

The little church with a BIG heart



“When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them? Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor.” – Psalm 8:3-5

Dear friends,

The heavens and all of creation indeed shows forth the glory of our God! May your summer months be filled with the good news of salvation in Christ and the abundant mercies of our Creator. I'll invite you to match this season of growth for plants and animals with growth of your own – spiritual growth as you mature in faith and service! Continue to read your Bible regularly (remember, “chapters, not verses”) and join us for worship each week in person or online (remember, this is your way to say “thank you” to God!). We'll also have a number of in person fellowship opportunities to enjoy the church grounds and employ them for the purpose of connecting with our community and neighbors. Please make it a point to join in these opportunities for enjoyment and sharing God's love outside the walls of our physical church building.

Below are a few reading suggestions to help nourish your mind and spirit this summer -

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I hope you will avail yourself of those which feel right for you!

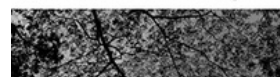
Pastor Patrick

“The Rare Jewel of Christian Contentment”
 by Jeremiah Burrows

Have you ever met a person who navigates the daily challenges of life with a certain calm confidence that almost seems to radiate outward into the world? This is a meaty theological book (you've been warned!) for the person who wants to dive into the contentment in God that can be had through faith: in trials as well as triumphs, sufferings as well as joys. Two things I can guarantee: first, this is an excellent book for the one ready to savor it patiently, and second, folks will give you all the personal space you want if you bring this as your “beach read”!



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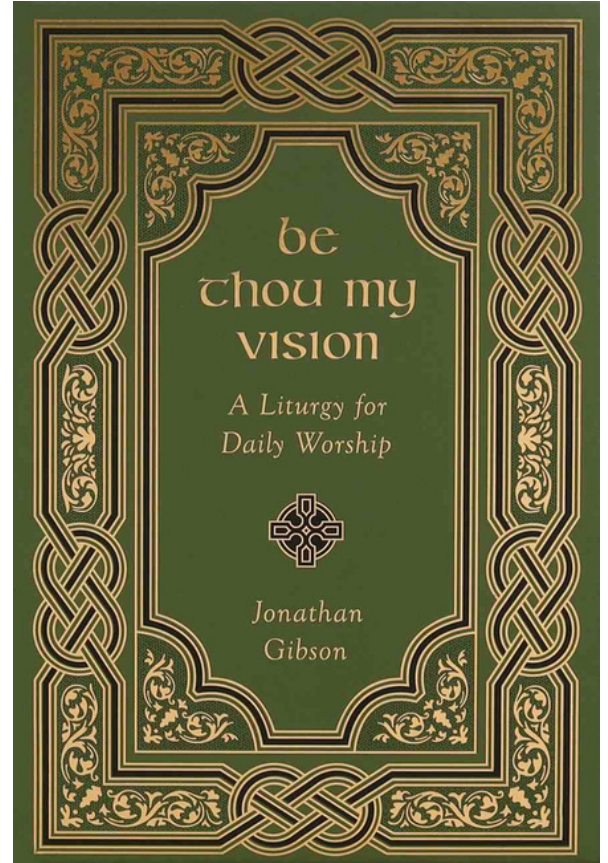
“Be Thou My Vision: A Liturgy for Daily Worship”

by Jonathan Gibson

Here is a helpful resource to support your daily scripture reading with a framework of prayer, confessions, and more. Help expand your quiet time with God and give it a fuller shape by drawing on these excellently compiled materials.

A Biography of your choosing!

We did this last summer and I'll suggest we do it again together! Who is a person you've long wondered about? Or a person you'd bet had an unexpectedly interesting life? Amelia Earhart? Henry John Heinz (yes, that “Heinz”)? I've chosen to read the biography of a little known Scottish country minister: the normal, dedicated, day in and day out life of a minister who never made the newspapers, much less the history books. What biography could you read this summer, and how might the story of that life inspire you?



The Gospel of Mark

Yes, the Gospel of Mark! It's the shortest of the Gospels, action packed, and we'll be preaching through it beginning this fall. Reading large sections at a time (as if you were reading a novel) will change the way you experience and understand this gospel.



