March 13, 2022

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The Gathering

Welcome to worship with Geneva Presbyterian Church! Whether you're joining us online or in person, we're glad you're here and grateful to be gathered as a community united in Christ. In person worshippers have the option to sing during worship since we are all wearing masks.

We greet with open arms and open hearts guests and new church members across the full diversity of life, including differences in sex, gender identity, age, race, ethnicity, national origin, range of abilities, marital status, family structure, financial means, and education.

No matter who you are, you are welcome here and we hope you will feel home at Geneva.

Prelude

Welcome to the Worship of God

Silence and Introit

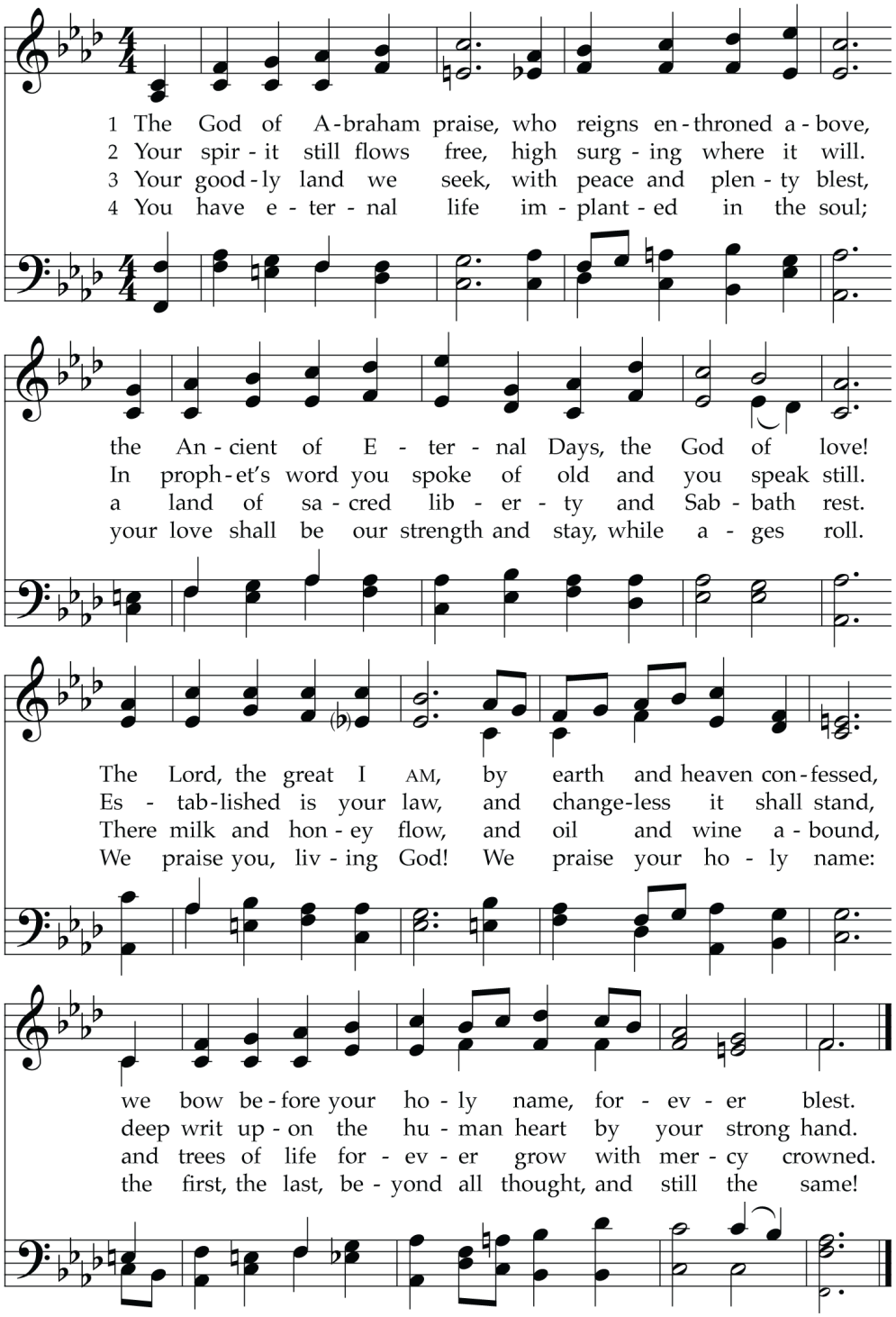
Call to Worship

Leader: For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:
People: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
Leader: a time to weep, and a time to laugh;
People: a time to mourn, and a time to dance.
Leader: We gather today in gratefulness for your gift of life, God,
People: for this is a time to worship! A time to sing, a time to pray, a time of praise we devote to You!

