

JANUARY 14, 2024



GENEVA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Rev. Patrick McElwaine, Pastor

Geneva Presbyterian Church

January 14, 2024

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

One: Look, here is the Lamb of God!

Many: Jesus calls us: Come and see.

One: The Lord is about to do a new thing.

Many: Speak, O God, for your servants are listening.

One: There are varieties of gifts, services, and activities,

Many: but there is one Spirit, one Lord, and one God.

THE WORD

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Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D) (G) (D/F#) (A7) (D)
 Eb Ab Eb/G Bb7 Eb



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A) (D) (G) (A)
 Bb Eb Ab Bb



naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G) (D) (F#m7) (G) (A)
 Ab Eb Gm7 Ab Bb



thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm) (D/F#) (G) (D)
 Cm Eb/G Ab Eb



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heav - en - ward, O Power of my power.
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.

TEXT: Irish poem; trans. Mary E. Byrne, 1905; vers. Eleanor Hull, 1912, alt.
 MUSIC: Irish ballad; harm. David Evans, 1927
 Music Harm. © 1927 Oxford University Press

SLANE
 10.10.10.10

If 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)*

Almighty God, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world. We long to follow him as your faithful people, but too often our good intentions run out and we come up empty.

For all the ways we fall short in our sin, forgive us. Change us – like water into wine – to become what the world lacks, so that our community, our nation, our church, and all creation may know your justice and love. Gracious One, receive our silent personal prayers now...

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

SERVICE MUSIC

Glory to God 583

Gloria, gloria

Capo 3: (Bm) (Em) (A) (D)
 Dm Gm C F *(chords continue)*

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high-est!
 Glo-ri-a, glo-ri-a, in ex-cel-sis De-o!

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!
 Glo-ri-a, glo-ri-a, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

**May be sung as a canon.*

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
 MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1979
 Music © 1979, 1981 Les Presses de Taizé (admin. GIA Publications, Inc.) GLORIA (Taizé)

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 "Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness"

#314

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)*

Blessed Lord, giver of grace and mercy, transform us and renew our hearts as we approach your Word in scripture today. Reveal to us the newness you offer in Christ and lead us to offer our lives to you in humble service and love. Amen.

Old Testament

1 Samuel 3:1-10

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

Children's Sermon

Carl Perthel and Mark Allen

(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 back of the sanctuary to participate!)

New Testament

John 1:43–51

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Come and See”

Ken Rathje

Affirmation of Faith *(in unison)*

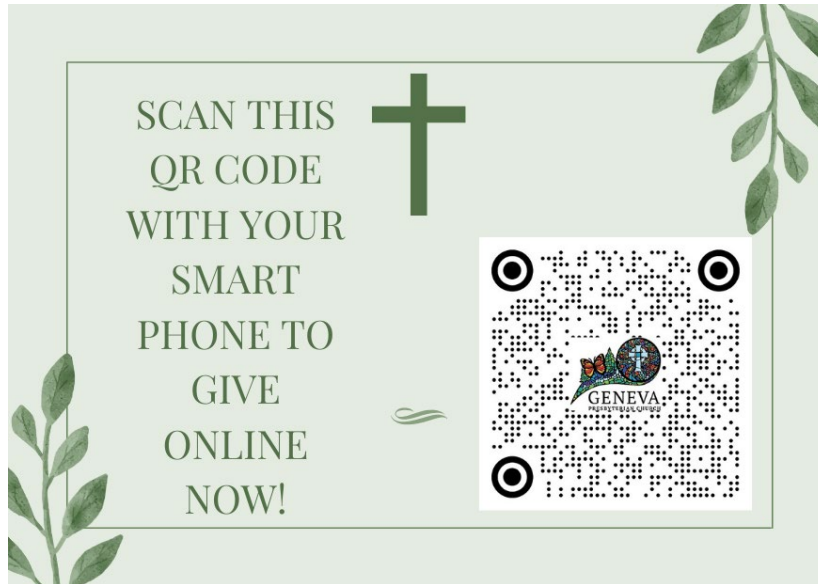
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead;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