Hi Everyone!

I'm writing this after a very successful picnic on Sunday! It was great to see so many of you outside grilling, eating, and even throwing a football around. Thank you to everyone who made that possible. Later that day, Curtis and I went to a youth group barbecue with Providence, Falls Church, and Mt.Vernon Presbyterian Churches. We had a great time playing field day games, eating more hamburgers and hotdogs, and meeting new Presbyterian youth!

There are so many great things to look forward to this summer with the Next Generation Team. We'll be intentionally planning around our disability ministries to provide a robust set of services for families. We also will be reaching out into the community with events such as our Environmental Day on June 25th! We also will have Vacation Bible School August 21st-24th, so spread the word to folks who might be interested.

Until then, please enjoy these snapshots of our Spring.

Peace,

Cali Bronkema

Cali Bronkema
Director of Next Generation Ministries



My Geneva family,

I hope you're staying cool while the Earth starts to roast us!

I have to say that I have had so much fun teaching songs in worship and adding more contemporary music to the mix! I don't have the vocabulary to describe the emotion that it gives me to see young, smiling faces singing and dancing along to songs. I look forward to incorporating a variety of genres into worship: traditional, contemporary, Taize (short chant-like songs), gospel, classical, and even secular!

As many of you know, I've had some health issues dealing with my right and left hips. Last summer I was able to receive a total hip replacement for my right hip and this summer I will be receiving a hip replacement for my left hip. Surgery is scheduled for May 22, so I will be in recovery for the 6-8 weeks following this surgery. While I'm absent from Geneva, we will have three splendid substitutes: James Siranovich, Margaret McGillivray, and Grace Liu. I know they will do a splendid job! You can take a look at their biographies below! Derrick Truby will be our primary cantor to help lead worship throughout the summer with an occasional appearance by Amber Wood.

Over the summer, I will be fortunate enough to attend two professional development conferences: the Presbyterian Association of Musicians' Worship & Music Conference in Montreat, NC, and the Bible & Church Music Conference at Massanetta Springs, VA. I've been on the planning committee of the latter conference for two years and I look forward to serving one last term! I hope to bring new ideas, techniques, and songs to our church when I return in August.

Finally, it is with great joy that I announce that I will be pursuing a Master of Music degree in Conducting with a concentration in Musical Theatre beginning in the Fall of 2023. This is

something I've been considering for quite a while and I believe that now is the right time to go for it. I will be moving to Winchester, VA in August, but I will still be at Geneva on the weekends! I am looking forward to so much learning this summer and over the next two years.

JAMES SIRANOVICH has had a diverse career as conductor, pianist, organist, clarinetist, tenor, vocal coach, and writer. As a church musician, he was Music Director of Holy Cross Church in Kensington from 2009-2016, and of the Church of St. Thomas More in Manhattan from 2017-2021. For ten years, he was Assistant Conductor of the Fairfax Symphony, and for part of that time worked at Virginia Opera as a coach for young artists. For three summers before the pandemic, James organized orchestral concerts for two organizations that provide instruments, lessons, academic tutoring, and meals to disadvantaged children in New Orleans and Baltimore. He recently fulfilled a lifelong dream of completing the undergraduate program at St. John's College, Annapolis, where he took a four-year, all-required, all-primary source course in Philosophy, Mathematics, and Science, also studying French and Ancient Greek. He graduated in 2022 at age 48, the second-oldest graduate in the college's history.

James is comfortable with a wide variety of genres, and looks forward to providing music for worship over the summer at Geneva.

MARGARET MCGILLIVRAY is a horn-wielding, piano-tickling musical warrior with a commitment to the highest levels of collaborative music making and learning. Based in Maryland, she is an accomplished soloist, collaborative orchestral musician, educator and passionate advocate for historically excluded musicians and composers in the classical music world.

