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July 23, 2023

10:30am

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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

Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus tells each of us to keep our lamps trimmed and burning

People: in expectation of what he will do.

Leader: Jesus says to keep watch

People: for the kingdom of Heaven will approach like a thief in the night.

Leader: Let us seek the small door and the narrow way of living that leads to true life;

People: Let us respond to God's gift of grace with our worship, a sacrifice of praise that is pleasing to our Creator!

GATHERING

406 We Are Standing on Holy Ground

Holy Ground

G D A D G D Em
 We are stand - ing on ho - ly ground,
 D G F#m F#m7 B7
 and I know that there are an - gels all a -
 E Gm D A7 D G
 round; let us praise Je - sus
 D Em F#m7 G D G
 now; we are stand - ing in his
 D Em7 D G D
 pres - ence on ho - ly ground.

The phrase “holy ground” resonates with the experience of Moses at the burning bush, where he had an encounter with God (Exodus 3:5; also quoted in the martyr Stephen’s sermon, Acts 7:33). The reference to angels may recall Jacob’s vision (Genesis 28:12–17) or Hebrews 12:22.

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HOLY GROUND
 Irregular

Call to Confession

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

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors, and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed.

In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us for joyful obedience to your will and your ways. For the sake of Jesus, hear us as we pray in silence...


Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Response

SERVICE MUSIC


582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)
B^b F B^b F B^b F Gm F




1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
2 World with - out end, ¶ with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)
F B^b E^b B^b Gm7 C7




and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
World with - out end, ¶ with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)
C7 F A Dm



and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
World with - out end, ¶ with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)
Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F



As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

The Word

Prayer for Illumination *(in unison)*

God of abundant life, your grace is our daily bread. Nourish us by your Word and fill us with your Spirit, so that we may grow in faith and love. In the majestic name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Proverbs 17:19

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 rug area to participate!)

New Testament Reading

Luke 13:22-30

This is the Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"A Narrow Way for an Abundant Life"

Rev. Patrick McElwaine

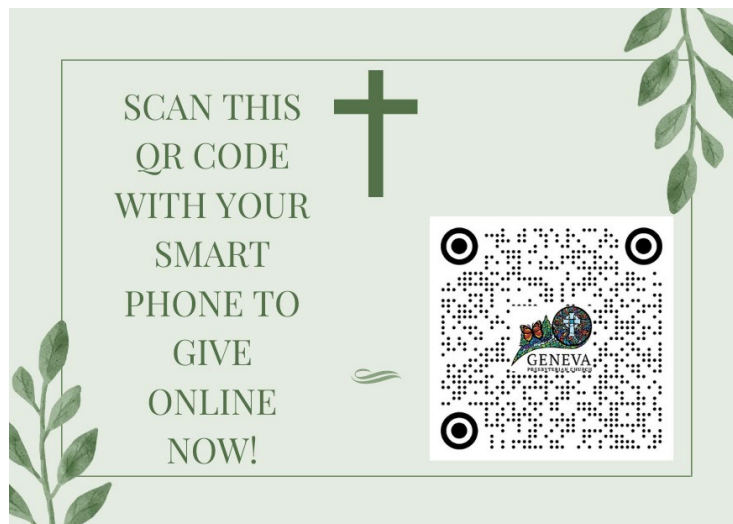
Affirmation of Faith/The Apostles' Creed *(in unison)*

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

Beloved, we invite you to join in the ministry of this church with your tithes and offerings. Your gifts may be received in the physical offering plate in the back of the sanctuary or online using the QR code in your bulletin. Let us give generously and joyfully.



Music Offering

Prayer of Dedication

The Sending

Closing Hymn

“Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning”

#350

CHRIST'S RETURN AND JUDGMENT

350 Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning

1 Keep your lamps trimmed and burn - ing; keep your
2 It's our faith makes us hap - py; it's our
3 We are climb - ing Ja - cob's lad - der; we are
4 Ev - ery round goes high - er, high - er; ev - ery

lamps trimmed and burn - ing; keep your lamps
faith makes us hap - py; it's our faith
climb - ing Ja - cob's lad - der; we are climb - ing
round goes high - er, high - er; ev - ery round goes

trimmed and burn - ing, for the time is draw - ing nigh.
makes us hap - py, for the time is draw - ing nigh.
Ja - cob's lad - der, for the time is draw - ing nigh.
high - er, high - er, for the time is draw - ing nigh.

