

DECEMBER 10, 2023



SECOND SUNDAY
OF
Advent

GENEVA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Geneva Presbyterian Church

December 10, 2023

Second Sunday of Advent

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.

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome to the Worship of God

Wreath Lighting Hymn

“Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah” *Bells of Geneva*

#85

Light One Candle to Watch 85 for Messiah



2 Light two can-dles to watch for Mes-si-ah: let the



light ban-ish dark-ness. He shall feed the



flock like a shep-herd, gent-ly lead them home-ward.

Wreath Lighting Liturgy

Leader: A voice cries out in the wilderness:

People: Prepare the way of the Lord!

Leader: God has promised us a new creation,

People: a forever home where Christ's glory will be our light.

Leader: Blessed is the Holy One our God!

People: We light two candles, longing for the Kingdom of Peace.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Andrew, Liz, and John Pinaire

Opening Hymn

“O Come All Ye Faithful”

Bells of Geneva and Sanctuary Choir

Oh, come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant!
Oh, come ye, oh come ye to Bethlehem.
Come and behold him,
Born the King of angels;

[Chorus]

Oh, come, let us adore him;
Oh, come, let us adore him;
Oh, come, let us adore him,
Christ, the Lord.

Call to Confession

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

God Of The Present Future, you are coming to be for us the way and the truth and the life. We confess that we have not truly expected your kingdom to be arriving. We accept lies as truth, exploit our neighbors, and grow weary in our discipling. How differently we would live if we knew tomorrow was the day of Your second coming.

God With Us, forgive our sinfulness. Awaken our hearts to call upon your mercy and be led forth again in grace. Hear us as we approach you now in silent personal prayer...

Congregational Response

Prepare the Way of the Lord 95

Capo 1: (D) (G) (D)
* E^b A^b E^b * (chords continue)

Pre-*pare* the way of the Lord. Pre-*pare* the way of the Lord,
and all peo-*ple* will see the sal-*va*-tion of our God.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 6/8 time, key of D minor. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the song, with lyrics 'Pre-*pare* the way of the Lord. Pre-*pare* the way of the Lord,'. The second staff contains the melody for the second line, with lyrics 'and all peo-*ple* will see the sal-*va*-tion of our God.' Above the first staff, there are chord indications: 'Capo 1: (D) (G) (D)' and 'E^b A^b E^b * (chords continue)'. The asterisks are placed above the first and fifth measures of the first staff.

**May be sung as a canon.*

All three synoptic gospels identify John the Baptist as the forerunner of the Messiah (Matthew 3:3/ Mark 1:2-3/ Luke 3:4) in accord with Isaiah's prophecy (Isaiah 40:3b). Because the latter part of the text (Isaiah 52:10b) has yet to be accomplished, this is still our mission today.

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MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1984
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PREPARE THE WAY
7.7.6.7

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.

Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness 314

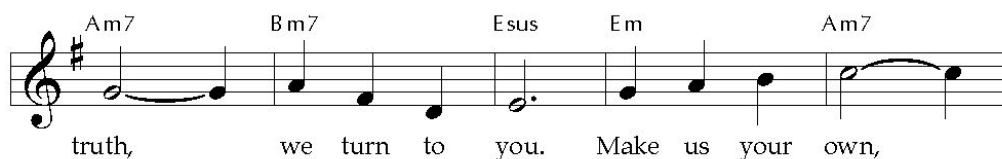
Christ, Be Our Light

Em Am7 Bm7 Esus Em



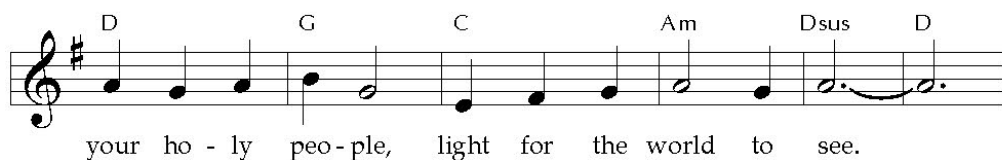
1 Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for

Am7 Bm7 Esus Em Am7



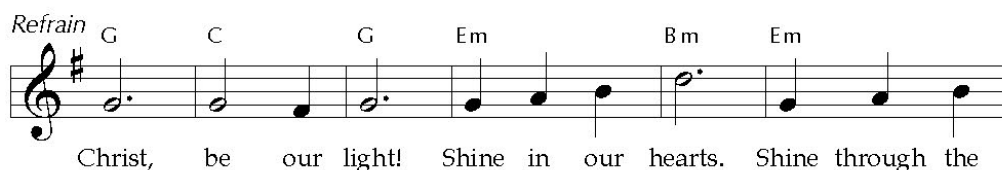
truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,

D G C Am Dsus D



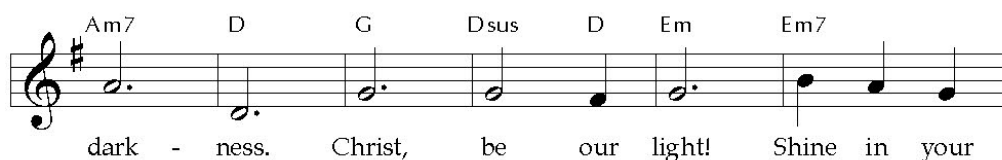
your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.

