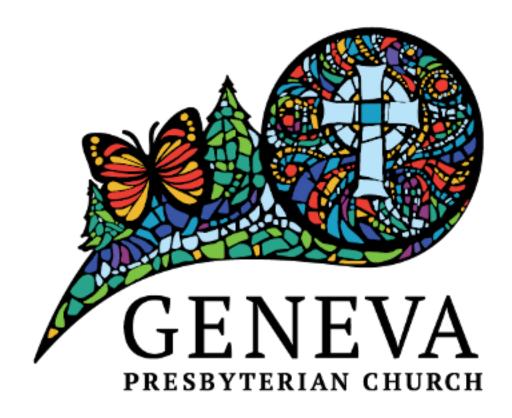
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July 9, 2023

Trinity Sunday

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: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

People: Who made heaven and earth.

Leader: O come, let us sing a new song to the Lord and shout with joy to the rock of our

salvation.

People: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving, singing joyful songs of praise, and find our way into the heart of our Lord.

BAPTISM Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 475 1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace; I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm come; to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be! mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise. streams of I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar - rive at home. fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to thee. that grace now, like a 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; 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! 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

We say we have no sin; we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

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

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In Your mercy forgive us, help us amend our lives, and guide what we shall be, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Holy name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news! The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in His body on the Cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. **Amen**

Congregational Response



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

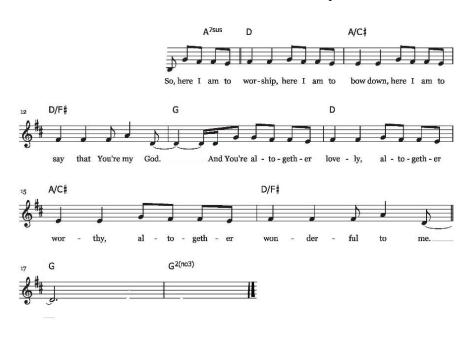
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you!

"Here I am To Worship"



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The Word

Prayer for Illumination (in unison)

Speak to us, Living God, as You have spoken to our ancestors: through the voices of your prophets, the breath of Your Spirit, and the life of Your Son, so that we may live and walk with You according to Your Word.

Old Testament Reading Psalm 143: 7-11

⁷ Answer me quickly, Lord; my spirit fails. Do not hide your face from me or I will be like those who go down to the pit.

⁸ Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you I entrust my life.

- ⁹ Rescue me from my enemies, Lord, for I hide myself in you.
- ¹⁰ Teach me to do your will, for you are my God; may your good Spirit lead me on level ground.
- ¹¹ For your name's sake, Lord, preserve my life; in your righteousness, bring me out of trouble.

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 Matthew 11:27-30

²⁷ Jesus resumed talking to the people, but now tenderly. "The Father has given me all these things to do and say. This is a unique Father-Son operation, coming out of Father and Son intimacies and knowledge. No one knows the Son the way the Father does, nor the Father the way the Son does.

But I'm not keeping it to myself; I'm ready to go over it line by line with anyone willing to listen.

²⁸⁻³⁰ "Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. **Learn the unforced**rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly."

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Sermon "Learning The Way " Ken Rathje

Affirmation of Faith/Apostles' Creed (in unison)

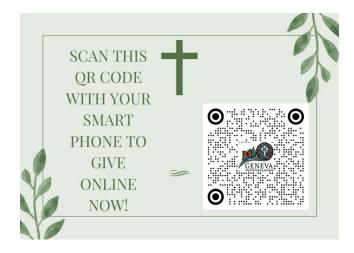
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; 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.

(*meaning all of God's churches)

The Thanksgiving

The Offering

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.



