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# Geneva

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Loving God • Loving Others*

## ONLINE WORSHIP

Sundays, 10:30am  
(until further notice)



**November 29, 2020**

*First Sunday of Advent*

## CURRENT SERMON SERIES

Jesus' Message: You Are Family

## TODAY'S SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Steven M. Marsh

*"You Matter... They Matter"*

## TEXTS

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; and  
Mark 13:24-37

**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.

# Online Worship

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## Visit us on the web [genevapres.org](http://genevapres.org)

Click *Coronavirus Resources* on the home page to connect and receive assistance during the pandemic.

## First-Time Guests

We're glad you're here! Help us get to know you by texting WELCOME to (949) 575-8675.

## Village TV Broadcast

Rewatch worship services any time on YouTube, Facebook, or view the previous week's service on Laguna Woods Village TV (Channels 6, 6.1 or 406) Saturdays at 11am.

## Give Online @

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

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Countdown

*Veni, Emmanuel* ..... arr. Charlotte Hsieh, organ

Welcome

The Rev. Dr. Steven M. Marsh

Life at Geneva

Call to Worship

Jack Clement, Elder

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Musical Offering

*O Come O Come Emmanuel* ..... Cottrell / Helmore / Neale

Prayer of Confession

Passing of the Blessing

Musical Offering

*Prepare the Way of the Lord*..... Michael Larkin

Gospel Reading: Mark 13:24-37

Prayer of Illumination

Message

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Moment for Mission

Christmas Joy Offering

Closing Thoughts

Benediction



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# Regular Online Activities



## SUNDAY CONNECTION

### 9am – Jesus & Jammies

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

### 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 *Format Change Postponed!*

The new in-person/zoom hybrid meeting format which was to be introduced November 29 has been postponed due to the recent surge in COVID-19 cases in California. But, this group will still be Zoomin'! To participate, [join the secure high school group](#) online to get more info and password for the Zoom call. Questions? Email Pastor Ryan at [rromberg@genevapres.org](mailto:rromberg@genevapres.org).

## 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 at 949-837-2323.

[Zoom Instructions](#)

[Zoom Activities List](#)

## Support

### STEPHEN MINISTRY

Currently, we have 13 Stephen Ministers serving the Geneva Presbyterian Church 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.

### 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*



## CONNECTING

### NEW MEMBER CLASS

Saturday, December 5  
10-11:30am

Join Pastor Steve and a few Geneva elders for this class designed for those who are ready for membership or want to discover what it means to become a Geneva member. Discussion topics include: *Why join the church? What are the benefits of belonging? How do I find my fit?* The class meets via Zoom. [Register here](#) to receive an email with the information you need to participate. Call the church office at 949-837-2323 if technical help is needed.



## PRAYER LIST

[Click here to request prayer.](#)

Paul Arndt	Harriett & Bink
Beth Coombs	Lewis
Norm Coombs	Mark Matthews
Lorna Dawson	Kurt Messerschmidt
Mary Enser	Jackie Overfield
Sue Haffley	Mark Reed
Esther Karlson	Colleen Sullivan
Hank Green	Jim & Pati Toole

**Our Church Prayer:** Almighty God continue to mold me into a strong presence of Jesus in words and deeds. Thank you for calling me beloved. I am not what I do or what others say about me. I am defined by my identity in Jesus. May others see Jesus in me. In the name of Jesus I pray, Amen.



## WORSHIPPING

### DEC 20 ON CAMPUS WORSHIP POSTPONED

December 20 10:30am live stream not affected

As a result of the resurgence of COVID-19 in Orange County and the move into Tier 1 (Purple) of *California's Blueprint for a Safer Economy*, Session has postponed the December 20 on campus worship service until the County moves back into the less restrictive Red tier category. Please note that the 10:30am live stream worship service on December 20 will proceed as usual.

The OC Health Care Agency recent mandate pertaining to the purple tier states that Places of Worship are limited to outdoor worship services with modifications. Unfortunately, due to logistics, campus limitations and the negative impact colder weather may have on the health of our members, outdoor worship for Geneva is not an option. We know this is disappointing, especially for the 40% of our members who were looking forward to being back on campus, but when the County moves back into the

Red (Tier 2) category on-campus worship will be reevaluated and rescheduled.

