

**FEBRUARY 5, 2023**



## **GENEVA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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## Get Prepared For Virtual Communion This Sunday In Worship!

This Sunday we will be sharing the sacrament of The Lord's Supper digitally during Virtual Church. Here's how it will work and here is how you can prepare:

– **Gather your own communion elements from around your home ahead of worship Sunday morning.** Jesus chose common foods of his day for the first communion: bread and "fruit of the vine". What common starch do you have available? In countries around the world, the commonly available starch is tortillas and rice, so those are used. What beverage feels right for you to use? Not everyone has juice in the home, so we might need to be creative.

– Please: in preparing for communion and choosing your elements, do so thoughtfully and with reverence for the sacrament we will share.

– Since we are gathered for worship as a community in the way that is possible for us right now, our liturgy in the sanctuary will serve as a blessing for all of our elements.

It's a joy to share to share the Lord's Supper together – let us gather at Jesus' table!

Grace and Peace,  
**Pastor Patrick**

# Geneva Presbyterian Church

February 5, 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: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**People: maker of heaven and earth.**

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made;

**People: let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Leader: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;

**People: the whole earth is full of God's glory.**

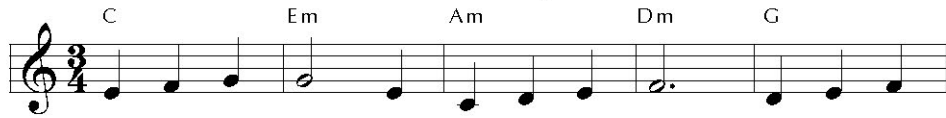
### Opening Hymn

**"God of the Sparrow" (verses 1-3)**

**#22**

*(Lyrics on next page)*

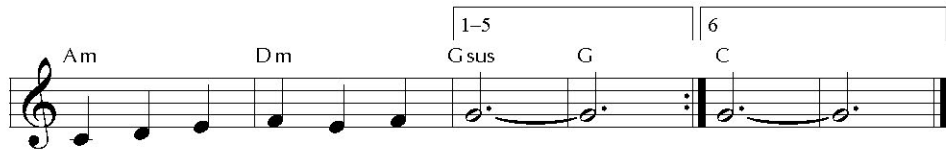
# 22 God of the Sparrow



1 God of the spar - row God of the whale God of the  
 2 God of the earth - quake God of the storm God of the  
 3 God of the rain - bow God of the cross God of the  
 4 God of the hun - gry God of the sick God of the  
 5 God of the neigh - bor God of the foe God of the  
 6 God of the a - ges God near at hand God of the



swirl - ing stars How does the crea - ture say Awe  
 trum - pet blast How does the crea - ture cry Woe  
 emp - ty grave How does the crea - ture say Grace  
 prod - i - gal How does the crea - ture say Care  
 prun - ing hook How does the crea - ture say Love  
 lov - ing heart How do your chil - dren say Joy



How does the crea - ture say Praise  
 How does the crea - ture cry Save  
 How does the crea - ture say Thanks  
 How does the crea - ture say Life  
 How does the crea - ture say Peace  
 How do your chil - dren say Home

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

Though a lack of punctuation makes this text appear freeform and the flowing tune enhances a sense of movement, each stanza here is firmly anchored by a final weighty word (praise, save, thanks, life, peace, home), a sign of God's eternal presence in an ever-changing world.

## Call to Confession

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

Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you called us to be a servant people, but we do not do what you command. We are often silent when we should speak, and useless when we could be useful.

Have mercy on us, O Triune One. Lift us up from the graves of our sin and rebellion to restore us in relationship with you who love us so dearly. Wash away our sin so that you may look upon it no longer, but rather see only Christ in considering our lives. God of compassion, hear us as we come to you in silent prayer...

## Assurance of Pardon

### Congregational Response

## Calm to the Waves 184

The musical score is written for a congregational response in 6/4 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The first system covers the first half of the text, and the second system covers the second half. The piano accompaniment features a steady, rhythmic pattern of chords and moving lines, providing a calm and steady accompaniment for the vocal line.

Calm to the waves. Calm to the wind. Je - sus whis - pers, "Peace, be  
still." Calm to our hearts. Fears at an end. In still-ness, hear his voice.

The first half of this refrain text deals with the external environment, while the second half concerns our interior response. Similarly, the first half of the music gradually moves upward, while the direction of the second half is downward, enhancing a sense of centeredness.

TEXT: Mary Louise Bringle, 2002  
MUSIC: Thomas Pavlechko, 2002  
Text © 2002 GIA Publications, Inc.  
Music © 2002 Selah Publishing Co., Inc.

