

MARCH 12, 2023



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Geneva Presbyterian Church

March 12, 2023

Lent 3

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: God says, "Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me?"

People: In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep.

Leader: God says, "Or are you envious because I am generous?"

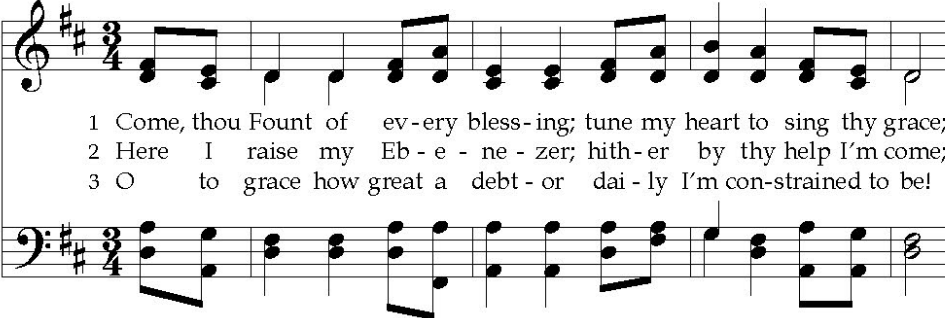
People: From the cross, Jesus said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Leader: God says, "So the last will be first, and the first will be last."


People: We gather to worship the One who has promised a new heaven and a new earth, a kingdom of light and righteousness where mourning and pain will be no more!

BAPTISM


Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 475



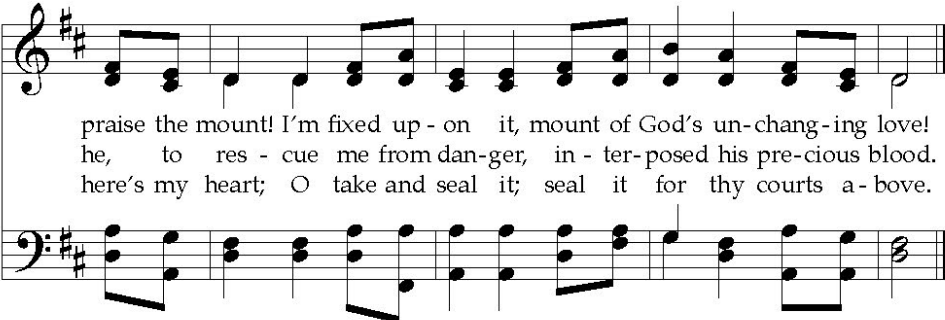
1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith-er by thy help I'm come;
 3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar - rive at home.
 Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to thee.



Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a-bove;
 Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God;
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;



praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un-chang-ing love!
 he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter-posed his pre-cious blood.
 here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Written for Pentecost by a British Baptist pastor, this text is full of biblical terms like "Ebenezer" (1 Samuel 7:12), Hebrew for "a stone of help" set up to give thanks for God's assistance. The tune name honors hymnal compiler Asahel Nettleton, who probably did not compose it.

TEXT: Robert Robinson, 1758, alt.
 MUSIC: Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second, 1813

NETTLETON
 8.7.8.7.D

Call to Confession

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

All-Knowing God, we are people who keep our shameful deeds secret but flaunt our occasional acts of virtue. We see ourselves as blameless, but pass judgment on others.

Forgive us, we pray. For when we do not know, and seek not to know. For when we do know, but choose not to act. For when we act, but according to our fallen nature of sinfulness. O Lord, help our profession to match our action, and our believing to match our doing. Enable us to begin anew now, as we come to you with open and contrite hearts...

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Response

Calm to the Waves

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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 and piano accompaniment. 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
Text © 2002 GIA Publications, Inc.
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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)*

Gracious God, illumine our hearts and minds as the Scriptures are read and proclaimed, so that by the power of your Holy Spirit we may see what is good and right and true. And seeing, help us to do what is pleasing to you, so that your glory becomes visible in our words and deeds. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Jonah 4:1-4

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 20:1-16

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Who Deserves Forgiveness?"

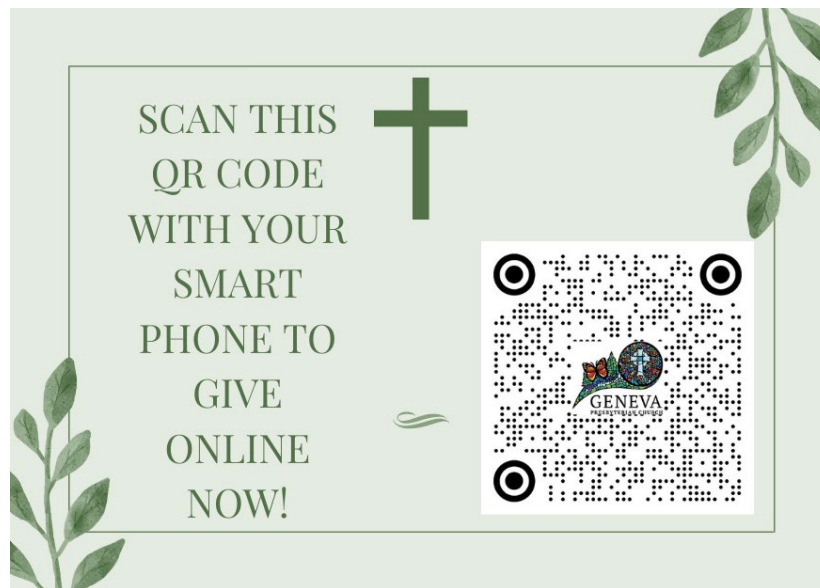
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Affirmation of Faith / The Apostles' Creed *(in unison)*

