

NOVEMBER 27, 2022



FIRST SUNDAY
OF
Advent

GENEVA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Geneva Presbyterian Church

November 27, 2022

First Sunday of Advent

10:30am

Childcare is available in a downstairs classroom -- please ask an Usher for help.

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. This is your spiritual home -- we encourage you to sing, pray, and be yourself just as God made you in this holy space.

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

Call to Worship

Leader: Awake from your sleep; salvation is near!

People: The night is far gone; the day is at hand.

Leader: Heaven and earth will pass away,

People: but the word of God endures forever.

Leader: The day of the Lord is surely coming;

People: the promise of God will be fulfilled.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Cali Bronkema

JESUS CHRIST: ADVENT

88 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
 4 O come, thou Root of Jes - se, free thine own from



cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
 all things might - i - ly: to us the path of knowl - edge
 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
 Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell thy peo - ple



here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 show; and teach us in her ways to go. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!
 law in cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.
 save and give them vic - tory o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

- 5 O come, thou Key of David, come,
 and open wide our heavenly home;
 make safe the way that leads on high,
 and close the path to misery.
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
 shall come to thee, O Israel.
- 6 O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
 our spirits by thine advent here;
 disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
 and death's dark shadows put to flight.
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
 shall come to thee, O Israel.

- 7 O come, Desire of nations, bind
 all peoples in one heart and mind;
 bid envy, strife, and discord cease;
 fill the whole world with heaven's peace.
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
 shall come to thee, O Israel.

One stanza of this paraphrase of the great O Antiphons may be sung on each of the last days of Advent as follows:

Dec. 17: O Wisdom (2)

Dec. 20: O Key of David (5)

Dec. 23: O Emmanuel (1)

Dec. 18: O Lord of might (3)

Dec. 21: O Dayspring (6)

Dec. 19: O Root of Jesse (4)

Dec. 22: O Desire of Nations (7)

These titles of the coming Christ appeared in daily Vesper antiphons sung during the week before Christmas; their roots date at least to the reign of Charlemagne. Both text and tune are the fruit of 19th-century efforts to reclaim Christian treasures from pre-Reformation sources.

TEXT: Latin prose, pre-9th cent.; trans. composite
 MUSIC: Plainsong; adapt. Thomas Helmore, 1852; arr. John Weaver, 1988
 Music Arr. © 1990 John Weaver

VENI EMMANUEL
 LM with refrain

Call to Confession

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

God Of The Present Future, you are coming to be for us the way and the truth and the life. We confess that we have not truly expected your kingdom to be arriving. We accept lies as truth, exploit our neighbors, and grow weary in our discipling. How differently we would live if we knew tomorrow was the day of Your second coming.

God With Us, forgive our sinfulness. Awaken our hearts to call upon your mercy and be led forth again in grace. Hear us as we approach you now in silent personal prayer...

Congregational Response

Prepare the Way of the Lord 95

Capo 1: (D) (G) (D)
* E^b A^b E^b * (chords continue)

Pre-prepare the way of the Lord. Pre-prepare the way of the Lord,
and all people will see the salvation of our God.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 6/8 time, key of B-flat major. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, with asterisks above the first and fifth measures. The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics, with asterisks above the first and fourth measures. Chord symbols are placed above the staff: (D) E^b (G) A^b (D) E^b. A note '(chords continue)' is placed above the fifth measure of the first staff.

**May be sung as a canon.*

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)*

Eternal and Living Word of God, speak to us now as we receive Your revelation in the pages of scripture. Enliven and prepare us through these words that we might live as those who are ready, watchful, and committed to serving You. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

Children's Sermon

Cali Bronkema

(Children 5th grade and younger are invited to join Bridges to Worship in the downstairs classroom following the Children's Sermon. Please join NextGen Director Cali Bronkema in the back of the sanctuary to participate!)