Born on the Canadian prairies and raised in the Toronto suburbs, Margaret has spent much of her life and career straddling cultures, provinces, countries and instruments as she moved across the world. Uncomfortably comfortable in the in-between places after years of being a freelance musician and military spouse, she has forged a career of her own making and is always learning about how to stay grounded in her dreams and values without being tethered to the expectations of others.

As a church musician, Margaret began subbing for her organist and choir director mother at the age of 12. She has been a professional chorister with the Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul in Montreal (Presbyterian Church in Canada), staff accompanist at Mark Twain Village Chapel in Heidelberg, Germany and the Director of Music at Ark & Dove Presbyterian (PCUSA). She enjoys working with volunteers and professionals alike to enhance worship services and enjoys creating meaningful musical experiences with an intergenerational lens.

Margaret holds a Doctor of Musical Arts from the University of Arizona, a Master of Music from Northwestern University and an undergraduate degree from McGill University in Montréal. Before the horn became her constant companion, Margaret earned an ARCT from the Royal Conservatory (Toronto) in Piano Performance while still in high school.

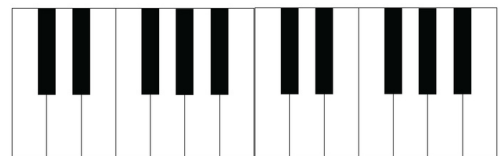
GRACE LIU is a Taiwanese-American pianist who performs as a soloist and collaborative pianist in the U.S. and Taiwan, “impressing [audiences] with her finesse and sensitivity” (Orange County Register). She is the recipient of the Pauline Favin Memorial Award in Piano and the Clara Ascherfel Accompanying Award at the Peabody Institute of the Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. She was also a finalist and recitalist at the Wonderlic Piano Competition and Schlern International Music Competition. As concerto soloist, she has also

featured with the UC Irvine Symphony as the winner of the concerto competition.

Liu has been invited to participate in numerous international music festivals, including the Banff Piano Masterclass (Canada), Bowdoin International Music Festival (ME), Beethoven Institute (NY), and Schlern International Music Festival (Italy). She has also participated in master classes taught by Leon Fleisher, Menahem Pressler, Boris Berman, John Perry, Stephen Hough, as well as the Jupiter and Takacs Quartets.

A dedicated teacher, Liu currently holds faculty positions at Peabody Preparatory, St. James School, and the Park School of Baltimore, and she maintains a private studio in Baltimore.

Liu earned a Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the Peabody Institute, where she also received her Master of Music degree in piano performance. She completed her Bachelor of Music degree at the University of California, Irvine. Her major teachers include Alexander Shtarkman, Lorna Griffitt, Rose Hsin-I Chen, and Daniel Hanley.



Ben Shaver
M U S I C

I hope that this article finds you all well. Our school looks forward to kick starting our summer camp on June 5th.

During the Summer Program, children are involved in a variety of age-appropriate recreational activities in a safe and supportive environment. Our experienced staff and trained Summer Program counselors provide guidance, assistance, and encouragement, as children play, learn, socialize, explore, and discover in our outdoor space and indoor classrooms. Children enjoy water play, arts and crafts activities, gardening, group games, outdoor fun, picnics, exploring some of nature's wonders, and more. Some of the indoor activities include arts and crafts, group games, movement activities, story time, and fun and engaging circle time activities.

Weekly Themed Sessions

- Session 1 (June 5 - 9): Transportation
- Session 2 (June 12 - 16): Backyard Creatures
- Session 3 (June 19 - 23): Disney

No camp on June 19th (Juneteenth)

- Session 4 (June 26 - 30): Around the World in 5 days
- Session 5 (July 3- 7): Party in the U.S.A.

No camp on July 4th (4th of July)

- Session 6 (July 10 - 14): Tie-Dye
- Session 7 (July 17 - 21): Medieval Times/Princess and Princes
- Session 8 (July 24 - 28): Let's Go to Space!
- Session 9 (July 31 – August 4): End of Summer Fun

No camp on August 4th

More information is available online at www.genevadayschool.org under summer camp brochure.

We still have some availability for campers' ages 2-6 years-old for half-day and full-day programs. Half-Day Program is from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Full-Day Program is from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. We also have available Before Care from 8:00 a.m. - 8:50 a.m. and After Care from 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

We look forward to many fun learning adventures this summer!