Opening Hymn **"The God of Abraham Praise"** **#49***(Verses 1, 2 & 4)*

(lyrics on next page)

49 The God of Abraham Praise



Shaped by its traditional Jewish tune, this selection of English stanzas conveys the essence of the *Yigdal*, a canticle based on a medieval Hebrew statement of faith about the nature of God and often used in synagogue worship, alternately chanted by cantor and congregation.

TEXT: Moses Maimonides, 12th cent.; vers. Daniel ben Judah Dayan, 1404; stanzas 1, 3, trans. Thomas Olivers, c.1770, alt.; stanzas 2, 4, trans. Max Landsberg, Newton M. Mann, and William C. Gannett, 1884, 1910, alt.

MUSIC: Jewish melody, 17th cent.; adapt. Meyer Lyon and Thomas Olivers, 1770

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Call to Confession

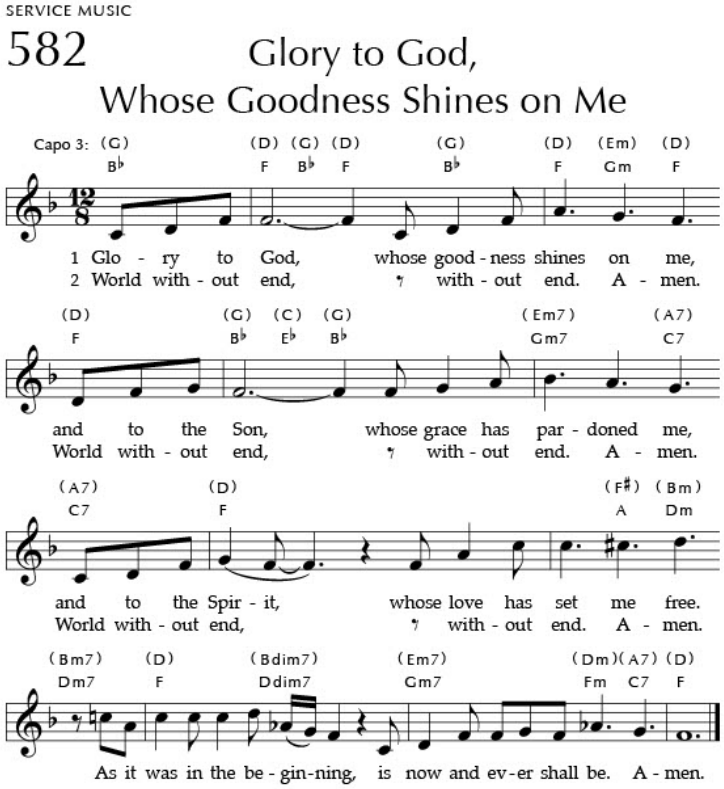
Prayer of Confession *(below in unison, then silent personal prayers)*

God of all paths, as Lent unfolds before us we see how far we have to go to Jerusalem. The road is long, our sins are many, our burdens are heavy. It's hard to imagine the new life of Easter, filled as our lives are with poor choices and missteps.