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 24:36-44

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"The Ones Who Keep Watch"

Rev. Patrick McElwaine

Affirmation of Faith/Apostles' 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)*

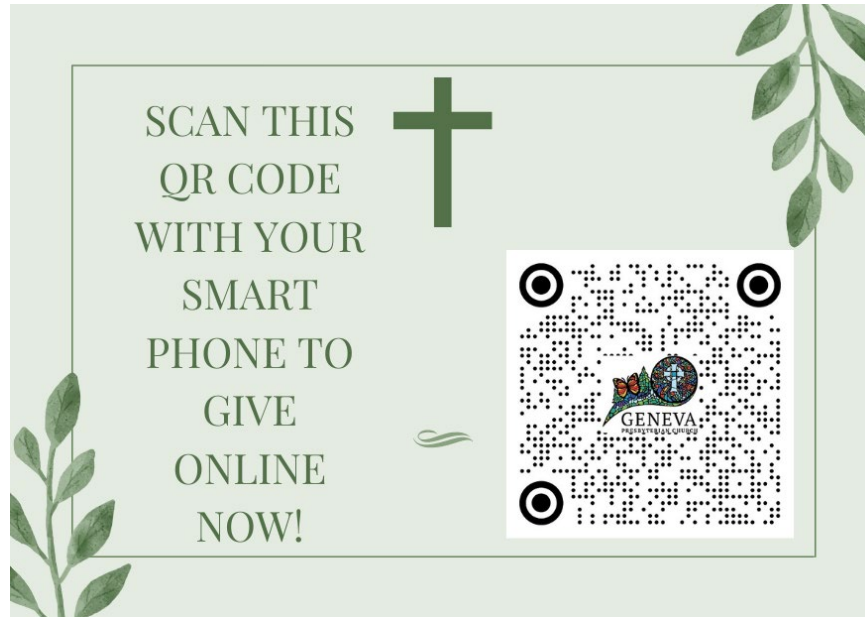
The Thanksgiving

The Offering

“The Lamb”
Geneva Sanctuary Choir

by John Tavener

(Every gift of every size is celebrated and appreciated. You may tithe in person at the offering plate in the back of the sanctuary, through the mail via check, or online via app or the QR code below.)



Prayer of Dedication

The Sending

Closing Hymn

“People, Look East”
(Lyrics on next page)

#105

105 People, Look East

1 Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the
 2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more
 3 Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the
 4 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more
 5 An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who

crown - ing of the year. Make your house fair as you are
 seed is plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to
 nest that must be filled. E - ven the hour when wings are
 light the bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y
 brings new life to earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley

Peo - ple, look

a - ble; trim the hearth and set the ta - ble.
 nour - ish, that in course the flower may flour - ish.
 fro - zen God for fledg - ing time has cho - sen.
 weath - er, bright as sun and moon to - geth - er.
 hum - ming with the word, the Lord is com - ing.

Peo - ple, look east: Love, the Guest, is on the way.
 Love, the Rose, is on the way.
 Love, the Bird, is on the way.
 Love, the Star, is on the way.
 Love, the Lord, is on the way.
 Peo - ple, look east: (Love is on the way.)

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

 IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers

Names in bold are new prayer list additions.

The work, worship, pastor and leadership of Geneva.

Comfort for the Family and Friends of

Mary Bird, aunt of Renee Moloznik;

Paul Prosswimmer;

Jerry Slattery, father of Jacob Slattery, Ben's best friend;

Werner Haubrich, friend of Sara and Jim Torrence

Jens Thiedemann, friend of Sara and Jim Torrence

George Hunt, husband of Margot Hunt;

Pete Nunn, husband of Ruth Nunn;

Virginia Hughes, great aunt of Derrick Truby;

Donald Schuessler, friend of Scott Brown

Mark Perthel, brother of Carl Perthel;

Betty Halls;

Healing and Comfort for

Scott Brown, health concerns;

Barbara Prosswimmer, health concerns;

Margaret and Don Acton, parents of Amanda White, continued health concerns;

Bill Linton, husband of a close friend of Sara Torrence, health concerns;

Sandra Poole, niece of Sara and Jim Torrence, treatment for cancer;

Paul Quin, husband of Pamela Wilson, health concerns;

Justin Pack, nephew of PJ Davis, living with ALS;

Riley Young, hospitalization related to cerebral palsy;

Ryan Davis, nephew of Geneva Day School parents Ron and Zeina Davis, who is in critical condition following a car accident;

