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December 11, 2022

Third Sunday of Advent

CURRENT SERMON SERIES

Lean Into Geneva's Vision: Identity Part I

Know Who You Are

TODAY'S SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Steven M. Marsh

"Your New Identity Has Been Prepared for You"

TEXTS

Isaiah 35:1-10

Psalms 146:5-10

James 5:7-10

Matthew 11:2-11

Today's Greeters

Shirley Fargo, Watt Prichard
From Connect Groups

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



Thank you to all the Genevans who helped us decorate our worship spaces by dedicating poinsettias to loved ones. May your days be merry and bright.

IN MEMORY

My husband Russ Barry

Donna Barry

Mark Matthews

Steve Frogue

Don and JerraLynne Beckhart

Kerstin and Arne Boeryd, and Åsa

Maryedith and Bill Fleenor

Lars and Carol Boeryd

Our parents & family members

Elaine and Virgil Brady

Baby Carson James Carlisle

Elizabeth Carlisle

Ted Schafer

Daria Clement

Dr. Nancy S. Clement

Jack Clement

Gerry Day

Patrick Day

William "Bill" Dimmitt

Joan Dimmit

Roger Eichmeier, Husband

James & Melva Harris, Parents

Edith Duncan

My dear mom, Betty Fargo

Shirley Fargo

David L. Jacobs

Barbara Frink

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

"Largo" from Trio Sonate in D MajorJean-Baptiste Loeillet

Welcome

The Rev. Dr. Steven M. Marsh

Life at Geneva

Congregational Hymn

Once in Royal David's City.....*Glory to God* #140

Anthem

Sing We Now of Christmasarr. Kyle Pederson

Sing we now of Christmas, Noel sing we here.

Hearts in expectation, Noel drawing near.

Sing we Noel, Noel, Noel;

Sing we now of Christmas, sing we now Noel.

In stillness lays the world in silent reverie;

Longing for the birth of love and mercy.

Yearning for hope, good news to fill our souls;

Turning to the manger that grounds all mystery.

Angels bending low, shepherds bend their knee,
Wisemen from the east, all have come the child to see.

All of creation where love has come to dwell;

Sing we now of Christmas, the good news that we tell.

Musical Offering

The First Noelarr. Gary Matsuura

Prayer of Confession

Ethan Morehouse

Passing of the Blessing

Musical Offering

Gesù BambinoPietro Yon; arr. Mark Hayes

When blossoms flowered 'mid the snows

Upon a winter night,

Was born the Child, the Christmas Rose,

The King of Love and Light.

The angels sang, the shepherds sang,
The grateful earth rejoiced;
And at His blessed birth the stars
Their exultation voiced.

O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.

Again the heart with rapture glows
To greet the holy night,
That gave the world its Christmas Rose,
Its King of Love and Light.

Let ev'ry voice acclaim His name,
The grateful chorus swell.
From paradise to earth He came
That we with Him might dwell.

O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.

Poem: "Neighbor" Jane Kingston, elder
from Voices of Christmas, by Nikki Grimes

Musical Offering
Nun wandre, Maria.....Hugo Wolf

translation:

Now journey on, Mary, journey on.
Already the cocks are crowing and the goal is near.
Journey on, my beloved, my treasure,
And soon we shall be in Bethlehem.
You will rest well and sleep there.

I see clearly, my Mistress, that your strength is failing.
Oh, I can hardly bear your suffering.
Have courage! We will surely find shelter there.
If only your hour were past, Mary,
I would give a reward for the good news.
I would give our donkey here for it!
Already the cocks are crowing, come! The goal is near.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 35:1-2, 5-6, 9-10 Ben Romberg

Poem: "Simeon" Jane Kingston, elder
from Voices of Christmas, by Nikki Grimes

Ted Garrison
Patricia Garrison

Robert Grabski and Merle Chapman
Carol Grabski

Joyce Green
Hank Green

David Horne, beloved husband, father,
grandfather, and love of my life.
Lisa Horne

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Huizenga
Dutch and Norma Huizenga

Martin Jackson
Robert Brown
Lois Brown
James Brown and Karen Jackson

Judy Jenkins
Tom Jenkins

Dr. & Mrs. Duck Kwon Han
Mr. & Mrs. Yong Soo Kang
Kang Young Soon

Rev. Dr. Wenning
Im Sook Lee

My Husband, Dr. Hee Kwan Lee
Ock H. Lee

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Molly McDuff Levegood

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Schlenk Family
Barbara E. Liddy

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Mother Berthella Taylor,
Brother Russ Taylor
Sister-in-law Cherine Marchus
Sister-in-law Patricia Koehler and
husband Bill Koehler,
Brother-in-law Harold Garrison
Hazel Lynch

