

FEBRUARY 26, 2023

FIRST SUNDAY IN
LENT



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Geneva Presbyterian Church

February 26, 2023

Lent 1

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: O praise the Lord with me,

People: let us exalt God's name together.

Leader: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

People: You shall love the Lord your God, and your neighbor as yourself.

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

People: Sing and give praise to God's name; tell the good news of salvation from day to day.

Opening Hymn

"You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd"

#274

(Lyrics on next page)

You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd 274

Capo 5: (Am) (F) (C) (Em) (Am) (A7)
 Dm B^b F Am Dm D7

1 You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shep-herd. You, Lord, are both
 2 Clothed in light up - on the moun-tain, stripped of might up -
 3 You, who walk each day be - side us, sit in pow - er
 4 Wor - thy is our earth - ly Je - sus! Wor - thy is our

(Dm) (G) (C) (F) (Em) (Dm) (Am)
 Gm C F B^b Am Gm Dm

prince and slave. You, peace-mak - er and sword-bring - er
 on the cross, shin - ing in e - ter - nal glo - ry,
 at God's side. You, who preach a way that's nar - row,
 cos - mic Christ! Wor - thy your de - feat and vic - tory;

(B^b) (F) (E) (A/C#) (Dm)
 E^b B^b A D/F# Gm

of the way you took and gave. You, the ev - er - last - ing
 beg-gared by a sol - dier's toss, you, the ev - er - last - ing
 have a love that reach - es wide. You, the ev - er - last - ing
 wor - thy still your peace and strife. You, the ev - er - last - ing

(Am) (G) (Am) (Dm) (Em) (Am)
 Dm C Dm Gm Am Dm

in - stant; you, whom we both scorn and crave.
 in - stant; you who are both gift and cost.
 in - stant; you, who are our pil - grim guide.
 in - stant; you, who are our death and life.

When it was first published, the author called this text "Christus Paradox," because so many attributes of Christ stand in tension with each other. Mindful of the works of Søren Kierkegaard, she drafted it on a commuter bus after "a particularly bad day" of prison ministry.

TEXT: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1984
 MUSIC: French melody, 17th cent.
 Text © 1991 GIA Publications, Inc.

PICARDY
 8.7.8.7.8.7
 (alternate harmonization, 347)

Call to Confession

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

O Lord our God, you call us to proclaim the gospel, but we remain silent in the presence of evil. You call us to be reconciled to you and one another, but we are content to live with division. You call us to promote your Kingdom of Heaven, but we fail to resist the powers and principalities arrayed before us.

Christ enthroned, pierce our stony hearts with uncompromising grace. Call us back to your ways and give us the courage to pray for forgiveness as we should. Beckon us to leap with abandon into your abundant mercy, and catch 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 four-part setting in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of staves. The first system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (bass clef). The second system also has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (bass clef). The lyrics are: "Calm to the waves. Calm to the wind. Je - sus whis - pers, 'Peace, be still.' Balm 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
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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

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)*

O God, by your Holy Spirit tell us what we need to hear and show us what we ought to do to obey Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Jonah 3:6-9

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

Luke 24:44-50

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"The Politics of Prophecy"

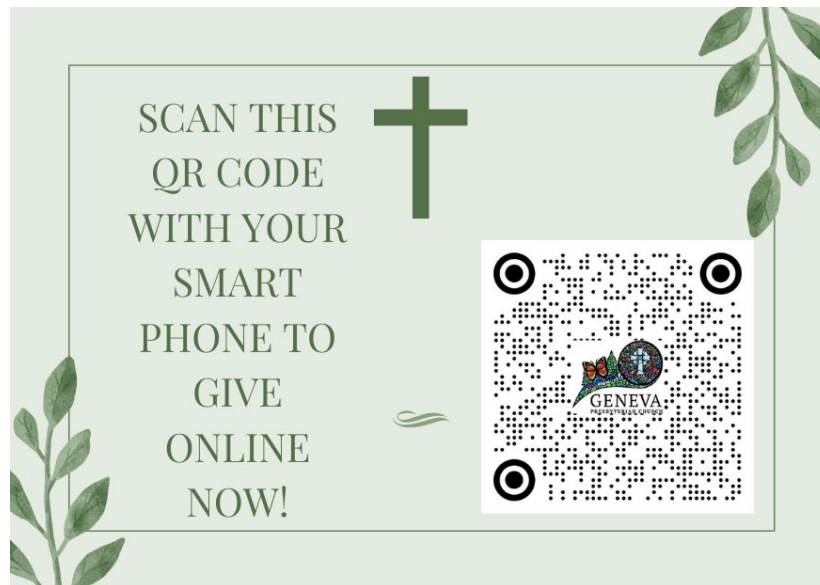
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Affirmation of Faith / The Apostles' Creed (*in unison*)

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

Prayer of Dedication

The Sending

Closing Hymn

“There in God’s Garden”
(Lyrics on next page)

#226

226 There in God's Garden

1 There in God's gar - den stands the tree of Wis - dom,
 2 Its name is Je - sus, name that says, "Our Sav - ior!"
 3 Thorns not its own are tan - gled in its fo - liage;
 4 See how its branch - es reach to us in wel - come;

whose leaves hold forth the heal - ing of the na - tions:
 There on its branch - es see the scars of suf - fering;
 our greed has starved it; our de - spite has choked it.
 hear what the Voice says, "Come to me, ye wea - ry!

tree of all knowl - edge, tree of all com -
 see there the ten - drils of our hu - man
 Yet, look! it lives! its grief has not de -
 Give me your sick - ness; give me all your

These evocative stanzas on Christ's Passion come from a twelve-stanza hymn by a 17th-century Hungarian pastor, as translated by the preeminent 20th-century hymnologist of the English-speaking world. The tune name honors the composer's home in the foothills of the Appalachians.