The extended family of Dr. Lena Leonchuk, Jeff Alexander's coworker, who live in Ukraine;

Brent Davis, spine surgery;

Rosie Perthel, health concerns;

Pepe Marin, continued treatment for cancer;

Nancy Rawson, health concerns;

Robin Kough, health concerns;

Tomoko Alexander, mother of Jeff Alexander, recovering from a fall and hip surgery;

Ken Adams, father of Juliet Hiemberg, health concerns;

Rosalie Ruff, health concerns;

George Ehler, relative of friend of Ken Sprinkle, 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;

Daniel Adkins, nephew of Kyla and Vince Lupo, health concerns;

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;

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: Jim Harris (11/3); Jason Denaburg (11/9); Scott Harris (11/11); Patrick McElwaine (11/13); Ginny Wilson (11/15); Ruth Allenspach (11/16); Mark Allen (11/16); Fiona Galliani (11/18); Robin Kough (11/19); Mae Lin Cheong (11/21); Fred Allenspach (11/26)

This Week at Geneva

Sunday, November 27	9:30am	Choir
Sunday, November 27	10:30am	Worship – In-Person and Online
Sunday, November 27	12:00pm	Hanging of the Greens & Potluck
Sunday, November 27	6:30pm	Handbells
Monday, November 28	7:00pm	Session Meeting
Wed, November 30	7:00pm	Bible Study
Saturday, December 3	10:00am	Neurodiverse Playdate
Saturday, December 3	11:00am	Choir
Sunday, December 4	9:30am	Choir
Sunday, December 4	10:30am	Worship – In-Person and Online
Sunday, December 4	12:00pm	Advent Event
Sunday, December 4	6:30pm	Handbells

- **New Walkway to the Front Door of Geneva Presbyterian Church**

You may have noticed a new feature on Sundays at Geneva: there is now a delineated pathway for our members and visitors as they approach the front doors of the church by walking up the driveway from the side and lower parking lots.

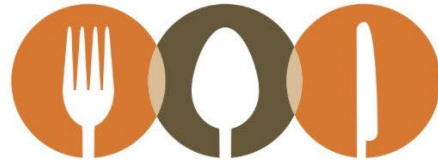
Our ushers now mark with green traffic cones a walking path extending from the crosswalk at the front door of the Day School to the front doors of the Narthex. **Cars entering the church driveway from Seven Locks Road are directed to the left side of the driveway, protecting those walking up the hill inside the delineated pathway. Please drive slowly at all times as you enter the church grounds.**

A sign board at the Day School crosswalk alerts those leaving the side and lower parking lots that no car traffic may enter the driveway going up the hill to the Narthex.

Please walk inside the green cone pathway as you approach church along the driveway, or return to your car, and be vigilant that your children stay inside the pathway.

We thank our wonderful staff at the Day School for making their traffic management equipment available to us, and to our various ushers, staff, and friends who help set up the pathway each Sunday. Have a safe and healthy holiday season!