Meet us in our weakness, O Lord. Take up our sins. Ease our burdens. Encourage us on the way. Bring us at last to Jerusalem, so that we can be witnesses to your love that is stronger than death. God of life, receive these prayers we offer with earnest hearts…

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Response



Joys and Concerns *(The Virtual Church recording is turned off during this portion of the service for privacy. We will resume recording after the Lord's Prayer.)*

Prayers of the People; The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Word

Prayer for Illumination *(in unison)*

Bring your Word of life near to us, O God. May it rest not only on our lips, but also reside in our hearts. By the power of your Holy Spirit, help us to respond to your word with our whole lives as eager helpers and sincere disciples. Through Jesus Christ we pray; Amen.

First Scripture Reading **Ecclesiastes 12:1-8**
This is the Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God.

Second Scripture Reading **Philippians 2:5-8**
This is the Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God.

Sermon **"…And To Dust We Shall Return"** *Rev. Patrick McElwaine*

Affirmation of Faith/Appostles' Creed *(in unison)*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic* Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen. *(*meaning all of God's churches)*

The Thanksgiving

The Offering

Music Offering

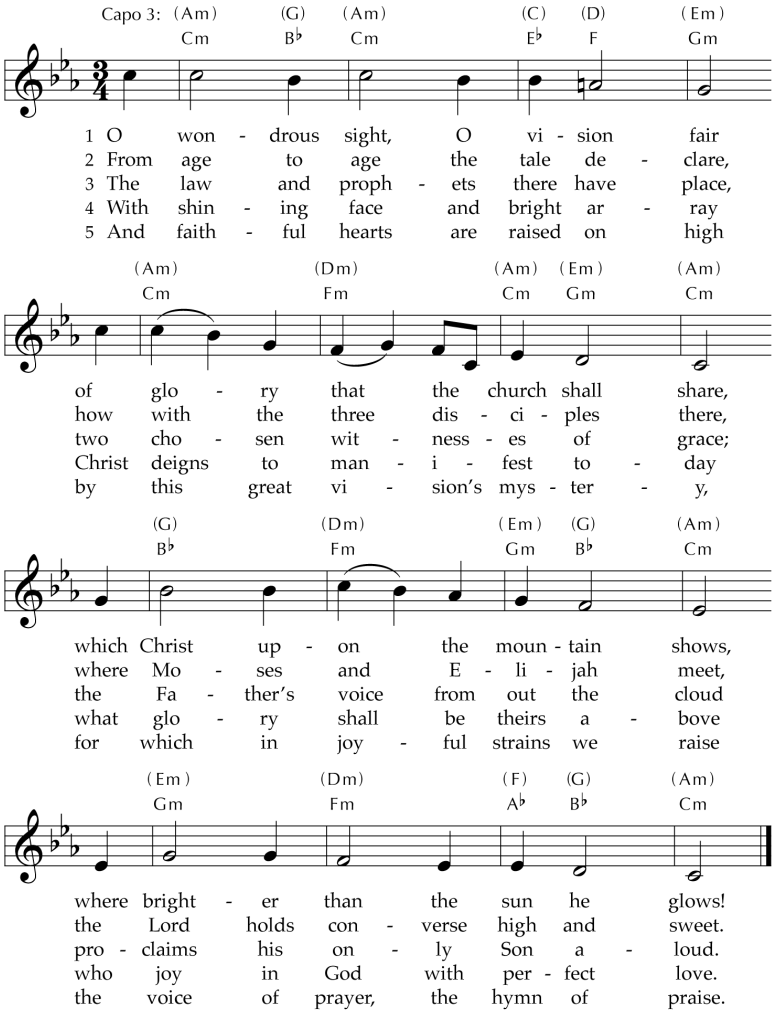
Prayer of Dedication

The Sending

Closing Hymn "O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair" #189*(Verses 1, 2 & 5)*

JESUS CHRIST: LIFE

O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair 189



Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This translation of a 15th-century Latin devotional text is set here to a majestic 15th-century tune celebrating the victory of an English king; they combine to evoke the awe and wonder of that moment of revelation the three disciples experienced in Christ's Transfiguration.

