

**SEPTEMBER 3, 2023**



## **GENEVA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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## Get Prepared For Communion When Worshiping online!

Today we will be sharing the sacrament of The Lord's Supper during worship. Here's how it will work and how you can prepare if you are worshiping with us online:

- **Gather your own communion elements from around your home.** Jesus chose common foods of his day for the first communion: bread and "fruit of the vine." What common starch do you have available? In countries around the world, the commonly available starch may be tortillas or rice, so those are used. What beverage feels right for you to use? Not everyone has juice in the home, so you might need to be creative.
- **Please:** in preparing for communion and choosing your elements, do so thoughtfully and with reverence for the sacrament we will share.
- **Our blended community of online and in person worshipers is gathered together in holy space and on holy ground.** The liturgy and prayers will serve to consecrate all of our elements into one common meal at the Lord's Table.

It is a joy to share the Lord's Supper together – let us gather in remembrance of Jesus who is the Eternal Host at this table.

With Grace and Peace,  
**Pastor Patrick**

# Geneva Presbyterian Church

September 3, 2023

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

### Call to Worship

Leader: Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**People: Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name; worship the LORD in holy splendor.**

Leader: The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters.

**People: The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.**

– Psalm 29:1-4

(1x English, 2x Spanish, 3x English)

## Nothing Can Trouble

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*Nada te turbe*

Noth-ing can trou - ble; noth-ing can fright - en. Those who seek  
 Na - da te tur - be, na - da te es - pan - te. Quien a Dios

God shall nev - er go want - ing. God a - lone fills us.  
 tie - ne na - da le fal - ta. So - lo Dios bas - ta.

This meditative refrain from Taizé is based on a saying attributed to Teresa of Avila: "Let nothing trouble you; let nothing frighten you. All things are passing; God never changes. Patience obtains all things. Whoever possesses God lacks nothing; God alone suffices."

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 MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1986  
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**Call to Confession****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 what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Hear us, O Lord, 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<sup>b</sup> F B<sup>b</sup> F B<sup>b</sup> 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<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> 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.

**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 *(sung on Communion Sundays)*

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done on Earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread, forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from our time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours. Now and forever, Amen.

A musical score for the song "Here I am To Worship". It consists of four staves of music in a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes. Chords are indicated above the staff lines.

Staff 1: Chords: A<sup>7sus</sup>, D, A/C#. Lyrics: So, here I am to wor-ship, here I am to bow down, here I am to

Staff 2: Chords: D/F#, G, D. Lyrics: say that You're my God. And You're al - to - geth - er love - ly, al - to - geth - er

Staff 3: Chords: A/C#, D/F#. Lyrics: wor - thy, al - to - geth - er won - der - ful to me. \_\_\_\_\_

Staff 4: Chords: G, G<sup>2(no3)</sup>. Lyrics: \_\_\_\_\_

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## The Word

### Prayer for Illumination (*in unison*)

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

**Old Testament Reading**

**Proverbs 30:4**

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 rug area to participate!)*

**New Testament Reading**

**John 14:1-11**

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

**“How to See God's Glory”**

*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.

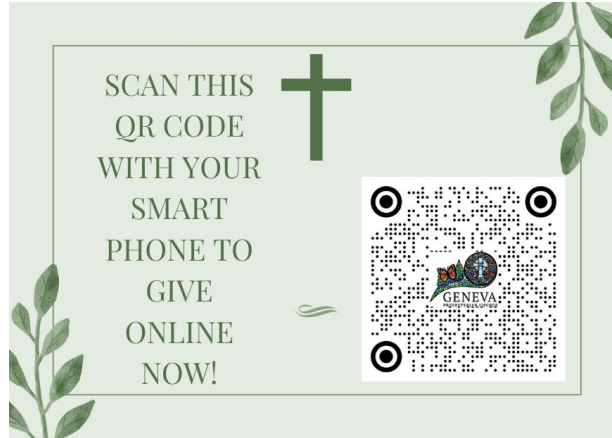
Amen.

*(\*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 Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

## The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

*The Lord be with you.*

*Lift up your hearts.*

*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**And also with you.**

**We lift them to the Lord.**

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## Breaking of the Bread

## Communion of the People

## Communion Prayer

# The Sending

## Closing Hymn

## “Majesty”

### Majesty

Jack Hayford, 1980

Jack Hayford, arranged by Eugene Thomas, 1980

$\text{♩} = 115$

Maj-es-ty, wor-ship his maj-es-ty; un-to Je-sus be all glo-ry, hon-or, and praise.