CALM SEAS  
4.4.7.4.4.6

**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** *(sung on Communion Sundays)*

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)*

Loving God, by your Spirit anoint us with understanding as we hear your Word in scripture today. Speak to our hearts individually and corporately that we may be filled with your truth and walk in the ways of holiness. In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.

**Old Testament Reading**

**Jonah 1:17**

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!)*

**New Testament Reading**

**Matthew 12:38-42**

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

**"The Sign of Jonah"**

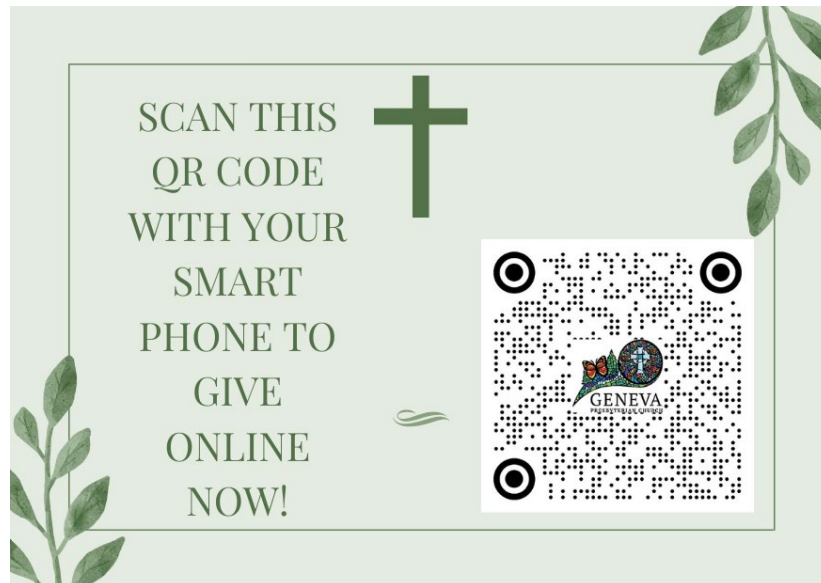
*Rev. Patrick McElwaine*

## **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**



## **Music Offering**

**"We Remember You"**

*by Lloyd Larson*

## **Prayer of Dedication**

# The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

## The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

*The Lord be with you.*

*Lift up your hearts.*

*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**And also with you.**

**We lift them to the Lord.**

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## Breaking of the Bread

## Communion of the People

## Communion Prayer



# The Sending

## “Be Still My Soul”

Closing Hymn

#819

LIVING AND DYING IN CHRIST

819

### Be Still, My Soul

1 Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side.  
2 Be still, my soul: thy God doth un - der - take  
3 Be still, my soul: the hour is has - tening on

Bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain.  
to guide the fu - ture sure - ly as the past.  
when we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord;

Leave to thy God to or - der and pro - vide,  
Thy hope, thy con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake;  
when dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and fear are gone,

who through all chang - es faith - ful will re - main.  
all now mys - te - rious shall be bright at last.  
sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re - stored.

This meditative text seems to be rooted in Psalm 46:10, “Be still and know that I am God,” while also reaching forward to 1 Thessalonians 4:17b, “we will be with the Lord forever.” Much of the appeal of this hymn comes from its tune, named for the tone poem on which it is based.

TEXT: Katharina von Schlegel, 1752; trans. Jane Laurie Borthwick, 1855, alt.

MUSIC: Jean Sibelius, 1899; arr. *The Hymnal*, 1933, alt.

Music Arr. © 1933, ren. 1961 Presbyterian Board of Christian Education (admin. Westminster John Knox Press)

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10.10.10.10.10

Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heaven - ly Friend  
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know  
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past

through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.  
his voice who ruled them while he dwelt be - low.  
all safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

The musical score consists of two systems. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The first system contains the first three lines of lyrics. The second system contains the next three lines of lyrics. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

## Charge and Benediction

## Postlude

# Tell Me the Stories of Jesus

(Simplified)

*Sweetly* ♩ = 60-66 (Conduct two beats to a measure.)

Words by W. H. Parker  
Music by Frederic A. Challinor

1. Tell me the sto - ries of Je - sus I love to hear,  
2. Oh, let me hear how the chil - dren stood 'round His knee.  
3. Tell me, in ac - cents of won - der, how rolled the sea,

1  
Things I would ask Him to tell me if He were here.  
I shall im - ag - ine His bless - ings rest - ing on me;  
Toss - ing the boat in a tem - pest on Gal - i - lee!

5  
Scenes by the way - side, tales of the sea,  
Words full of kind - ness, deeds full of grace,  
And how the Mas - ter, read - y and kind,

5  
Sto - ries of Je - sus, tell them to me.  
All in the love - light of Je - sus' face.  
Chid - ed the bil - lows and hushed the wind.