Music Offering

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

“Will You Come and Follow Me (The Summons)”

GTG #726

(Lyrics on Next Page)

726 Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons

Capo 3: (D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (Asus) (A)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 Csus C

- 1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
- 2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
- 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
- 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
- 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F

Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
 Will you set the pris-oners free and nev - er be the same?
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

(Em7) (G) (F#m7) (G) (Asus) (A)
 Gm7 B^b Am7 B^b Csus C

Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
 Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F

will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

The first four stanzas of this ballad-like hymn are understood to be in the voice of Christ, with the fifth reflecting the individual singer's response. Created for this traditional Scottish tune, the text was written to mark the conclusion of a youth volunteer's time of ministry.

TEXT: John L. Bell and Graham Maule, 1987
 MUSIC: Scottish melody; arr. John L. Bell, 1987
 Text and Music Arr. © 1987 WGRG, Iona Community (admin. GIA Publications, Inc.)

KELVINGROVE
 13.13.7.7.13

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

Kathy Torrence, niece of Jim and Sara Torrence;

Henry Tyrrell, friend of Jim and Sara Torrence;

Tom Voith, brother of Elaine Winch;

Annamaria G. Winch, Rolf Winch's mother;

Ken Adams, father of Juliet Hiemberg;

Lori Miller, Friend of Beth Sherman;

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

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;

John Wright, health concerns;

Mike Sydoriak, health concerns;

Jack Kough, shoulder injury;

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: Sheena Galliani (1/5); Jacquelyn Kough (1/6);
 Rosalie Ruff (1/8); Allyson McElwaine (1/14); Sara Torrence (1/17);
 Amanda White(1/18); Terry Shima (1/20); Malachi McElwaine (1/23);
 Eric Winchenbach (1/26); Ruth Nunn (1/28); Ani Cherot (1/30)

This Week at Geneva

Sunday, January 14	9:00am	Joyful Noise Worship – In-Person
Sunday, January 14	9:30am	Caregivers Coffee Hour
Sunday, January 14	10:30am	Worship – In-Person and Online <i>Unhanging of the Greens</i>
Wed, January 17	6:00pm	Bible Study – Zoom
Sunday, January 21	10:30am	Worship – In-Person and Online

Pastor Patrick on Vacation

Pastor Patrick will be on vacation January 8 - January 15. If you have a pastoral need during this time please contact your Deacon. Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and many thanks to Ken Rathje for leading worship on January 14th!



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

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

Ken is currently the Chaplain for a Veteran Organization in the DMV area and a Doctor of Ministry (DMin) student at Welsey Theological Seminary. He recently earned his Masters of Divinity (MDiv) in May 2023 to pursue ordination as a Minister of Word and Sacrament for the Presbyterian Church, USA (PC USA).



Over the past several years, he Founded and served as President for Colonel of Hope, a nonprofit helping military service members transition out of the military. Within the church, he served in the Pulpit Supply Ministry for the National Capital Presbytery, served as a full-time Pastor Intern July - August 2021 in Caseville, MI, and part-time Pastor Intern September 2021 – July 2022 in Cambridge, England. While at Cambridge, he led worship services, preached sermons, went on Pastoral calls, assisted in funerals, and led other church functions as needed. He also earned a Diploma of Theology in Ministry (DTM) while studying at Cambridge University as a part of his Pastoral education.

Prior to his Seminary experiences, he has had Senior Executive Service (SES) experiences with the Federal Emergency Management Agency to coordinate federal support to 11 disasters within the United States. 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.

Join us after worship on Sunday, January 14th



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.



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- **By Mail:** checks securely received at :
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Today's Worship Leaders

Rev. Patrick McElwaine, Pastor; Ben Shaver, Music Director;
Janelle Thibau, 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,
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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