Refrain G C G Em Bm Em



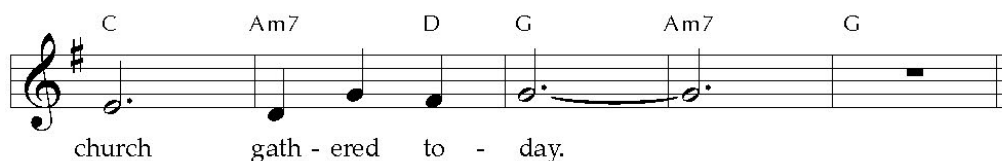
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the

Am7 D G Dsus D Em Em7



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your

C Am7 D G Am7 G



church gath - ered to - day.

The Word

Prayer for Illumination *(in unison)*

Jesus Christ, Eternal Word and Son of God, speak into our hearts as we attend to this morning's Bible readings. Blessed Spirit of God, translate for us these words of scripture, that they may be spiritual food and living water for all who hear. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 18:15-18

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 12:44-50

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Jesus Our Prophet"

Rev. Patrick McElwaine

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.

Amen.

*(*meaning all of God's churches)*

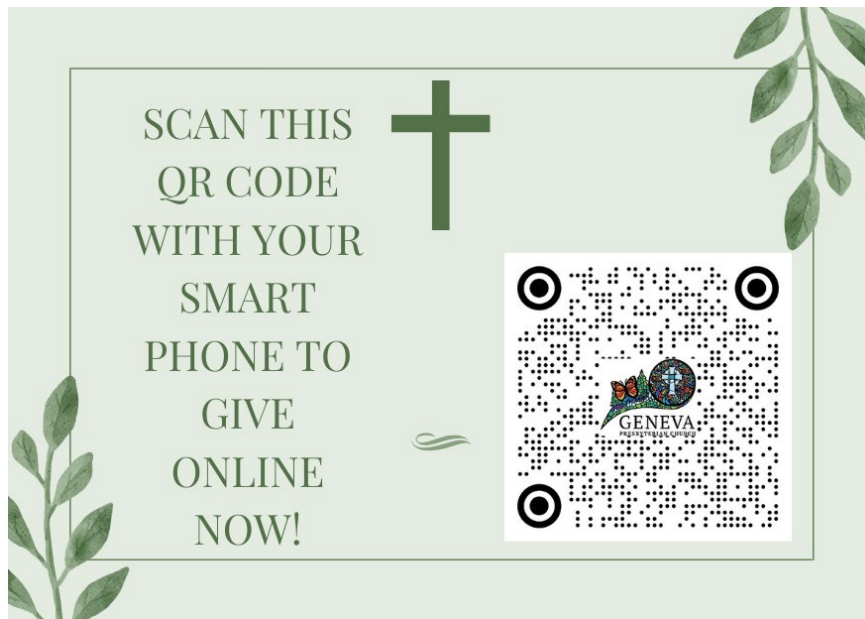
The Thanksgiving

The Offering

“Offertory”
Geneva Sanctuary Choir

by John Ness Beck

(Every gift of every size is celebrated and appreciated. You may tithe in person at the offering plate in the back of the sanctuary, through the mail via check, or online via app or the QR code below.)



Have you made your pledge for 2024? If not, there's still time for you to commit to this spiritual practice in the year ahead.

Please visit the church website and select Pledge 2024 under the Give tab or email the church office.



Prayer of Dedication

The Sending

Closing Hymn

“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

#143

143 Angels, from the Realms of Glory

1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er
2 Shep - herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your
3 Sag - es, leave your con - tem - pla - tions; bright - er vi - sions
4 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther,

all the earth; you, who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
flocks by night, God with us is now re - sid - ing;
beam a - far; seek the great de - sire of na - tions;
Spir - it, Son, ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing

now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
you - der shines the in - fant light: come and wor - ship,
you have seen his na - tal star:
to the e - ter - nal Three in One:

come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born king!