We also look forward to welcoming back all our new and returning staff for the 2023-2024 school year on August 21st. We wish all our staff a restful and relaxing summer break.

Wishing everyone a wonderful summer!

Daisy Lizama
Director



School is on summer break, the weather has turned more summer-like, people are wearing shorts, and the neighborhood pools are open. Happy summer! Geneva's Session met online (via Zoom) on May 22, 2023 at 7p.m., and great things are on the horizon for Geneva.

Pastor Patrick McElwaine updated the Session on activities of the church in regard to worship and pastoral care issues. Pastor Patrick will be on Continuing Education leave in Pennsylvania, May 30 through June 5, 2023. Sara Sadler will lead the service and preach on Sunday June 4, 2023. Pastor Patrick will be away on his two-week vacation from June 26 through July 10, 2023. Carolyn Fink, Ph.D., CCE, will lead the service and preach on Sunday July 2, 2023. Ken Rathje will be our pulpit supply on Sunday July 9, 2023. Geneva is very fortunate to have two of our members leading the service during Pastor Patrick's leave and vacation.

Cali Bronkema reported on the Interactive Church Service and on the End of Year Picnic. Cali and the Geneva Youth attended an End of Year get together with 40 youth from 4 churches. Cali reported on lots of activities scheduled for Geneva for this summer. Be sure and check the summer calendar. A few of the listings include the following activities – Environmental Day, S'mores Night, Concert Night, and First Food and Friends.

Janelle Thibau presented the Executive Committee report as Elaine Winch was on vacation. There are several capital improvements and maintenance issues that are being addressed. A contract to fix the Manse patio was approved by Session after a detailed discussion of the terms of the contract. Other maintenance issues (sanctuary painting and exterior church painting) are in the works for completion over the summer.

Rolf Winch provided a Treasurer's Report and April 2023 Financial statements to Session prior to the Session meeting. At the Session meeting, Janelle Thibau presented Rolf's report, as Rolf Winch was on vacation. As of April 30, 2023, Geneva is ahead in terms of the year-to-date budgeted income and is under budget in terms of the year-to-date budgeted expenses. The Session approved the Treasurer's Report and April 2023 Financial Statements.

Tom Sadler, Chair of the Music and Worship Committee, shared that this year (2023) is the 60th Anniversary of Geneva Presbyterian Church. On Sunday September 7, 1963, Geneva Presbyterian Church held its first church service. The Session determined that it would be appropriate to form An Anniversary Committee to determine ways to celebrate and honor 60 years of faith at Geneva. Sheri Sankey, Ken Sprinkle, and Tom Sadler volunteered to be on the Committee.

Various standing committees presented their reports. These include Building Use, Christian Education, Communication and Outreach, Deacons, Mission, and Nominating. Please review other areas of this edition of the Radiant for further details of the very positive actions from some of these standing committees.

Geneva Session will take their summer meeting break in June and will reconvene for a Session Meeting on Monday, July 24, 2023 at 7 p.m. via ZOOM.

Have a great summer, stay safe, and remember "There is no spot where God is not."



Sheri Sankey
Clerk of Session

Deacons and Fellowship Activities

Deacons are the "servants" or "caregivers" of the congregation. People have all kinds of needs - they are recovering from surgery, grieving, lonely, ill, or otherwise in a time where they welcome the ministry of care from our congregation. In a very real way, Deacons are the hands and heart of the Church in our ministry of caring.

Deacons Fund

Deacon Funds are used to support an individual or families in financial crisis in terms of monetary donations, purchasing food, helping to pay medical or household bills. The funds are also used for the items in the blessing bags for our homeless neighbors, for gift cards to students during final exams, for hosting memorial services, for hosting Lenten dinners, for sending cards and gift baskets to members needing support, and for providing the supplies needed for our seasonal craft activities.