Refrain

Sis - ters, don't grow wea - ry; broth - ers, don't grow wea - ry;

This African American spiritual has a biblical basis in the parable of the ten maidens (Matthew 25:1–13), but the text actually sung could vary greatly. Such variation can be seen here in the annexing of an often freestanding spiritual based on Jacob's vision (Genesis 28:10–17).

TEXT and MUSIC: African American spiritual

KEEP YOUR LAMPS
7.7.7.7 with refrain

CHRIST'S RETURN AND JUDGMENT

chil-dren, don't grow wea-ry, for the time is draw-ing nigh.

The musical score consists of two staves. The upper staff is a vocal line in treble clef, and the lower staff is a piano accompaniment in bass clef. Both staves are in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The vocal line begins with a half note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note Bb4, and a quarter note C5. The piano accompaniment provides a harmonic foundation with chords and moving lines.

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;

Barbara Prosswimmer;

Paul Prosswimmer;

George Hunt, husband of Margot Hunt;

Healing and Comfort for

Tom Sadler, health concerns;

Tom Voith, brother of Elaine Winch, health concerns;

Mike Sydoriak, health concerns;

Ben Shaver, recovering from surgery;

Maxine Carey, health concerns;

Bob Daraskevich and his family, friend of Kyla Lupo undergoing cancer treatment;

Elizabeth B, friend of Kyla Lupo, having thyroid surgery;

Brian Rassmussen, Allyson McElwaine's uncle, surgery and health concerns;

Emmanuel Mbi, recovering from surgery;

Nancy Morse, recovering from knee surgery;

Scott Brown, health concerns;

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

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

John Hanson, friend of Sara Torrence, health concerns;

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;

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: Ben Shaver (7/3); Tim Sullivan (7/5); Juliet Heimberg (7/10); Cali Bronkema (7/12); Liz-Maelle Kom Liapoe (7/14); Eleanor Liu (7/16); Maria Lizama (7/24); Victoria Winch (7/25); Rolf Winch (7/30)

This Week at Geneva

Sunday, July 23	10:30am	Worship – In-Person and Online
Monday, July 24	7:00pm	Meeting – Session
Sunday, July 30	10:30am	Worship – In-Person and Online

Thank you to James Siranovich

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 in a wide variety of styles, and looks forward to providing music for worship over the summer at Geneva.

BRADLEY HILLS PRESBYTERIAN &
GENEVA PRESBYTERIAN INVITE
YOU TO:



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2023

WHAT?

Join us for a week of music, games, crafts and faith formation! We'll learn what compassion is from Bible stories and think about how we can show compassion to ourselves and others.

WHEN?

August 21st-24th, 9am - Noon.

WHERE?

Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church
6601 Bradley Blvd
Bethesda, MD

QUESTIONS?

Email Matt at Bradley Hills:
matt@bradleyhillschurch.org

or Cali at Geneva:
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HOW MUCH?

Register by May 28th: \$80/child
Register by June 25th: \$90/child
Register by August 6th: \$100/child
Scholarships are available for any family who needs one.

FOR WHOM?

This program is for children ages 4 years old (as of 9/1/23) through rising 5th graders. 6th - 12th graders are welcome as volunteers (there is no fee for volunteers, but a registration form must be completed).

REGISTER HERE:



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- **Online by visiting our website:**

<https://genevapotomac.org/give/online-giving/>

- **By Mail:** checks securely received at:

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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!

Today's Worship Leaders

Rev. Patrick McElwaine, Pastor; Ben Shaver, Music Director;
Rolf Winch, Lector; Kyla Lupo, Zoom Host.
Ken Sprinkle and Curtis Chimba, 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 Laurie Bokulic in honor of her father, Paul Prosswimmer, Jr.'s Birthday.



Geneva warmly welcomes all our guests joining us today



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