Prayer of Dedication

Blessed are You, God of all creation; through Your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offering for your glory and for the service of your kingdom. Blessed be God forever. Amen

The Sending

Closing Hymn

"Christ be Magnified"

The congregation is invited to sing along if they know the song, otherwise sing the **bolded Chorus**

Verse 1

Were creation suddenly articulate
With a thousand tongues to lift one cry
Then from north to south and east to west
We'd hear Christ be magnified

Verse 2

Were the whole earth echoing His eminence
His name would burst from sea and sky
From rivers to the mountain tops
We'd hear Christ be magnified

Chorus 1

O Christ be magnified, let His praise arise Christ be magnified in me O Christ be magnified, from the altar of my life Christ be magnified in me

Verse 3

When every creature finds its inmost melody
And every human heart its native cry
O then in one enraptured hymn of praise
We'll sing Christ be magnified

Bridge 1

I won't bow to idols, I'll stand strong and worship You
If it puts me in the fire, I'll rejoice 'cause You're there too
I won't be formed by feelings, I hold fast to what is true
If the cross brings transformation, then I'll be crucified with You

Bridge 2

'Cause death is just the doorway into resurrection life
If I join You in Your sufferings then I'll join You when You rise
And when You return in glory with all the angels and the saints
My heart will still be singing, my song will be the same

Chorus 2

O Christ be magnified, let His praise arise Christ be magnified in me O Christ be magnified, from the altar of my life Christ be magnified in me

Charge and Benediction

Postlude



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

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;

Julie Hoff, friend of Joyce Harris, health concerns;

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); Elaine Brasted (7/10); Juliet Heimberg (7/10); Liz-Maelle Kom Liapoe (7/14); Eleanor Liu (7/16); Paul Prosswimmer (7/24); Maria Lizama (7/24); Victoria Winch (7/25); Rolf Winch (7/30)

This Week at Geneva

Sunday, July 9 10:30am **Worship** – In-Person and Online

Sunday, July 16 10:30am Worship – In-Person and Online

Pastor Patrick will be away June 26 - July 10. If you have any pastoral need during this time please contact your Deacon. Many thanks to Ken Rathje for leading worship on July 9th!



Thank You Ken Rathje for filling in while Pastor Patrick is away!

Ken is a distinguished transformational Christian leader. He has senior level experience in transforming organizations to achieve operational excellence and profitability. A thought leader, known for his integrity and consensus building.



Ken has earned a Master of Divinity (MDiv) Degree to pursue ordination as a Minister of Word and Sacrament for the Presbyterian Church, USA. He has been a full-time student Pastor July – August 2021 in Caseville, MI and part-time student Pastor September – July 2022 in Cambridge, England. While there he led worship services, preached sermons, went on Pastoral calls, assisted in funerals, and led other church functions as needed. He recently earned a Diploma of Theology in Ministry (DTM) at Cambridge University as a part of his Pastoral education, and is currently studying for his Doctor Degree in Ministry at Wesley Theological Seminary.

Prior to his Seminary experiences, he has had Senior Executive Service experiences with the Federal Emergency Management Agency to coordinate federal support to 11 disasters within the US. Additionally, he has had successful executive and strategic business experience with Wells Fargo Bank (Vice President), and Dawn Foods (Chief Customer Officer). As a Colonel in the US Army Reserves, he also served with distinction on the Army Senior Staff at the Pentagon as well as commanded 2,000 plus soldiers at the Brigade level during wartime. His combat experiences in Iraq and Afghanistan leading joint and interagency teams were instrumental in affirming his views on leadership.

His previous education includes a B.S. Degree from the U.S. Military Academy, a MBA Degree from Monmouth University, and a Masters of Strategic Studies (MSS) Degree from the U.S. Army War College. His highest military awards include the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star and the Combat Action Badge. He has also earned the Ranger Tab and the Army Parachutist Badge.

Thank you to Grace Liu

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 University of California, Irvine. Her major teachers include Alexander Shtarkman, Lorna Griffitt, Rose Hsin-I Chen, and Daniel Hanley.

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: nextgen.genevapotomac@gmail.com

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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Ways to Give:

- 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; Sara Sadler, 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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