Sister-in-law Patricia McCallum
John and Laura McCallum

Sidney McPhee
Miranda McPhee

David and Mary Davisson
James Eric Davisson
Jean Metcalf

Our parents, Ray and Ethyl Miller,
Harold and Elma Moore
Ray and Foy Miller

Our grandmother,
Kum-Bong-A Kang
Karen and Ken Min

My mother, Shin O. Park
Che Park

Mary's brother, Dr. James Limburg
Glen and Mary Payne

Clifford Bell
Sue Perrott Siferd
Carol Elizabeth Auck
Rev. Dr. Mary Carol Perrott

Kryne and Helena Verblaauw-ProL
Howard ProL

Family members no longer with us
**Jeff, Carrie, and
Theodore Rankin**

Michael Graziadie
Margaret Graziadie-Miller
Ted McGrade
Nancy Stapleton

My beloved Grandma, who always
wanted the best for me.
J Christine Cooke Taylor

David Alan Tosh
Emily Tosh

Alec Henry Langbridge
**Carol Van Kirk
and Kalani Langbridge**

Anthem

The Hands That First Held Mary's Child.....Dan Forrest

The hands that first held Mary's child were hard from working wood.
From boards they sawed and planed and filed
and splinters they withstood.

This day they gripped no tool of steel, they drove no iron nail,
But cradled from the head to heel our Lord, newborn and frail.

When Joseph marveled at the size of that small breathing frame,
and gazed upon those bright new eyes and spoke the infant's name,
the angel's words he once had dreamed
poured down from heaven's height,
and like the host of stars that beamed blessed earth with welcome light.

"This child shall be Emmanuel, not God upon the throne,
But God with us, Emmanuel, as close as blood and bone."

The tiny form in Joseph's palms confirmed what he had heard,
And from his heart rose hymns and psalms for heaven's human word.

The tools that Joseph laid aside a mob would later lift
And use with anger, fear, and pride to crucify God's gift.
Let us, O Lord, not only hold the child who's born today,
But charged with faith may we be bold to follow in His way.

Congregational Hymn

The Birth of ChristGive Him Glory, p. 4

Musical Offering

Jesus, Jesus, Rest Your Head.....arr. Eileen O'Hern

Jesus, Jesus, rest your head, you has got a manger bed.
All the evil folk on earth sleep in feathers at their birth.
Jesus, Jesus, rest your head, you has got a manger bed.

Have you heard about our Jesus? Have you heard about his fate?
How his mother went to that stable on that Christmas Eve so late?
Winds were blowing, cows were lowing,
stars were glowing, glowing, glowing.

Jesus, Jesus, rest your head, you has got a manger bed.
All the evil folk on earth sleep in feathers at their birth.
Jesus, Jesus, rest your head, you has got a manger bed.

To that manger came then wise men, bringing things from hin and yon.
For the mother and the father and the blessed little Son.
Milkmaids left their fields and flocks and sat beside the ass and ox.

Jesus, Jesus, rest your head, you has got a manger bed.
All the evil folk on earth sleep in feathers at their birth.
Jesus, Jesus, rest your head, you has got a manger bed.

Psalter Reading: Psalm 146:5-10

Liz Njoroge

Anthem

Brightest and Best.....So. Harmony, 1835; arr. Shawn. Kirchner

Hail the bless'd morn, see the great Mediator
Down from the regions of glory descend!
Shepherds go worship the babe in the manger,
Lo, for his guard the bright angels attend.

*Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,
Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid.
Star in the East, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.*

Cold on his cradle the dewdrops are shining,
low lies his bed with the beasts for the stall.
Angels adore him in slumber reclining,
Maker and Monarch and Savior of all.

*Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,
Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid.
Star in the East, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.*

Shall we not yield him, in costly devotion,
odours of Edom and off'rings divine,
Gems of the mountains and pearls of the ocean,
myrrh from the forest or gold from the mine?

*Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,
Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid.
Star in the East, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.*

Gospel Reading: Matthew 11:2-11

Message: *Your New Identity Has Been Prepared for You*

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Anthem

O Little Town of Bethlehem.....arr. Dan Forrest

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie.
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars together, proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the King, and peace to all the earth.