Although it is understandable to be "COVID weary" at this time, we urge you to remain vigilant in following the guidelines set forth by the county and state to keep yourself and those around you safe. For the latest updates here are links to the [updated Orange County Health Care Agency guidelines](#) as well as updated [face covering guidance released by the California Department of Public Health](#). Thank you for your prayers as leadership continues to walk along this perilous journey. We continue to have faith that God is walking with us.

### NEW SERMON SERIES November 29 - January 3

The Bobby Schuller book *You Are Beloved: Living In The Freedom Of God's Grace, Mercy, And Love* (Nashville, Tennessee: Nelson Books, 2018) is the resource for Pastor Steve's current series, *Jesus' Message: You Are Family*. Books are available for \$10. Call the church office at 949-837-2323 or email us at [info@genevapres.org](mailto:info@genevapres.org) for a copy.



## GIVING

### GENEROSITY CAMPAIGN UPDATE

This week we have a total of \$599,550 in pledges from 125 pledging units with 57% of our membership responding so far. We completed last year's campaign with 61% member participation. Let's challenge ourselves to reach, and even exceed, last year's number!

A big thank you to all who have already sent in their pledge cards. If you have questions about your giving or need another pledge card, contact Geneva Business Manager Gary Pado at 837-2323, x203 or email him at [gpado@genevapres.org](mailto:gpado@genevapres.org).

### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Last month Session voted to hold a Congregational Meeting via email from noon Friday, December 4 to noon Sunday, December 6 to elect the Deacon Class of 2023. To this end, Geneva members will be receiving an email December 4 requesting participation in this virtual vote. The following members are up for election: *Kathleen Hagan, Wendy McCalley and Mary and Glenn Payne*. Per our bylaws, to establish a quorum we need a minimum of 10% of our membership participating so please don't forget to vote. Thank you!

### CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

*Now through December 31*

This Presbyterian Church (USA) special offering addresses the support needed by some of our leaders, including supporting leadership development for communities of color, and providing support for Presbyterian church workers in their time of need. [Give online here](#) and choose "Christmas Joy" in the dropdown menu or use the special envelope found with your offering envelopes.

## Alternative Gift MARKET



Give the gift of HOPE this Advent season.

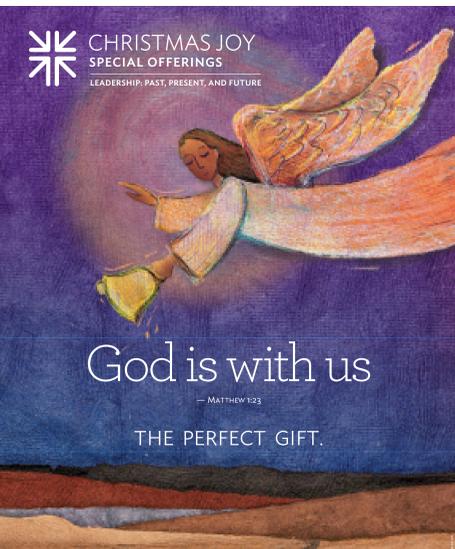
### ALTERNATIVE GIFT MARKET

*Shop now through Dec 6*

Why buy another tie when you can give the gift of HOPE in the name of a friend or loved one to those in our community and throughout the world who need it most.

Geneva has asked our local and world mission partners to provide a wish list of needed items to best help the people they serve. The result is a shopping list with gifts ranging in price from \$5 to \$200, benefitting individuals, groups, children and adults. Once purchased, the gifts are given directly to the organizations with whom we have a relationship.

To learn more about how the *Alternative Gift Market* works, download the order form, order online or to learn more about our mission partners, visit our AGM webpage at [genevapres.org/alternativegiftmarket](http://genevapres.org/alternativegiftmarket). In the meantime, happy shopping!



## GENEVA ONLINE



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The Rev. Dr. Steven M. Marsh

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### THE GENEVA SCHOOL

Education for K-8th Grade

Gina Bonecutter, Head of School

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(949) 377-1616

## 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 Sherry Hoselton to schedule a visit at **949-581-2200**.

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