Seek Ye First*

*Glory to God #175*

Opportunity to Be Generous

Blessing

Postlude

*Sonata for Violin and Piano #22 in A Major, K. 305  
I. Allegro di molto*

W. A. Mozart

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

November 13-19

Time Event / Location

### Monday 11/13

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

### Tuesday 11/14

8am-8pm Polly's Fundraiser / OC

### Wednesday 11/15

10am Chair Yoga / Zoom  
12pm GPW Luncheon / SH  
6pm Youth Group / YR

### Thursday 11/16

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

### Friday 11/17

11am Al-Anon / Ann  
4pm Yoon Memorial / San & SH

### Saturday 11/18

7:30am Men's Bible Study / ML  
6pm Youth Friendsgiving / YR

### Sunday 11/19

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

### 2024 GENEROSITY CAMPAIGN

*It's not too late to pledge!*

Thank you to those who have already presented pledge cards for our 2024 Generosity campaign. We have received **86%** of the donations needed to reach our pledge income goal for 2024. It's not too late to contribute. You may do so online at [genevapres.org/give](https://genevapres.org/give) or call Geneva Business Manager, Gary Pado, at 949-837-2323.

### GPW CHRISTMAS SILVER TEA

*Ticket on sale now!*

All women are invited to join this annual Geneva Presbyterian Women Christmas celebration **Saturday, December 2nd**, 12-2pm. Purchase tickets (\$5) on the courtyard before or after worship, in the church office or at [genevapres.org/](https://genevapres.org/) events. Please make seating requests at time of ticket purchase. Tickets are limited so don't delay!

### GPW POLLY'S FUNDRAISER

*Tuesday, November 14, 8am-8pm*

Present a Polly's Pies fundraiser flyer to your server at the Laguna Woods location and 20% of your bill will be donated to Geneva Presbyterian Women. Flyers are available on the courtyard, in the church office or download at [genevapres.org/events](https://genevapres.org/events).

### GPW NOVEMBER LUNCHEON

*Wednesday, November 15, 12pm in Simpson Hall*

Geneva Presbyterian Women invite all women to attend their monthly luncheon. After food and fellowship, attendees will be guided on an architectural tour of the church examining intentional design features meant to express and celebrate our Christian faith. Please bring a dish to share.

### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

*Sunday, November 19, 11:30am*

This meeting will be held in the Sanctuary immediately following worship to elect deacons for the Class of 2026, an unexpired term for the Deacon Class of 2024, and an unexpired term for the Elder Class of 2024.

### PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

*Sunday, November 19, 11:45am in McLennan Lounge*

Join Pastor Steve immediately after worship as he leads this final study, "The Problem With Evil", to explore various biblical texts that highlight the problem of evil in everyday life. A light lunch will be served and donations are suggested to cover the cost.

### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING & ROMBERG CELEBRATION LUNCH

*Sunday, November 26, 11:30am*

This special meeting, to be held immediately after worship, is required by the Presbyterian Church (USA) to formally dissolve the pastoral relationship between Pastor Ryan and the Congregation (we cannot add this piece of business to the November 19 Congregational Meeting). We will celebrate Ryan and his family immediately following the meeting with lunch in Simpson Hall.

### PASTOR RYAN LOVE GIFT

*Give now through November 26*

A "love gift" will be collected for Pastor Ryan as an expression of appreciation for his service to our congregation. You may contribute online at [genevapres.org/giving](https://genevapres.org/giving), choosing "Romberg Celebration" in the dropdown menu, or write a check to the church with "Romberg Celebration" in the memo line. Checks may be dropped off at the church office or brought to the November 26th luncheon.

## CONNECT

### PASTORS

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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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and Fridays 9am-1pm.

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### CAMPUS PARTNERS

**Geneva Children's Center**

Preschool for children age 2-6  
Amy Lussier, Director / 949-581-2200  
[genevacc.org](https://genevacc.org)

**Irvine Taiwanese Presbyterian Church**

Worship service Sundays at 10am in the chapel. Albany Lee, Pastor  
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**The Geneva School**

Education for K-8th Grade  
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