

JANUARY 8, 2023



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GENEVA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Geneva Presbyterian Church

December 8, 2023

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

Silence and Introit

Call to Worship

Leader: Arise, shine; for your light has come!

People: The glory of God has risen before us.

Leader: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life."

People: The dawn of salvation has risen over all the nations.

Leader: Come, let us adore Christ, who lives and reigns forevermore.

People: One God in three Persons, we offer the gifts of our lives to you, O Blessed Trinity.

Opening Hymn

"Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light"

#130

(Lyrics on next page)

130 Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light

Break forth, O beau-teous heav-en-ly light, and ush-er in the
 morn-ing. You shep-herds, shud-der not with fright, but hear the
 an-gel's warn-ing. This child, now weak in in-fan-cy, our
 con-fi-dence and joy shall be, the power of Sa-tan
 break-ing, our peace e-ter-nal mak-ing.

This exuberant text, based on Isaiah 9:2–7, was the ninth of twelve stanzas in its original German hymn. The chorale tune associated with this hymn went through many changes at the hands of later composers, reaching its present form in J. S. Bach's *Christmas Oratorio*.

TEXT: Johann Rist, 1641; trans. John Troutbeck, 1873
 MUSIC: Johann Schop, 1641; harm. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1734

ERMUNTRE DICH
 8.7.8.7.8.8.7

Call to Confession

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

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your abundant and merciful love. We confess that our sin and pride work defiantly against your light. But we seek to cover that which cannot be hid and deny that which is plain to see.

Lord, help us to believe where our faith has faltered. Forgive our selfish ways which show forth love neither to you nor to our neighbor. Through Jesus, hear us now as we pray in silence...

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Response

“You Are Holy”

#596

(Lyrics on Next Page)



596

You Are Holy

Eres santo

Capo 5: (Am) (Dm) (G7)

Dm Gm C7

You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways
E - res san - to, e - res Dios por to - da lae -

(Cmaj7) (F) (Dm)

Fmaj7 B^b Gm

ev - er more than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are
ter - ni - dad: siem - pre tú muy cer - ca es - tás de tu

(Esus) (E7) (Am) (Dm)

Asus A7 Dm Gm

al - ways at hand. Bless - ed are you com - ing near.
pue - blo, buen Se - ñor. Te a - la - ba - mos hoy a - qui,

(G7) (Cmaj7) (F)

C7 Fmaj7 B^b

Bless - ed are you com - ing here to your church in
te a - do - ra - mos con fer - vor. A tu j - gle - sia en

(Dm) (E7) (Am)

Gm A7 Dm

wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.
vi - no y pan nue - va vi - da así le das.

(Am) (Dm) (G7) (Cmaj7)

Dm Gm C7 Fmaj7

You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness; you are
E - res san - to, e - res Di - os. Te sen -

(F) (Dm) (Esus) (E7)

B^b Gm Asus A7

pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord! Sing ho -
ti - mos. La cre - a - ción te dé loor. ¡Di ho -

(Am) (Dm) (G7) (Cmaj7)

Dm Gm C7 Fmaj7

san - na in the high - est! Sing ho -
san - na en el cie - lo! ¡Di ho -

(F) (Dm) (E7) (Am)

B^b Gm A7 Dm

san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!
san - na! ¡Di ho - san - na al Se - ñor!

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 in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done on Earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread, forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from our time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours. Now and forever, Amen.

The Word

Prayer for Illumination *(in unison)*

Holy One, giver of all light, lift up our hearts and minds to Christ, the morning star that never fades. By the light of your Holy Spirit reveal to us your saving Word and lead us to offer our lives to you in service and love. Amen.

First Reading

Matthew 2:1-12

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 Reading

Acts 10:34-43

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Light to the Nations"

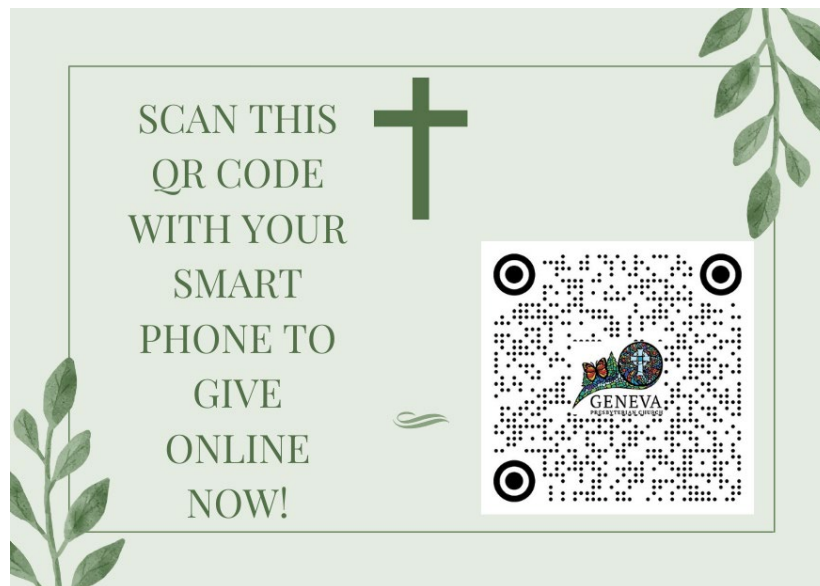
Rev. Patrick McElwaine

Affirmation of Faith *(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

“We Three Kings of Orient Are”

#151

JESUS CHRIST: BIRTH

151 We Three Kings of Orient Are

1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing gifts we tra - verse a - far,
2 Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I bring to crown him a - gain,
3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; in - cense owns a de - i - ty nigh;
4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a life of gath - er - ing gloom;
5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and God and Sac - ri - fice:

field and foun - tain, moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
King for - ev - er, ceas - ing nev - er o - ver us all to reign.
prayer and prais - ing glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship - ing God Most High.
sor - rowing, sigh - ing, bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! sounds through the earth and skies.