Rev. Robert H. Warren

Genece Warren

Mickey Vanier

Royce and Darlene Wise

John Hastings

Jean Coombs

Family and friends

Greg and Linda Rankin

Bernard's sister, Rose "Marie" McCann

Celeste and Bernard Deppmeier

IN HONOR

Mom, Margaret Wayne

Christine Armanderiz

Donovan and Gianna Capelle

Charli, Dean, and Vera Hutchinson

Joana Capelle

Pamela & Isabella Carlisle

Elizabeth Carlisle

Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. Lund

Mr. and Mrs. Murl K. Collins

Larry and Lorna Collins

Pat Garrison, our wonderful deacon

The Robertson Family

My 5 wonderful grandkids

Patty Georges

Granddaughters Jessica and Marissa
Deason

Grandsons Connor and Sutter Hagan

Kathleen Hagan

Our daughters and son-in-law Lisa and
Bill Orr

Lynn Huizenga

Dutch and Norma Huizenga

My Family

Tom Jenkins

Geneva shut-in members
Geneva Chancel Choir

Im Sook Lee

Shirley Marie Navarre McDuff

Molly McDuff Levegood

Our granddaughter, Sydney Beach

Karen and Ken Min

Gloria Newell

Eileen O'Hern

Chris Ann Overton

Rev. Dr. Mary Carol Perrott

My ex-husband John Robert Taylor,
who finally accepted Christ

Christine Cooke Taylor

Penny, Ken, Deb Prol, and all
grandchildren

Howard Prol

My children and grandchildren

Penelope Troup-Prol

Mrs. Wendy McCalley

Genece Warren

Our Family

Royce and Darlene Wise

Norman Coombs

Jean Coombs

*Each poinsettia will continue
the holiday cheer even after
Christmas, when the deacons
will deliver the plants our
members who are homebound.*

How silently, how silently, the wond'rous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessing of His heav'n.
No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him still, the dear Christ enters in.

O Holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray!
Cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell!
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord, Emmanuel.

Congregational Hymn

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Glory to God #133

Opportunity to Be Generous

Blessing

Postlude

Music presented by

The Geneva Chancel Choir
Eileen O'Hern, director
Charlotte Hsieh, organ and piano

Hannah Prince, soprano; Holly Harvey, mezzo-soprano
Tony Gonzales, tenor; Stephen Oey, baritone

Gary Matsuura, woodwinds
Samuel Yoon, violin
Karen Linkletter, cello
Juanita Tsu, piano

After worship, please join us in Simpson Hall for a Fa La La luncheon honoring all of our incredible Geneva volunteers.



Sunday Activities

GENEVA KIDS SUNDAY 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 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.

9AM ADULT CLASSES

- Exploring the Bible Together *in the Annex*
- The Network *in McLennan Lounge*
- The Bible Project *in the Saddleback Room*

Announcements

PARENTS NIGHT OUT

Saturday, December 17, 4-8pm

Geneva gives parents in our community a night out to go Christmas shopping while we watch their young ones at church. Dinner and games provided! Wear your PJ's and bring a pillow for a movie! The event is free and any donations go toward Geneva Youth Camp Scholarships. Register by Dec 14: bit.ly/GPCpno

STATED MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

Saturday, December 18

The stated meeting of the congregation in the sanctuary will immediately follow the 10:30am worship service to elect Deacons for the Class of 2025. All are welcome, but only Geneva members can vote.

CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE

Saturday, December 24, 5pm

We invite you to Christmas Eve worship with Lessons, Carols, and Communion in the Sanctuary.

CHRISTMAS DAY

Sunday, December 25, 10:30am

Please join us for Sunday worship on Christmas Day. Adult Education classes will not be in session until Sunday, January 8th, but worship will continue as usual through the New Year.

SOUTH COAST SINGERS HOLIDAY CONCERT

Saturday, December 17, 4pm, \$20

South Coast Singers present "Rock the Holidays" in the Geneva Sanctuary. Find out more and purchase tickets at southcostsingers.org.

Alternative Gift Market

www.genevapres.org/alternativegiftmarket

Christmas Joy Offering

specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/christmas-joy/

Our MISSION

To remember, tell, and live the way of Jesus by being just, kind and humble. Geneva also is an inclusive



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.'"

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Geneva Children's Center

Preschool for children age 2-6.
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Irvine Taiwanese Presbyterian Church

Weekly worship service Sundays
at 10am in the chapel.
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The Geneva School

Education for K-8th Grade
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genevaschooloc.org
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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Time	Event / Location
Monday 12/12	
8am	Rowdies / Ann
11am	Chair Yoga / Zoom
3:30pm	Line Dancing / SB
Tuesday 12/13	
9:30am	Sarah Circle / Ann
1pm	Women of Faith / OC
Wednesday 12/14	
9:15am	Martha Circle / Ann
11am	Chair Yoga / Zoom
5-7pm	Geneva Youth / YR
Thursday 12/15	
3:30pm	Line Dancing / SB
7:30pm	Chancel Choir / Ann
Friday 12/16	
11am	Al Anon / Annex
Saturday 12/17	
7:30am	Men's Bible Study / Ann
4pm	Parents Night Out! / YR
4pm	Chrisblitz / YR
4pm	South Coast Singers / SAN
Sunday 12/18	
9am & 10:30am	Geneva Kids, Middle & High School
9am	Exploring the Bible / Ann
9am	The Network / ML
9am	The Bible Project / SB
10am	ITPC Worship / CHAP
10:30am	Online Worship Premier YT, FB; LWTV Channel 6

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
Z = Zoom

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