TEXT: Latin, 15th cent.; trans. John Mason Neale, 1851, alt.
MUSIC: "The Agincourt Song," England, c. 1415; harm. *The Hymnal,* 1933

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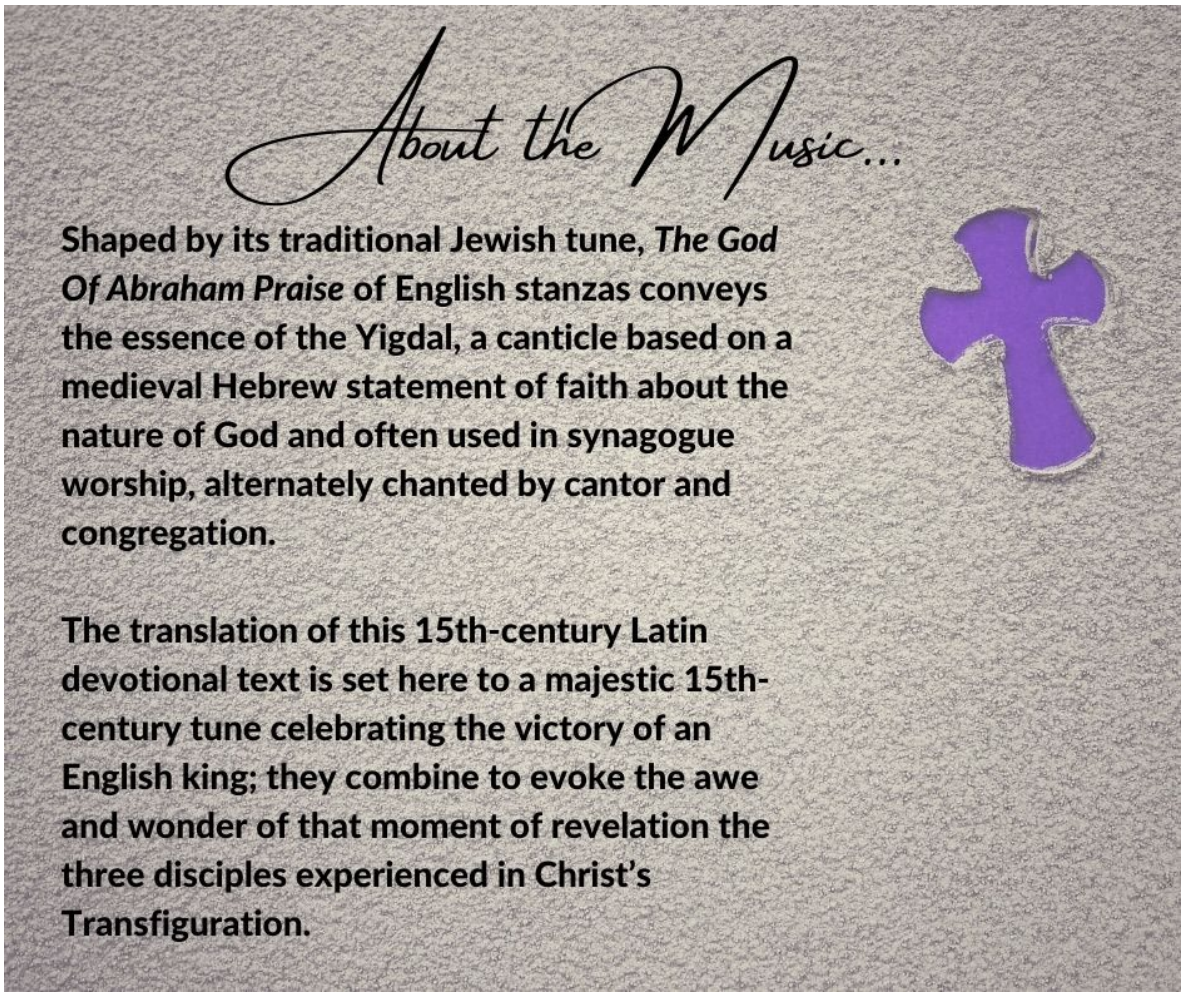
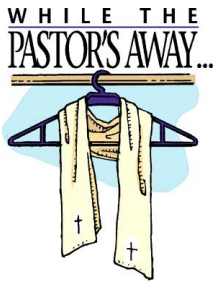
(alternate harmonization, 258)