Refrain

O star of won - der, star of night, star with roy - al beau - ty bright,

west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

Although Christians had begun by the 2nd century to speak of these visitors from eastern countries (Matthew 2:1-12) as “kings,” perhaps because of passages like Psalm 72:10 and Isaiah 60:3, it is more accurate to think of them as magi or astrologers, the scholars of their day.

TEXT and MUSIC: John Henry Hopkins Jr., 1857, alt.

KINGS OF ORIENT
8.8.8.6 with refrain

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

Lorraine Leicht, Renee Moloznik's mother;

Mary Bird, aunt of Renee Moloznik;

Paul Prosswimmer;

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;

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;

Lawrence Kushner, friend of Sara and Jim Torrence;

Ann Beaty, friend of Ben Shaver, health concerns;

Paul Quin, husband of Pamela Wilson, health concerns;

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

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

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

Riley Young, hospitalization related to cerebral palsy;

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

Rosie Perthel, health concerns;

Pepe Marin, continued treatment for cancer;

Nancy Rawson, health concerns;

Robin Kough, health concerns;

Ken Adams, father of Juliet Hiemberg, health concerns;

Rosalie Ruff, health concerns;

George Ehler, relative of friend of Ken Sprinkle, health concerns;

Dinah Paffrath, aunt of Renee Moloznik, receiving cancer treatments;

Carl Perthel, health concerns;

Isabelle Schuessler, friend of Scott Brown, health concerns;

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: Sheena Galliani (1/5); Bob Ricci (1/6); Jacquelyn Kough (1/6); Rosalie Ruff (1/8); Allyson McElwaine (1/14); Sara Torrence (1/17); Amanda White(1/18); Terry Shima (1/20); Malachi McElwaine (1/23); Eric Winchenbach (1/26); Ruth Nunn (1/28); Ani Cherot (1/30)

This Week at Geneva

Saturday, January 7	12:00pm	Slush N Krust Party
Sunday, January 8	10:30am	Worship – In-Person and Online
Wed, January 11	7:00pm	Bible Study
Sunday, January 15	10:30am	Worship – In-Person and Online

- **Pastor Patrick on Vacation**

Pastor Patrick will be on vacation January 9 - January 15. If you have a pastoral need during this time please contact your Deacon. Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and many thanks to Ken Rathje for leading worship on January 15th!



- **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

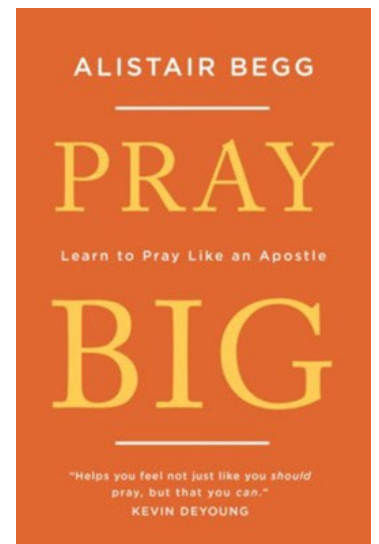


Bridges to Worship

Each Sunday, all children entering 5th grade and younger are encouraged to join us for Bridges to Worship! We invite all kids to stay in the Sanctuary through the children's sermon, where there will be activity bulletins, coloring pages and books for you to read. After the sermon, we will head down to the childcare room together. Each week we'll read a book or do a craft as a group, and then have some time for play. We'll return to worship after the sermon. If your child is not yet ready to join us in the Sanctuary, the childcare room will still be open for the entirety of the service.

Bible Study Update – Welcome Back

Join us Wednesdays @ 7:00pm via Zoom, as our Bible Study group reads through Alistair Begg's book "Pray Big: Learn to Pray Like an Apostle". This eminently practical and applicable book will help deepen, develop, and direct your prayer life like no other! Make sure to get a copy and mark your calendar -- if you need help to obtain a copy, please contact the church office.



Virtual Bible Study: Wednesdays @ 7:00pm

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

Meeting ID: 273 879 363

Password: 978348

GENEVA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
INVITES FAMILIES TO A

NEW YEAR CELEBRATION PARTY

Featuring Slush and Krust: The Party
Place for Neurodiversity! Pizza,
games and giveaways!

January 7th, 11am-1pm
Geneva Presbyterian Church
Potomac, MD

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VIA EVENTBRITE





Worship Flowers

Would you like to sponsor Geneva's Sunday morning worship flowers to enhance our gift of worship to God? If so, the cost is \$35 per week and the flowers can be dedicated in honor of or memory of a loved one or for another specified reason.



To sponsor our worship flowers for the week, please use our [SignUp Genius](#) (online payment available) or contact Melissa in the church office at Melissa.genevapotomac@gmail.com or (301) 424-4346.

WINTER SERMON SERIES: JONAH

*Dive deeper into this well known
story with us!*

**SUNDAYS AT 10:30
STARTING MID-JANUARY
IN PERSON OR ONLINE**

Chapter by chapter, verse by verse, in the new year we'll explore this story through fresh eyes to make connections with the New Testament and the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

- **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!



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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 :
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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

One tap mobile

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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;
Jane Campbell, Lector; Kyla Lupo, Zoom Host.
Tom Sadler and Ken Denaburg, 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,
Sara Sadler, 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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