**JOIN
GENEVA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
FOR OUR**

HOMETOWN FAVORITES POTLUCK

**NOVEMBER 27, 2022
12 NOON • AFTER SUNDAY SERVICE
11931 SEVEN LOCKS ROAD • POTOMAC MD**

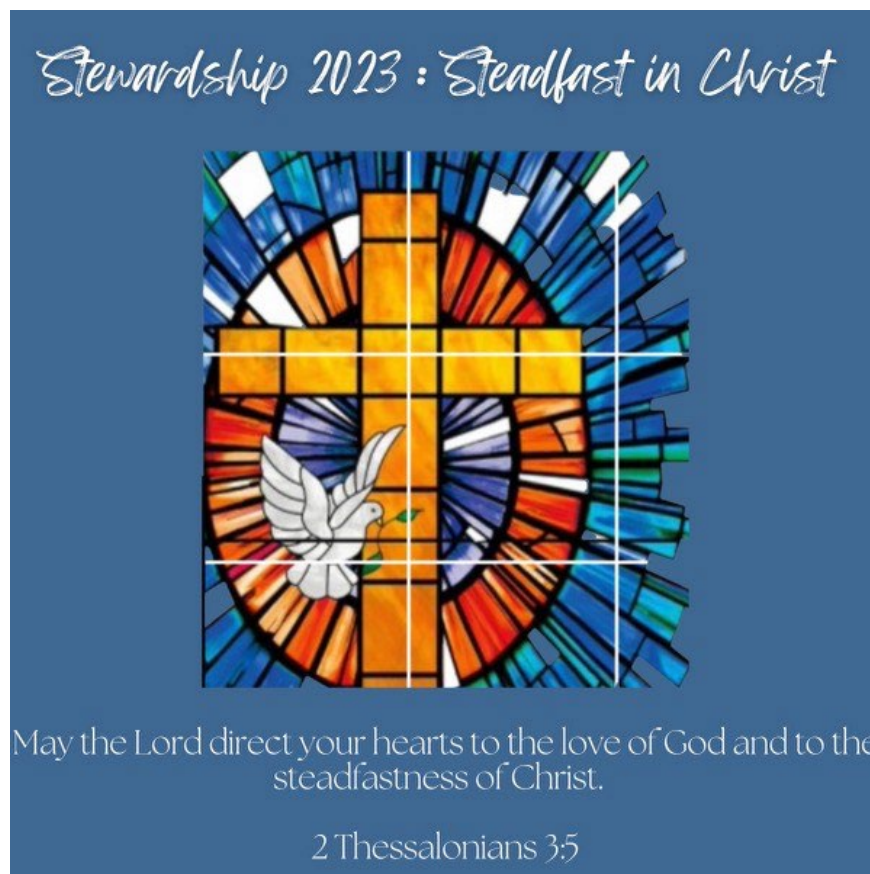
**BRING A FAVORITE DISH THAT REPRESENTS
YOUR HOMETOWN!**



- **Stewardship Dedication**

We are receiving and dedicating our 2023 pledges and intentions for financial giving in the coming year. We are approaching this new year of life and ministry together **Steadfast in Christ**, celebrating God's faithfulness and generosity with faithfulness and generosity of our own. Thank you for making a financial commitment to support God's ministry in and through our church family. We appreciate every gift of every size made in God's name -- our combined efforts will transform lives and hearts this coming year.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to share your pledge or financial giving intentions, you may do so through our church website by [clicking here](#), by returning your physical pledge card in the mail, or by contacting Melissa in the church office at Melissa.genevapotomac@gmail.com or (301) 424-4346.





MERRY CHRISTMAS



COME & JOIN US FOR
THESE FREE ADVENT
FELLOWSHIP EVENTS AT
NOON!



HANGING THE GREENS & CROCK POTLUCK - NOV. 27TH

- Join us as we decorate the church for Advent, and share in a meal together!

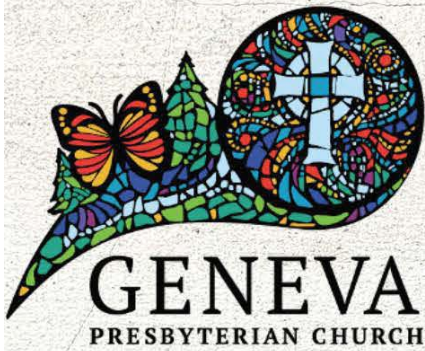
ADVENT CRAFT EVENT - DEC. 4TH.

- Join us for a community celebration with Christmas crafts and refreshments!

ADVENT ANGELS PARTY & SING-A-LONG - DEC. 18TH

- Join us as we make our final Advent Angel card together, eat birthday cake and sing Christmas songs!