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

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

#377

A NEW HEAVEN AND A NEW EARTH

377 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to fol - low
2 I want to see the bright-ness of God. I want to look at
3 I'm look-ing for the com - ing of Christ. I want to be with

Je - sus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The
Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ-teous-ness, shine on my path, and
Je - sus. When we have run with pa-tience the race, we

Refrain

star of my life is Je - sus.
show me the way to the Fa - ther. In him there is no dark-ness at
shall know the joy of Je - sus.

all. The night and the day are both a - like. The Lamb is the

The author-composer of this unrhymed hymn regards it as a meditation and prayer deeply rooted in many scriptures, most connected with the theme of light: Genesis 1:17; Psalm 139:12; Isaiah 60:19; Malachi 4:2; John 14:8; Ephesians 5:8; Hebrews 12:1-2; 1 John 1:5; Revelation 21:23.

TEXT and MUSIC: Kathleen Thomerson, 1966
Text and Music © 1970, 1975 Celebration

HOUSTON
10.7.10.8 with refrain

A NEW HEAVEN AND A NEW EARTH

light of the cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

The musical score consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. It contains a vocal line with lyrics: "light of the cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus." The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, providing a piano accompaniment with chords and melodic lines.

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

The musical score is written in 6/8 time with a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb). It consists of four systems, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The lyrics are arranged in three verses. Chord symbols are placed above the vocal line, and fingerings are indicated by numbers 1-5.

System 1: Chords: Bb, F7, Bb. Lyrics: 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,

System 2: Chords: G7, F, C7, F. Lyrics: 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!

System 3: Chords: F7, Bb, Bb7, G7, Cm. Lyrics: 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,

System 4: Chords: F7, Gm, G dim, Bb, F7, Bb. Lyrics: 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

Emmanuel Mbi, recovering from surgery;

Ben Shaver, recovering from COVID;

Logan Bronkema, Cali Bronkema's brother, health concerns;

Nancy Morse, recovering from knee Surgery;

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 Kichowski, 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.

March

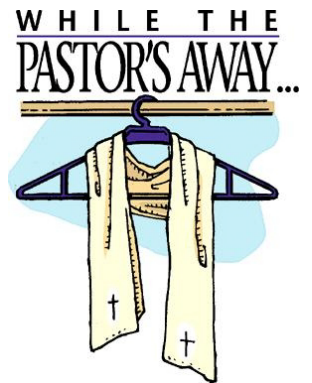
Birthdays: Vince Lupo (3/5); David Denaburg (3/5); Anika Nagel (3/7); Flore Kom Liapoe (3/9); Carl Perthel (3/9); Daniel Kough (3/11); Nan Sprinkle (3/14); Rollin Franks (3/16); Kristina Dunne (3/20); Danny Miller (3/20); Matthew Dunne (3/21); George Hunt (3/24); Walter Sprinkle (3/28); Holly Allen (3/29);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

This Week at Geneva

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 Congregational Meeting
Wed, March 15	6:30pm	Ecumenical Lenten Study
Sunday, March 19	10:30am	Worship – In-Person and Online
Wed, March 15	6:30pm	Ecumenical Lenten Study
Sunday, March 26	10:30am	Worship – In-Person and Online

I'll be away for continuing education March 13-19. If you have any pastoral need during this time please contact your Deacon.

Many thanks to Ken Rathje for leading worship on March 19th!



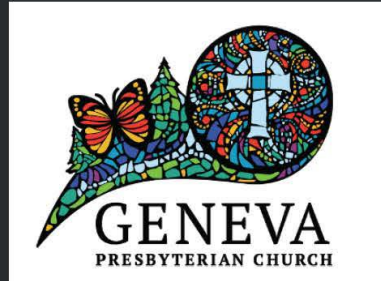
Annual Congregational Meeting

As previously announced in worship, Geneva Presbyterian Church is holding a Called Congregational Meeting online and in person immediately following worship **THIS 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**.

Called Congregational Meeting Sunday, March 12, 2023



Proposed slate of
church officers for
congregational
vote

Elders Class of 2024

Jane Campbell

Elders Class of 2026



Tom Sadler

Deacons Class of 2026



Janelle Thibau

Day School Board Class of 2026



Sheena Galliani



Elaine Winch



Sara Sadler

Bobbie Maxwell

Nominating Committee Class of 2024



Amanda White
Elder/Chair



Jack Kough
Day School Representative



Janelle Thibau
Member-At-Large

Tom Sadler
Elder

Allyson McElwaine
Deacon

Emmanuel Mbi
Member-At-Large

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
"Worshipping 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.

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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**

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