

SEPTEMBER 17, 2023



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September 17, 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: O come, let us sing 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.

Leader: Holy, holly, holy is the Lord of hosts;

People: the whole earth is full of God's glory!

– Selected verses, Psalms 95 and 116

Opening Hymn

“Come Now Is The Time to Worship”

Verse

Come, now is the time to worship
Come, now is the time to give your heart
Come just as you are to worship
Come, just as you are before your God

Transition 1

Come

Transition 2

Come

Chorus

One day ev'ry tongue will confess You are God
One day ev'ry knee will bow
Still the greatest treasure remains for those
Who gladly choose You now

Transition 5

Come

End

Come

Call to Confession

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

Merciful Lord, why do we tarry in shadows when you are the Light of the World? Why do we succumb to temptations when we already have everything in You? How can we claim ignorance of your will when it is so plain for us to read and hear?

God of grace, forgive us for living in the ways of this world instead of the ways of your Kingdom. Forgive us our active disobedience and our passive rebellion. Show us your heart as we come to you in repentant prayer...


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.

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.

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 141

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

Mark 1:9-13

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

Sermon

"A Baptism and a Temptation"

Rev. Patrick McElwaine



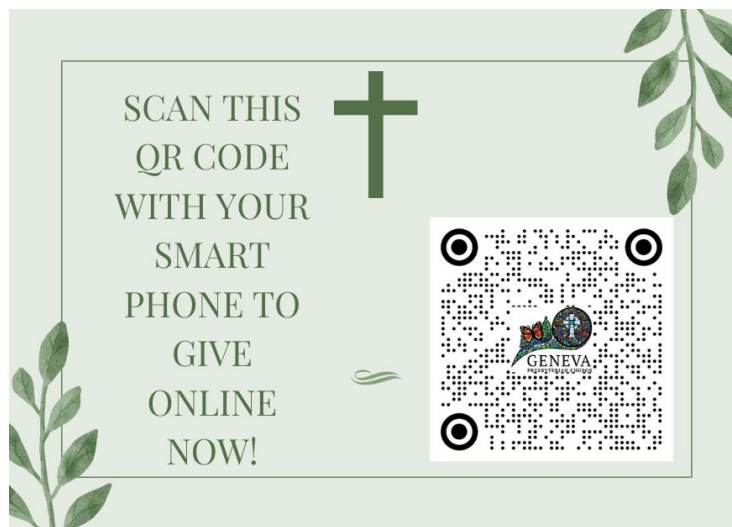
Affirmation of Faith/The Apostles' Creed *(in unison)*

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

“Love Theory”

by Kirk Franklin

Prayer of Dedication

The Sending

Closing Hymn

“My Lighthouse”

by Rend Collective

In my wrestling and in my doubts
In my failures You won't walk out
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea, oh oh
You are the peace in my troubled sea

In the silence, You won't let go
In the questions, Your truth will hold
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea, oh oh
You are the peace in my troubled sea

Refrain

My Lighthouse, my lighthouse
Shining in the darkness, I will follow You
My Lighthouse, my lighthouse (oh oh)
I will trust the promise,
You will carry me safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)
Safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)
Safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)
Safe to shore

I won't fear what tomorrow brings
With each morning I'll rise and sing
My God's love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea, oh oh
You are the peace in my troubled sea, oh oh

Refrain

Fire before us, You're the brightest
You will lead us through the storms **(4x)**

Refrain

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, Rolf Winch's mother;

Ken Adams, father of Juliet Hiemberg;

Jacqueline Thibau, Mother of Eric Thibau;

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;

Healing and Comfort for

Eleanor Rassmussen, Allyson McElwaine's aunt, health concerns;

John Wright, health concerns;

Logan, niece of Janelle Thibau health concerns;

Mike Sydoriak, 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;

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;

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

Walter Sprinkle, son of Ken and Nan Sprinkle, on an overseas assignment

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

Wednesday, September 13	6:00pm	Bible Study – *NEW TIME* - Zoom
Sunday, September 17	10:30am	Worship – In-Person and Online
Sunday, September 17	11:30am	Birthday Cupcakes
Monday, September 18	7:00pm	Meeting – Session
Wednesday, September 20	6:00pm	Bible Study – *NEW TIME* - Zoom
Sunday, September 24	9:30am	Caregiver's Coffee
Sunday, September 24	10:30am	Worship – In-Person and Online
Wednesday, September 27	6:00pm	Bible Study – *NEW TIME* - Zoom
Sunday, October 1	10:30am	Worship – In-Person and Online
Sunday, October 1	11:30am	1st Sunday's Coffee Hour
Tuesday, October 3	6:00pm	Food for the Soul

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.

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SERMON
SERIES





Band Members

Jeff Eckert, bass
Billy Georg, drums
Kevin Hawk, guitar

FOOD FOR THE SOUL

OCTOBER 2023



A time for community building, spiritual development and good food! Childcare provided.

6:00 pm

- Oct. 3rd, Host Family
- Oct. 10th, Host Family
- Oct. 17th, Geneva Founders Room, Potluck

If you would like to be a host family, or simply attend, please email Cali to rsvp!
(nextgen.genevapotomac@gmail.com)

**PLEASE SUPPORT GOD'S MINISTRY
THROUGH GENEVA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
WITH YOUR SMARTPHONE, TABLET,
COMPUTER OR MAIL!**

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;
Alice Franks, Lector; Ken Sprinkle, Zoom Host.
Curtis Chimba 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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