TEXT: Pécselyi Király Imre, c. 1641; trans. Erik Routley, 1974

MUSIC: K. Lee Scott, 1976

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SHADES MOUNTAIN

11.11.11.5



pas - sion, tree of all beau - ty.
 self - hood feed on its life - blood.
 stroyed it nor fire con - sumed it.
 sor - row; I will give bless - ing."

5 This is my ending;
 this, my resurrection;
 into your hands,
 Lord, I commit my spirit.
 This have I searched for;
 now I can possess it.
 This ground is holy.

6 All heaven is singing,
 "Thanks to Christ whose passion
 offers in mercy
 healing, strength, and pardon.
 Peoples and nations,
 take it; take it freely!"
 Amen! My Master!

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

B^b *F⁷* *B^b*

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,

G⁷ *F* *C⁷* *F*

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!

F⁷ *B^b* *B^b7* *G⁷* *Cm*

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,

F⁷ *Gm* *G dim* *B^b* *F⁷* *B^b*

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;

Scott Brown, health concerns;

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

Bill Bryan, father of Letitia Denaburg, health concerns;

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

Paul Quin, husband of Pamela Wilson, health concerns;

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, health concerns;

Nancy Rawson, health concerns;

Robin Kough, health concerns;

Ken Adams, father of Juliet Hiemberg, health concerns;

Rosalie Ruff, 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

Sunday, February 26	10:30am	Worship – In-Person and Online
Monday, February 27	7:00pm	Meeting – Session
Wed, March 1	6:00pm	Ecumenical Lenten Study
Sunday, March 5	10:30am	Worship – In-Person and Online
Sunday, March 5	11:30am	First Sunday Food and Friends
Wed, March 8	6:00pm	Ecumenical Lenten Study
Thursday, March 9	7:00pm	Meeting – Next Generation Ministries
Sunday, March 12	10:30am	Worship – In-Person and Online
Sunday, March 12	11:45am	Called Congregation Meeting

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.

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

Ecumenical Lenten Study: Wednesdays in Lent

The Churches of Seven Locks Road will joyfully gather for fellowship, worship, and learning each Wednesday in Lent: dinner at 6:30 PM, program at 7:00 PM. Drawing inspiration from Acts 2:46-47, we will explore the ancient roots of the core practices that shape our faith, and celebrate their modern expressions in each of our traditions. Our usual Wednesday Bible Study will pause during this time so that we can visit each host church for this engaging and beloved ecumenical series. Please see the included series flyer for full details!

2023 SEVEN LOCKS ECUMENICAL LENTEN SERIES

"Together Again: Praising God
Day by Day"

- MAR 01** St. James Episcopal
"Being the Body of Christ"
- MAR 08** Seven Locks Baptist Church
"Proclaiming with Teaching and Singing"
- MAR 15** Scotland AME Zion Church
"Bread & Prayers - the Heart of Faith"
- MAR 22** Geneva Presbyterian Church
"Fellowship and Christian Life Together"
- MAR 29** Emmanuel Lutheran Church
"Worshiping in Joy"

6:30 Dinner, 7:00 Program

Geneva Presbyterian Lent Calendar 2023

Ash Wednesday

6pm - Meal
Food 4 the Soul
7pm - Service
@Geneva

Feb. 22nd

Ecumenical Lent Study

6:30pm - Meal
7pm - Study
@St. James
Episcopal

March 1st

Food for the Soul

6pm
@Host Family

March 7th

Ecumenical Lent Study

6:30pm - Meal
7pm - Study
@Seven Locks
Baptist

March 8th

Ecumenical Lent Study

6:30pm - Meal
7pm - Study
@Scotland AME
Zion

March 15th

Food for the Soul

6pm
@Host Family

March 21st

Ecumenical Lent Study

6:30pm - Meal
7pm - Study
@Geneva

March 22nd

Ecumenical Lent Study

6:30pm - Meal
7pm - Study
@Emmanuel
Lutheran

March 29th

Maundy Thursday

6pm - Meal
Food 4 the Soul
7pm - Service
@Geneva

April 6th

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.



Annual Congregational Meeting

As announced in worship on Sunday February 12, 2023, Geneva Presbyterian Church is holding a Called Congregational Meeting online and in person immediately following worship on **Sunday March 12, 2023 at 11:45am**. This is a separate Congregational Meeting, in addition to the Annual Congregational Meeting which was held on Sunday October 16, 2022.

The only item of business for the Sunday March 12, 2023 Called Congregational Meeting will be to consider and vote on the slate of Church Officers which will be presented by the Nominating Committee. The meeting will only handle this business item.

All church members: plan to attend the Called Congregational Meeting on Sunday **March 12, 2023 @ 11:45am**.

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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- **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

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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;
Emmanuel Mbi, 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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