Charge and Benediction

Postlude



- **<u>Pastor Patrick Away</u>**



Pastor Patrick will be out of town Monday, March 15th – Wednesday, March 16th continuing his education with National Capital Presbytery. If you have a pastoral need during this time please contact your Deacon.

The work, worship, pastor and leadership of Geneva.

Comfort for the Family and Friends of
Carole Haller;
Earl Baker, friend of Sara and Jim Torrence
John "Jack" Fossett, friend of Kyla and Vince Lupo
Elaine Brasted;
Jim Torrence;
The family and friends of John McKenna, friend of Jim and Sara Torrence

Healing and Comfort for
Robyn Alexander, recovering from knee surgery;
Nancy Morse; recovering from a fall
Brent Davis, spine surgery;
James Dodaro, his family, and friends, in their grief;
The extended family of Dr. Lena Leonchuk, Jeff Alexander's coworker, who live in Ukraine
Barbara and Paul Prosswimmer, health concerns;
Rosie Perthel, health concerns;
Bill Bryan, father of Letitia Denaburg, health concerns;
Pepe Marin, continued treatment for cancer;
Scott Brown, health concerns;
Nancy Rawson, health concerns;
Robin Kough, cancer treatment;
Tomoko Alexander, mother of Jeff Alexander, recovering from a fall and hip surgery;
Beverly Pitts Cain, friend of Sara and Jim Torrence, surgery from brain tumor;
Ken Adams, father of Juliet Hiemberg, health concerns;
Briana Cochran, cousin of Thibau Family, health concerns;
Rosalie Ruff, health concerns;
Ellie Croft, friend of Gretchen Winch, health concerns;
George Ehler, relative of friend of Ken Sprinkle, health concerns;
Betty Halls, health concerns;
Lorraine Leicht, Renee Moloznik's mother, health issues;
Dinah Paffrath, aunt of Renee Moloznik, receiving cancer treatments;
Carl Perthel, health concerns;
Isabelle Schuessler, friend of Scott Brown, health concerns;
Joanne Elder, friend of Sara and Jim Torrence, cancer;
Mary Bird, aunt of Renee Moloznik, health concerns;
Justin Pack, nephew of PJ Davis, diagnosed with ALS;
Daniel Adkins, nephew of Kyla and Vince Lupo, health concerns;
Donald Schuessler, friend of Scott Brown, health concerns;
Emilia Monte, friend of Sara and Jim Torrence, recurring cancer;
Jeff Leicht, Renee Moloznik's brother;
Judith Sadler, mother to Tom Sadler, mental illness and PG County guardianship care;
Leland Perthel, living with Post-Concussion Syndrome;
Sandra Kichefski, sister of Sheri Sankey, health concerns;
Zoë, friend of Bob and Rhonda Ricci, health concerns;

Prayers for Peace
Daniel Kough, son of Jack and Robin Kough, home from Afghanistan.
Walter Sprinkle, son of Ken and Nan Sprinkle, US Army Special Training

WELCOME TO GENEVA! We welcome you to this church and want you to feel at home. We want you to feel accepted here, and also challenged, even as we invite you to accept and challenge us. If you are new to this community or do not have a church home, we invite you to join us. Please contact a staff member using any of the emails on the back of today's bulletin.

