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January 28, 2024

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: For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from him.

People: He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.

Leader: On God rests my salvation and my glory; my mighty rock, my refuge is God.

People: Trust in God at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.

– Psalm 62:5-8

Opening Hymn

“Alleluia! Laud and Blessing”

#755

(Lyrics on next page)

755 Alleluia! Laud and Blessing

(Psalms 111 and 112)



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Laud and bless - ing to our God, whose Word is sure;
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! God sus - tains us; match - less are the gifts we share;
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Ho - ly Par - ent, all your chil - dren now re - claim;



by whose grace we find re - demp - tion, in whose love we live se - cure.
 light in dark - ness, hope in con - flict, an - swers to our deep - est prayer.
 may our lives re - flect your jus - tice, heirs to your most sa - cred name.



Righ - teous - ness and rich com - pas - sion shall at - tend us all our days;
 Ours to give as we are giv - en: arms to lift when oth - ers fall;
 Fill our hearts with un - der - stand - ing, brace our weak - ness by your might;



may God's prom - ise to be faith - ful ech - o through our songs of praise!
 im - ag - es of God's great good - ness, faith - ful ser - vants to God's call.
 awe - some hon - or, born in wis - dom; your great glo - ry, our de - light!



Psalms 111 and 112 are appropriately brought together in this paraphrase. Both form acrostics: each poetic line begins with a letter of the Hebrew alphabet in order. In addition, both psalms begin with "hallelujah," and they share much vocabulary as well as a theme of praise.

TEXT: Michael Morgan, 2011

MUSIC: *Tochter Zion*, 1741

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

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name and what our hearts can no longer bear in silence.

In your mercy, set us free from a past that we cannot change. In your grace, open to us a future where we are changed: made new in forgiveness and sent out as disciples. Lord, hear the prayers of our humble hearts...

Assurance of Pardon

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

THE CHURCH

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)*

Speak to us, living God, as you have spoken through the ages: by the voices of your prophets, the breath of your Spirit, and the life of your only Son, Jesus Christ our Savior, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Judges 7:1-9

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 back of the sanctuary to participate!)

New Testament Reading

Mark 6:6b-13

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

Sermon

"By Whose Hand?"

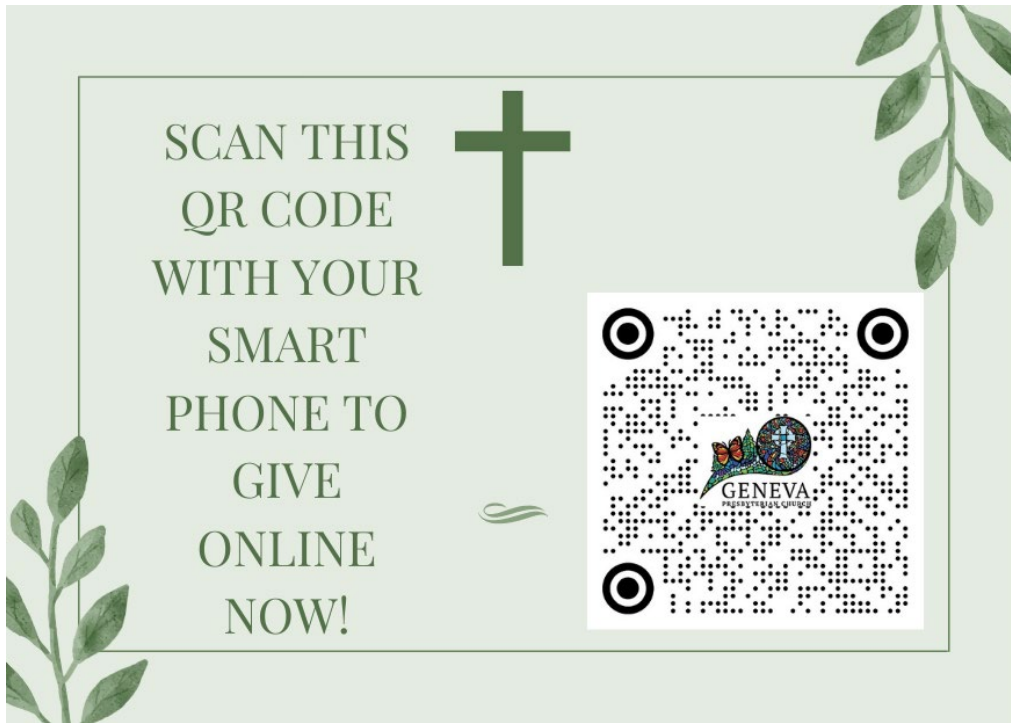
Rev. Patrick McElwaine

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

The Sending

Closing Hymn

"To God Be the Glory"
(Lyrics on next page)

#634

ADORATION

634 To God Be the Glory

1 To God be the glo - ry; great things he has done!
2 Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,

So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
and great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son;

who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin,
but pur - er and high - er and great - er will be

and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

This American gospel song became popular in England in the late 19th century, then returned to this country in the mid-20th century with the Billy Graham crusades. Its continuing popularity may well be due to the freedom from subjective considerations in its praise of God.

TEXT: Fanny Jane Crosby, 1875
MUSIC: William Howard Doane, 1875

TO GOD BE THE GLORY
11.11.11 with refrain

ADORATION

Refrain

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the peo - ple re - joice!

O come to the Fa - ther through Je - sus the Son,

and give him the glo - ry: great things he has done!

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

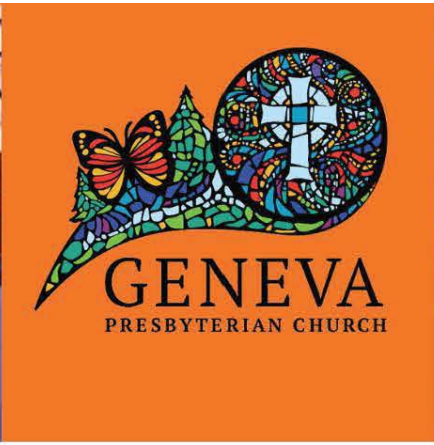
WELCOME TO GENEVA! We welcome you to this church and want you to feel at home. We want you to feel accepted here, and also challenged, even as we invite you to accept and challenge us. If you are new to this community or do not have a church home, we invite you to join us. Please contact a staff member 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 28	10:30am	Worship – In-Person and Online
Wed, January 31	7:00pm	Bible Study
Saturday, February 3	10:00am	Neurodiverse Playdate – We Rock the Spectrum
Sunday, February 4	10:30am	Worship – In-Person and Online
Wed, February 7	7:00pm	Bible Study



NEURODIVERSE *Play Dates*


January and February
We Rock the Spectrum
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in warm months
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Playground
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**1st Saturday of
every month
11 AM-12 PM**

**ALL ARE
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Neurodiverse
kiddos, their siblings
and caregivers

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Weekly Virtual Bible Study

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 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.





My Funny Valentine

AN AFTERNOON OF JAZZ



10 FEBRUARY 2024 **04:00 PM**

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- **By App:** download **Vanco Mobile** , create an account, Invitation code for Geneva Presbyterian Church (Potomac, MD): **3DS2A8**
- **By Mail:** checks securely received at :
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Today's Worship Leaders

Rev. Patrick McElwaine, Pastor; Ben Shaver, Music Director;
Jane Campbell, 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 by the Geneva Presbyterian Family in celebration of Terry Shima's birthday.



Geneva warmly welcomes all our guests joining us today



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