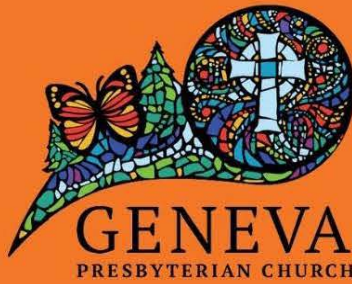


Holiday Giving

YEAR ROUND NEEDS CONSIST OF:

- H.E. LAUNDRY DETERGENT**
- DISINFECTING WIPES**
- DISINFECTING SPRAY**
- HAND SOAP**
- PAPER TOWELS**
- TOILET PAPER**
- 55 GALLON TRASH BAGS**
- GROCERY GIFT CARDS TO GIANT OR SAFEWAY**
- COFFEE**
- POWDER CREAMER**
- SUGAR**

**A BOX WILL BE IN THE NARTHEX AND
GENEVA DAY SCHOOL LOBBY UNTIL DECEMBER 18, 2022**



NEURODIVERSE *Play Dates*



in cold months
We Rock the Spectrum
7601 Airpark Rd, Suite E
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in warm months
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**1st Saturday of
every month**

10AM - 11AM

**ALL ARE
WELCOME**

**Neurodiverse
kiddos, their siblings
and caregivers**

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- **Next Generation Ministries!**

We're on a mission to get Geneva to 100 Facebook and Instagram followers! If everyone invites 5 friends to like our page, we'll be there in no time. We're on Facebook as: Geneva Presbyterian Church - Potomac, and on Instagram as: Geneva Church Potomac



- **Thank you to everyone who participated in Messy Church!**

We had a great time sharing food and doing activities together, and hope that you had fun!



Bridges to Worship

For this special service, Bridges to Worship will be held during the first half of the service. We'll return back to the Sanctuary following the Christmas Hymn, and gather at the rug area of the Sanctuary. There, we'll have crafts and props for the kids (or anyone who would like them) which relate to the liturgical season the hymn and scripture are focusing on.

- **You're Invited: Bible Study with Geneva Presbyterian!**

Join Geneva Presbyterian for Bible Study each Wednesday @ 7:00pm via Zoom. Mark your calendar and invite a friend -- Bible Study is a great way to grow in faith and knowledge of the Lord, and it's a great way to build Christian community, too!



We are grateful that Dr. Carolyn Fink will also join in teaching select Wednesdays this year, typically about once a month. She will lead our group through the Horizons study "Celebrating Sabbath: accepting God's gift of rest and delight". Booklets are available in the Geneva Presbyterian Church office -- email our Office Administrator, Melissa, for assistance (melissa.genevapotomac@gmail.com).

Virtual Bible Study: Wednesdays @ 7:00pm

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://bit.ly/3c3kscZ>

Meeting ID: 273 879 363

Password: 978348

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THROUGH GENEVA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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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 :
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- **COVID Guidelines**

COVID Guidelines for Geneva Presbyterian are based on the color coded CDC Covid-by-County Map and the needs specific to our congregation. Please review these guidelines when you come to Geneva in person.

We are now in "the green zone" for Covid transmission in Montgomery County, which triggers "mask optional" per Session's approved policy

Approved August 22, 2022

1. Wearing of masks is optional at Geneva Presbyterian Church.
2. Please maintain a high level of respect for the comfort level of those around you when it comes to personal interactions.
3. Geneva Presbyterian will follow the CDC Covid-by-County Mapping that delineates a color coded warning level system of Green, Yellow, Orange indicating risk with respect to increase in Covid positive tests, deaths and overall vaccination status: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html>
4. In the event that Montgomery County, Maryland falls into a Yellow or Orange status, Geneva will reimplement wearing masks and social distancing, and the Covid-Reopening Team will meet to determine other possible action.
5. These guidelines apply to everyone equally, regardless of vaccination status.

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

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

Meeting ID: 668 560 374

Password: 240543

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- **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!](#)



Today's Worship Leaders

Rev. Patrick McElwaine, Pastor; Ben Shaver, Music Director;
Rolf Winch, Lector; Kyla Lupo, Zoom Host.
Tom Sadler and Sheri Sankey, Audio/Visual

Church Elders

Jane Campbell, Carl Perthel, Tom Sadler,
Sheri Sankey, Ken Sprinkle,
Amanda White, Elaine Winch

Church Deacons

Ludivine Kom-Liapoe, Kyla Lupo,
Sheena Galliani, Allyson McElwaine,
Renee Moloznik, Rosie Perthel,
Janelle Thibau

If you have any ideas, suggestions or concerns, please share them with our officers.

Today's flowers are given to the Glory of God by the Geneva Presbyterian Family.



Geneva warmly welcomes all our guests joining us today



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