Birthdays: *Vince Lupo (3/5); David Denaburg (3/5); Anika Nagel (3/7); Flore Kom Liapoe (3/9); Carl Perthel (3/9); Daniel Kough (3/11); Nan Sprinkle (3/14); Rollin Franks (3/16); Kristina Dunne (3/20); Danny Miller (3/20); Matthew Dunne (3/21); George Hunt (3/24); Walter Sprinkle (3/28); Holly Allen (3/29); Toshiko Ota (3/31);*

This Week at Geneva

Sunday, March 13	2:00am	**Daylight Savings**
Sunday, March 13	10:30am	**Worship** – In-Person and Online
Sunday, March 13	11:30am	**Annual Congregational Meeting** In-Person and Online
Wed, March 16	6:30pm	**Ecumenical Lenten Study** – Online
Sunday, March 20	10:30am	**Worship** – In-Person and Online
Monday, March 21	7:00pm	**Executive Committee Meeting**
Wed, March 23	6:30pm	**Ecumenical Lenten Study** – Online

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- **<u>Ecumenical Lenten Study: Wednesdays in Lent via Zoom @ 6:30pm</u>**

Geneva's normal Wednesday Bible Study will take a brief break during Lent so that we can join the annual Ecumenical Lenten Study series that is happening on Wednesdays @6:30pm. We'll join with our neighboring Seven Locks Rd. churches for an exciting and timely study led by a different Seven Locks pastor each night. Please see the included series flyer for full details!

United We Stand

Churches of Seven Locks Road Ecumenical Lenten Series

Wednesdays in Lent
6:30 to 7:30 p.m. by Zoom

March 9 - Building bonds by sharing what we ***Love***

March 16 - Building bonds by sharing what we've ***Lost***

March 23 - Building bonds by sharing where we ***Hurt***

March 30 - Building bonds by sharing what we ***Dream***

We know that in Jesus, we are all united. *In a cultural moment shadowed by pandemic, political differences, and division in our society, you are invited to join us as we come together to celebrate our differences, listen with deep curiosity, and promote the unity we find in Jesus.*

Join us for prayer, presentation, and discussion as we reflect on what we **love**, *what we've* **lost**, *where we* **hurt**, *and what we* **dream**.

Our hope is that when this series ends, we can plan events and projects together based on the relationship we have between our church communities—and the call, from Jesus, to **Stand United**.

Meeting ID: 875 4424 0475 Passcode: 399400

Best Easter Wishes!

Would you like to purchase an Easter lily to decorate the sanctuary on Easter Sunday?

If your lily is in honor or memory of someone please be sure to include that information when you sign up. Each lily is $15. You can either make a check payable to Geneva Presbyterian Church, write Easter lily in the memo and mail your check to the church or you can pay on line.
Sign up must be received in the church office by Noon on Wednesday, April 6th.

If you prefer you may pay online through our church donate app. Please go to Special Gifts at https://genevapotomac.org/give/online-giving/ .

Alternatively through Sign Up Genius at https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050A4CA8AA29A5FF2-easter

Annual Congregation Meeting

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Reflect on our mistry last year, help craft our vision for the year ahead

In Person and Online

Meeting ID: 668 560 374
Password: 240543

Sunday, March 13
11:30 am - - Following worship

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Reflect on our minstry last year, help craft our vision for the year ahead

Sunday, March 13

Elders

Amanda White

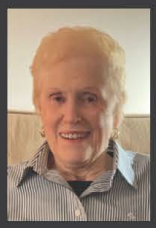
Ken Sprinkle

Deacons

Kyla Lupo

Sheena Gallani

Day School Board



Nancy Rawson

Elaine Winch

Jack Kough

Letitia Denaberg

Nominating Committee At Large

Janelle Thibau

Jack Kough

Nancy Morse

Proposed slate of church officers for congregational vote

Please join us for worship during the season of Lent and Easter
(online and in person unless otherwise noted)

Ash Wednesday - March 2nd @7:00pm
Sunday, March 6th @10:30am
Sunday, March 13th @10:30am
Sunday, March 20th @10:30am
Sunday, March 27th @10:30am
Sunday, April 3rd @10:30am
Palm Sunday - April 10th @10:30am
Maundy Thursday - April 14th @7:00pm
Good Friday - April 15th @12:00pm - ONLINE ONLY
Easter - Sunday, April 17th @10:30am

For you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

Genesis 3:19

Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here.