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

“While By My Sheep”
Bells of Geneva

arr. Kevin McChesney



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

Kathy Torrence, niece of Jim and Sara Torrence;

Henry Tyrrell, friend of Jim and Sara Torrence;

Lori Miller, Friend of Beth Sherman;

Janet Lupo Neidermuller, sister-in-law of Vince Lupo;

Tom Voith, brother of Elaine Winch;

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;

Lorraine Leicht, Renee Moloznik's mother;

Healing and Comfort for

Bill Bryan, father of Letitia Denaburg, health concerns;

Jack Kough, shoulder injury;

John Wright, health concerns;

Mike Sydoriak, health concerns;

Logan, niece of Janelle Thibau health concerns;

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, health concerns;

Scott Brown, health concerns;

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

John Hanson, friend of Sara Torrence, 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 of 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: Isabelle Thibau (12/3); Carter Harris (12/12);
 Ludivine Kom-Liapoe (12/14); Jim Kaufmann (12/16); Brent Davis (12/17)

This Week at Geneva

Sunday, December 10	9:00am	Joyful Noise Worship – In-Person
Sunday, December 10	9:30am	Caregivers Coffee
Sunday, December 10	10:30am	Worship – In-Person and Online
Wed, December 13	6:00pm	Bible Study – Zoom
Saturday, December 16	7:00pm	Holiday Concert – In-Person
Sunday, December 17	10:30am	Worship – In-Person and Online
Sunday, December 17	10:30am	Church Sing-Along – Chili/Soup Cookoff and Cookie Swap
Wed, December 20	6:00pm	Bible Study – Zoom
Sunday, December 24	10:30am	Worship – In-Person and Online
Sunday, December 24	5:00pm	Christmas Eve Service

Geneva Advent Events 2023



**DEC
03**

ADVENT CRAFT EVENT

Following Worship

**DEC
16**

HOLIDAY CONCERT - GENEVA CHOIR & BELLS

7:00 PM

**DEC
17**

SING-A-LONG & COOKIE EXCHANGE

Following Worship

**DEC
24**

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

5:00 PM



A Christmas Concert Celebration

December 16, 2023 • 7:00 p.m.

Geneva Presbyterian Church
11931 Seven Locks Rd
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Streaming on



FREE concert with a reception afterwards!

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POINSETTIAS

If you would like to purchase a poinsettia to decorate the sanctuary for Advent, please email Melissa in the church office at Melissa.genevapotomac@gmail.com.

If your poinsettia is in honor or memory of someone please be sure to include that information in your email.

Each poinsettia is \$15. Make your check payable to Geneva Presbyterian Church, write Advent in the memo and mail your check to the church.

It needs to be received in the church office by Noon on Friday, December 15. You can pay online through our church donate app.

Please go to Special Gifts at <https://genevapotomac.org/give/online-giving/>

Grace and Gratitude:

As Presbyterians we are a people rooted in the grace of Jesus Christ. It is our gratitude for God's grace that moves us to join in God's mission in the world, with ministries of love and justice, reconciliation and peace.

Generous gifts to the *Presbyterian Giving Catalog* are signs of our gratitude: feeding the hungry, comforting the brokenhearted, and sharing our faith with young and old. By joining our gifts together, however large or small, we expand our witness to God's gracious and abundant work in the world.

Each gift in the *Presbyterian Giving Catalog* exemplifies the work prayerfully carried out by ministries of Presbyterian Mission. The purchase and distribution of animals, the building of wells to provide life-giving clean water to entire communities, and ministries to youth and young adults are among the ways your gift is filling a need, making an impact, and providing hope here in the United States and around the globe.

This holiday season Geneva will be participating in the *Presbyterian Giving Catalog* mission. We will be collecting donations through December 31st. All gifts can be life changing for the recipient.

How can you give?

- Choose the gift you'd like to give.

Sample items you can purchase:

Supplies for Displaced Students \$30
Kitchen Kit \$25
Rainwater Catchment System \$75
Piglet \$40
Farming Tools \$10

Fishing Net \$15
Refugee Food Basket \$50
Jerry Cans \$25
Family of Chickens \$25
Rice Seeds \$15

- You may select gifts from the giving tree located in the Narthex, or you can email Melissa.genevapotomac@gmail.com with your gift choices. Payment by check "Geneva Presbyterian Church" mail to the church office:

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- All checks must be received by December 31st.

Thank you for your generosity,

***Renee Moloznik,
Sheena Galliani
Jane Campbell***



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

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

Wednesdays

6-7 pm

Zoom:

Meeting ID: 273 879 363

Password: 978348



STEPPING INTO THE GOSPEL OF MARK

'23-'24
SERMON
SERIES

Join us for worship as we dedicate this 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.

Returning After
Christmas

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Three Ways to Give:

- **Online** - using this link - <https://genevapotomac.org/give/online-giving/>
- **By App:** download **Vanco Mobile** , create an account, Invitation code for Geneva Presbyterian Church (Potomac, MD): **3DS2A8**
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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; Tom Sadler, Zoom Host.
Curtis Chimba 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,
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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