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 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**

**Barbara Prosswimmer;**

**Lorraine Leicht, Renee Moloznik's mother;**

**Mary Bird, aunt of Renee Moloznik;**

Lawrence Kushner, friend of Sara and Jim Torrence;  
Bill Linton, husband of a close friend of Sara Torrence;

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;

**Healing and Comfort for**

**Brenden Davis, health concerns;**

**Bill Bryan, father of Letitia Denaburg, health concerns;**

**Scott Brown, health concerns;**

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

**Paul Quin, husband of Pamela Wilson, health concerns;**

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

Ann Beaty, friend of Ben Shaver, 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:** Helene Chimba (2/1); Parker Hart Alexander (2/3); Elyssa Lyn Alexander (2/3); Janelle Thibau (2/14); Curtis Chimba (2/18); Elaine Winch (2/19); Rosie Perthel (2/23); Heinz Nagel (2/23); Margo Hunt (2/24); Thomas Devine (2/25); Ryan Alexander (2/25)

## This Week at Geneva

Saturday, February 4	11:00am	<b>Neurodiverse Playdate</b>
Sunday, February 5	10:30am	<b>Worship</b> – In-Person and Online
Sunday, February 5	11:30am	<b>First Sunday Food and Friends</b>
Wed, February 8	7:00pm	<b>Bible Study</b>
Thursday, February 9	7:00pm	<b>Meeting</b> – Next Generation Ministries
Tuesday, February 14		<b>Valentine's Day</b> 
Sunday, February 12	10:30am	<b>Worship</b> – In-Person and Online
Sunday, February 12	11:30am	<b>Souper Bowl</b> – In-Person

- **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.

Our childcare room has moved! In order to make the experience safer and more enjoyable for all kiddos, childcare will now be held in Ms. Urgo's room (the room right next to the turtle tank). If you have any questions, please ask Cali.

## **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.

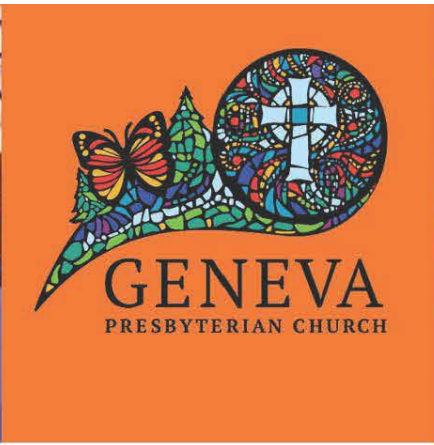
Virtual Bible Study: Wednesdays @ 7:00pm

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

Meeting ID: 273 879 363

Password: 978348





# NEURODIVERSE *Play Dates*



**Dec, Feb and March**  
**We Rock the Spectrum**  
 7601 Airpark Rd, Suite E  
**Gaithersburg, MD 20879**



in warm months  
 Geneva Presbyterian  
 11931 Seven Locks Road  
 Potomac, MD 20854



**1st Saturday of every month**

**11 AM-12 PM**

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

Neurodiverse  
 kiddos, their siblings  
 and caregivers

Starting Feb. 5th, join us for:

## FIRST SUNDAY FOOD AND FRIENDS!

Please bring a form of bread, or something to eat with bread! We'll share in this small meal together and join in fellowship every first Sunday of the month.



FEB. 12TH FOLLOWING WORSHIP  
JOIN US FOR A:

## SOUPER BOWL

Bring your favorite soup, chowder and/or chili for everyone to share! As we'll eat, we'll make Valentines Day cards for local retirement homes.



# FOOD FOR THE SOUL: LENTEN SEASON

A time for community building, spiritual development  
and good food!

\*childcare provided\*

6:00 pm

- Feb. 22nd, Geneva Founders Room
- March 7th, Host Family
- March 21st, Host Family
- April 6th, Geneva Founders Room

RSVP/questions at [nextgen.genevapotomac@gmail.com](mailto:nextgen.genevapotomac@gmail.com)

## 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](mailto:Melissa.genevapotomac@gmail.com) or (301) 424-4346.

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# WINTER SERMON SERIES: JONAH

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

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**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!



# Follow Us on Social Media



## Let's Get Connected!

Please add us to your social media channels. You can follow and like Geneva Presbyterian Church via Instagram and Facebook!



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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 :  
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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;  
Mark Allen, Lector; Kyla Lupo, Zoom Host.  
Ken Sprinkle 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,  
Sara Sadler, Janelle Thibau

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

Today's flowers are given by the Bokulic family in honor of what would have been Barbara's Prosswimmer's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday.



**Geneva warmly welcomes all our guests joining us today**



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