Mark 16: 6

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PLEASE SUPPORT GOD'S MINISTRY THROUGH GENEVA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WITH YOUR SMARTPHONE, TABLET, COMPUTER OR MAIL!

Three Ways to Give:

- **Online** - using this link - https://genevapotomac.org/give/online-giving/
- **By App:** download **Vanco Mobile** , create an account, Invitation code for Geneva Presbyterian Church (Potomac, MD): **3DS2A8**
- **By Mail:** checks securely received at : 11931 Seven Locks Road Potomac, MD 20854

- **Virtual Church with Geneva Presbyterian: Sundays @ 10:30am**

  Join Zoom Meeting: https://bit.ly/2SL4E76

  Meeting ID: 668 560 374
  Password: 240543

  One tap mobile
  +13126266799,,668560374# US (Chicago)
  +16465588656,,668560374# US (New York)

- **Geneva Worship Videos**

  Geneva Presbyterian worship videos are available on our church website the Monday following each service. Please share worship recordings with friends and family and join us for worship later if you couldn't make it live!

  Click HERE to watch our past Virtual Worship services!

- **<u>Updated COVID Guidelines!</u>**

Session has approved an updated set of COVID Guidelines for Geneva Presbyterian that are in line with changing pandemic guidelines and the needs specific to our congregation. Please review and abide by these guidelines to keep our community safe if you come to Geneva in person.

Update Approved Nov. 22, 2021

1. Masks will be worn inside the church building and social distancing will be practiced. If a person is unable or unwilling to wear a mask, they may join us online for worship at this time.

2. The Pastor and Liturgist may remove their masks while leading worship in the chancel area.

3. The sanctuary will open for worshippers at 10:15.

4. Please enter through the main glass doors on the Seven Locks Rd. side of the building.

5. Check in procedure: all worshippers will provide their name for contact tracing, answer the standard "COVID questions," and have their temperature checked upon arrival. Hand sanitizing stations and masks will be available.

6. If any member of a household has a temperature above 100.4 degrees the entire household will be asked to leave and worship with us virtually until safe to return. If you don't feel well, please don't come to church in person.

7. Greeters will help with check in and questions. Ushers will guide worshippers to their seats in the sanctuary.

8. Child care is being offered in a downstairs school classroom. Masks are encouraged if a child is able to wear one. An Usher can help guide caregivers and children to the child care space.

9. Individually sealed communion cups will be provided upon arrival for services when we celebrate the Lord's Supper.

10. Offerings and donations may be made online or in the physical offering plate located next to the sanctuary doors.

11. The congregation may sing with masks on.

12. Geneva Day School areas are strictly off limits to maintain safety for students and staff (with the exception of child care during worship).

13. Please obey all posted signs and do your part to keep our community safe!

14. These guidelines apply to everyone equally, regardless of vaccination status.

Today's Worship Leaders

Rev. Patrick McElwaine, Pastor; *Ben Shaver,* Music Director;
Jane Campbell, Lector; Kyla Lupo, Zoom Host.

Church Elders	***Church Deacons***
Jane Campbell, Carl Perthel, Daniel Ricci, Tom Sadler, Sheri Sankey, Amanda White, Elaine Winch	Ludivine Kom-Liapoe, Bobbie Maxwell, Allyson McElwaine, Renee Moloznik, Rosie Perthel, Jessie Ricci, Rhonda Ricci
If you have any ideas, suggestions or concerns, please share them with our officers.	

Today's flowers are given by Renee Moloznik in celebration of Teresa Moloznik's birthday!

Geneva warmly welcomes all our guests joining us today

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