Our Deacon Fund is used frequently to support our members and is getting low. Therefore, I am asking for your generosity to make a tax-deductible donation to the Geneva Deacons Fund, so our Deacons can continue to support our Geneva family. Your gift in any amount will be greatly appreciated to help our church make a brighter future for our members.

Thank you in advance for your help and support.

Deacon Family Groups

Every Geneva member and friend is included in a Deacon Family Group. Your Family Deacon works with Pastor Patrick to celebrate your joys and support you in times of concern or need.

The Family Deacon Groups are listed below. If you do not see your name and want to be a part of a Deacon Family group, please contact Renee Moloznik at Rmoloz@hotmail.com Deacon:

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PJ & Brent Davis

Juliet & Scott Heimberg

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Judy Bailey

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Bobbie & Tom Maxwell

Nancy Morse

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Vince Lupo
Ruth Nunn
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Renee Moloznik

Summer is here and the Geneva Disability Ministry Team is excited for what the warmer months will bring. It is our joy to deepen friendships with those we already know and also to connect with new families. Geneva works hard to be an inclusive congregation for our community and is always open to suggestions as to how we can evolve and grow.

Our neurodiverse play dates at We Rock The Spectrum have been perfect for the blustery winter Saturdays. That said - we are excited to have neurodiverse play dates back at the Geneva playground. Our playground is accessible, provides a safe and fenced area to play, and is the home to many smiling GPC youth.

The kiddos have had lots of opportunities to grow in their friendships. Everyone looks forward to learning with Ms. Cali during Bridges to Worship on Sunday mornings. It is also a point of pride for our church family that we offer an accessible, safe and inclusive play space for kiddos of all ability levels.

Just a few weeks ago we had the pleasure of hosting a worship service specifically for those that are neurodivergent and sensory sensitive. The “joyful noise” service was well attended, well received, and will be happening more frequently in the future! We have also started gathering on the last Sunday of each month for “Caregivers Coffee Hour” with childcare provided. These coffee hours are restorative and life-giving for the adults and are thoroughly enjoyed by the kids, who get to spend time together laughing, playing, and having fun.

As a reminder, summer play dates will be the first Saturday of each month at 11 a.m. on the Geneva playground. We look forward to seeing your smiling faces and listening to the excited giggles of kiddos. If you know anyone who may want to attend a future play date, please extend the invitation and put them in touch with Allyson through email at asmcelwaine@gmail.com.

When you see new faces around and about in church, be sure to welcome them and their families! If you know any children that would like to join in the fun, please invite them! The members of the Disability Ministry Team are always thinking of new ideas and ways to expand our impact. If you have thoughts and ideas on projects (big and small) that we can undertake in order to make Geneva Presbyterian the most welcoming and accessible place possible - please contact us. We would love to know your ideas and visions for the future. We welcome you to reach out to Allyson McElwaine or Cali Bronkema at any time!



Allyson McElwaine,
Co-Chair of the Disability Ministry Team

As we head into summer, Session has approved financial statements from September 2022 (the start of our new fiscal year) through April 2023. That means we have 4 more months until our fiscal year ends. It also means that our Executive Committee and Session will soon begin the process of developing our budget for next year.

So how do our finances look so far? The primary way we measure this is through our monthly Statement of Activities report. After Amanda pays the bills and Melissa (and Ken Denaburg) account for our Offerings, the Executive Committee looks at each account to see what is over or under budget. Then the draft financial reports go to Session, which approves the monthly activity.

As April is 8 months into our fiscal year, we are using 66.67% as our measure (8 divided by 12). And through April 30, our Total Income is at 112.43%, with Total Expenses at 60.40%. This means we are slightly under budget with Expenses, and over budget with Income. As a result, our Year-to-Date actual deficit is only -\$14,053.68.

Is that good? You bet! Our projected deficit for April 30 was -\$189,087.00, so we are well ahead of budget. Assuming no Snow Removal expenses through the end of August (probably a safe bet), or any other unexpected expenses, we should end up in pretty good shape for the year.

As always, please feel free to reach out with any comments or questions. And enjoy the summer – hope to see you around!



Rolf Winch

Rolf Winch
Treasurer

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