Maj-es-ty, king-dom au - thor-i - ty, flow from his throne un-to his own, his an-them raise. So ex -

- alt, lift up on high the name of Je-sus. Mag-ni - fy, come glo-ri - fy Christ Je-sus, the King.

Maj-es-ty, wor-ship his maj-es-ty, Je-sus who died, now glo-ri - fied, King of all kings.

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## 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**

**Annamaria G. Winch, mother of Rolf Winch**

**Toshiko Ota, founding member of Geneva Presbyterian Church;**

**Kevin Nichols, son of a friend of Sara Torrence;**

**Jo Ann Elder, friend of Sara Torrence;**

**Siegfried Pasternak, father of a friend of Sara Torrence**

Lorraine Leicht, Renee Moloznik's mother;

Mary Bird, aunt of Renee Moloznik;

George Hunt, husband of Margot Hunt;

**Healing and Comfort for**

**Jacqueline Thibau, Mother of Eric Thibau, health concerns;**

**Logan, niece of Janelle Thibau health concerns;**

**Mike Sydoriak, health concerns;**

**Tom Sadler, health concerns;**

**Tom Voith, brother of Elaine Winch, 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;

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;

Ken Adams, father of Juliet Hiemberg, health concerns;

Rosalie Ruff, health concerns;

Dinah Paffrath, aunt of Renee Moloznik, receiving cancer treatments;

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:** Stella Soh (9/2); Nancy Rawson (9/3); Alex Thibau (9/5);  
 Sheri Sankey (9/7); Paula PJ Davis (9/17);  
 Jim Stiles (9/19); Rebecca Winch (9/20); Gretchen Winch (9/20);  
 Lindsey Moloznik (9/27); Scott Heimberg (9/29)

## This Week at Geneva

Saturday, September 2	11:00am	<b>Neurodiverse Playground Get Together</b> – Geneva Playground
Sunday, September 3	10:30am	<b>Worship</b> – In-Person and Online
Sunday, September 3	11:30am	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday's Coffee Hour</b>
Saturday, September 9	3:30pm	<b>Homecoming Concert</b>
Sunday, September 10	10:30am	<b>Worship</b> – In-Person and Online
Sunday, September 10	12:00pm	<b>Homecoming Picnic</b>
Tuesday, September 12	7:00pm	<b>Meeting</b> – Deacons
Wednesday, September 13	6:00pm	<b>Bible Study</b> – <b>*NEW TIME</b> - Zoom
Sunday, September 17	10:30am	<b>Worship</b> – In-Person and Online

## New Geneva Phone Book is coming!

The new Geneva Phone Book is being compiled and edited. Geneva Members will be listed with family member names unless Melissa is alerted that the entry should not name non-member children.

Friends can opt into the Phone Book. If you would like to be in our phone book, please alert Melissa Cutler with the names and contact information you would like included. Note that only those named in the Directory will receive a phone book. We hope that our friends will opt to be included.

Please act quickly. The Phone Book is scheduled to be published in the next few weeks. Email Melissa Cutler at: [Melissa.Genevapotomac@gmail.com](mailto:Melissa.Genevapotomac@gmail.com).

A poster for a homecoming weekend event. It features a central photograph of a person playing an acoustic guitar. The background is a crumpled paper texture. There are orange text boxes and a yellow arrow pointing to the top left of the guitar photo.

**FREE LIVE CONCERT**

**HOMECOMING WEEKEND!**

**SEPTEMBER 9**  
**3:30-5:00 P.M.**

ALL AGES ARE WELCOME!  
ENJOY THE PLAYGROUND AND GAMES  
WHILE YOU ENJOY THE CONCERT!  
BRING A CHAIR!



GPC'S

# HOMECOMING PICNIC

Get ready to fire up your taste buds  
and celebrate the start of the  
program year!

Please bring a side or dessert, and  
let us know if you can help grill.



10 SEPTEMBER 2023  
FOLLOWING WORSHIP

# Weekly Virtual Bible Study

Wednesdays

6-7 pm

Zoom:

Meeting ID: 273 879 363

Password: 978348

Join us as we make our way through the book of Phillipians!



## STEPPING INTO THE GOSPEL OF MARK

Join us for worship as we dedicate a year to the Gospel of Mark! We'll journey through the book together to better understand scripture, Jesus, and how it all relates to our own lives.

'23-'24  
SERMON  
SERIES



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<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;  
Mark Allen, Lector; Kyla Lupo, Zoom Host.  
Ken Denaburg and Ken Sprinkle 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 Soong Hak Lee and Betty Lee in Memory of  
Toshiko Ota



**Geneva warmly welcomes all our guests joining us today**



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