

**OCTOBER 8, 2023**



## **GENEVA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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# Geneva Presbyterian Church

October 8, 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: 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: O Praise the Lord with me,

**People: let us exalt God's name together!**

### Opening Hymn

**"God Welcomes All"**

**#399**

*(Lyrics on next page)*

# God Welcomes All

399

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line is in G major and 4/4 time, with lyrics: "God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;". The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords in the right hand. The second system continues the vocal line with lyrics: "God's love is strong and it nev - er ends." and concludes with a double bar line.

This "short song," as the Iona Community calls it, can be especially effective as a means of setting a welcoming tone for a service (especially an ecumenical one). Like most such songs, it needs to be sung several times, adding and improvising harmony with each repetition.

TEXT: John L. Bell, 2008

MUSIC: South African song; transcr. John L. Bell, 2008

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## Call to Confession

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

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. There has been so much "me" and not enough "thee".

Lord Jesus, reorient our priorities and call us back into your paths of discipleship. Forgive that which we humbly name before you in silent personal prayer now...


## 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

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.

A7sus      D                      A/C#

So, here I am to wor-ship, here I am to bow down, here I am to

12      D/F#                      G                      D

say that You're my God.      And You're al - to - geth - er love - ly, al - to - geth - er

15      A/C#                                      D/F#

wor - thy, al - to - geth - er won - der - ful to me. \_\_\_\_\_

17      G                                      G2(no3)

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## The Word

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

Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth. Make us hunger for your heavenly food that it may nourish us today and all the days of our earthly journey. Holy Spirit, bless our reading and hearing of this scripture. Amen.

### First Reading

### Mark 1:29-31

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!)*

## Second Reading

**Mark 1:32-39**

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

**"Our Response to Grace"**

*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.

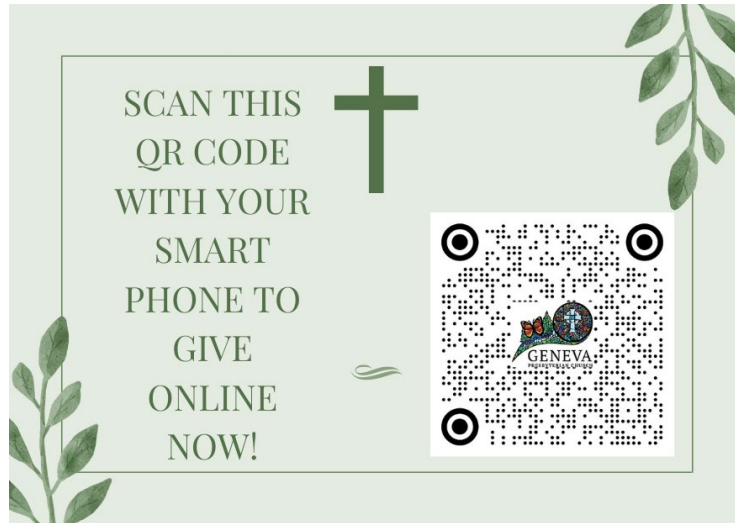
Amen.

*(\*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

**“Take Time to Be Holy”**  
*(Lyrics on Next Page)*

**GTG #483**

# 483 Take Time to Be Holy

1 Take time to be ho - ly, speak oft with your Lord;  
 2 Take time to be ho - ly, the world rush - es on;  
 3 Take time to be ho - ly, let him be your guide,

a - bide in him al - ways, and feed on his Word.  
 spend much time in se - cret with Je - sus a - lone.  
 and run not be - fore him, what - ev - er be - tide.

Make friends of God's chil - dren; help those who are weak;  
 By look - ing to Je - sus, like him you shall be;  
 In joy or in sor - row, still fol - low your Lord,

for - get - ting in noth - ing his bless - ing to seek.  
 your friends in your con - duct his like - ness will see.  
 and look - ing to Je - sus, still trust in his Word.

WORDS: William D. Longstaff (1822-1894), alt.

HOLINESS

## 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**

**John Wright, health concerns;**

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

**Mike Sydoriak, health concerns;**

**Tom Voith, brother of Elaine Winch, receiving hospice care;**

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

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:** Leland Perthel (10/2); Ken Denaburg (10/4); Ed Devine (10/5);  
 Amanda Devine (10/6); Brendan Davis (10/8); Matt Kough (10/10);  
 Bobbie Maxwell (10/11); Eric Thibau (10/12); Jeremy Devine (10/15);  
 Jack Kough (10/16); Pete Nunn (10/16); Letitia Denaburg (10/18);  
 Patsy Wright (10/23)

## This Week at Geneva

Wednesday, October 4	6:00pm	<b>Bible Study – *NEW TIME* - Zoom</b>
Saturday, October 7	11:00am	<b>Neurodiverse Playground Get Together – Geneva Playground</b>
Sunday, October 8	9:00am	<b>Joyful Noise Worship – In-Person</b>
Sunday, October 8	9:30am	<b>Caregivers Coffee Bold– In-Person</b>
Tuesday, October 10	6:00pm	<b>Food for the Soul</b>
Wednesday, October 11	6:00pm	<b>Bible Study – *NEW TIME* - Zoom</b>
Sunday, October 15	10:30am	<b>Worship – In-Person and Online</b>
Sunday, October 15	11:30am	<b>Birthday Cupcakes</b>
Tuesday, October 17	6:00pm	<b>Food for the Soul</b>

# Joyful Noise Service

A SENSORY FRIENDLY WORSHIP SERVICE

Join us for a time of movement, learning, and joyful noises! All are welcome.

**2nd Sunday of the Month**

9-9:30: Worship  
9:30-10:15: Caregivers Coffee Hour

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# 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



# 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](mailto:nextgen.genevapotomac@gmail.com))

## Worship Flowers

Would you like to sponsor Geneva's Sunday morning worship flowers to enhance our gift of worship to God? If so, the cost is \$35 per week and the flowers can be dedicated in honor of or memory of a loved one or for another specified reason.



To sponsor our worship flowers for the week, please use our [SignUp Genius](#) (online payment available) or contact Melissa in the church office at [Melissa.genevapotomac@gmail.com](mailto:Melissa.genevapotomac@gmail.com) or (301) 424-4346.

Geneva Presbyterian  
Invites You To:

**Trunk  
N'  
Treat**

**29 October**

**1:30-3:30**

**Featuring Slush and Krust**

**Crafts - Games - Candy**

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**Free!**



**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;  
Jane Campbell, Lector; Kyla Lupo, Zoom Host.  
Ken Sprinkle and Sheri Sankey, 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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