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February 11, 2024

Transfiguration Sunday

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

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome to the Worship of God

Call to Worship

Leader: Christ pours out his Holy Spirit upon us and invites us to make our home in him.

People: Let us build our homes on the sure foundation of Jesus Christ.

Leader: Then we will be firmly anchored, no matter what storms of life may rage.

People: Then we will be held safe, no matter how high the flood waters may rise.

Leader: Let the Word of God dwell in us richly,

People: and flow out into holy living and compassionate testimony.

GATHERING

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God Is Here!

1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an

of - fer praise and prayer, may we find in
 Shep - herd's flock and fold; here as bread and
 age of change and doubt keep us faith - ful

full - er mea - sure what it is in Christ we share.
 wine are tak - en, Christ sus - tains us as of old.
 to the gos - pel; help us work your pur - pose out.

Commissioned for the dedication of a renovated worship space in Austin, Texas, this text is one of the few to devote attention to how customary church features facilitate worship. The tune was composed in wartime Britain to replace a Haydn tune tainted by Nazi associations.

TEXT: Fred Pratt Green, 1979, rev. 1988
 MUSIC: Cyril Vincent Taylor, 1941
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ABBOT'S LEIGH
 8.7.8.7.D

Here, as in the world a - round us, all our
 Here the ser - vants of the Ser - vant seek in
 Here, in this day's ded - i - ca - tion, all we

var - ied skills and arts wait the com - ing
 wor - ship to ex - plore what it means in
 have to give, re - ceive: we, who can - not

of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

Call to Confession

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

Patient One, how prone we are to wandering. You have shone your unparalleled light in our midst, and yet still we stray. You came for us to be a Savior, and yet we persist in sin. Lord Jesus, let no sin in our life remain unrepentant or unconfessed.

Forgive us, God, for all we hesitate to name. Forgive us for all we tremble to put into words. Bring us back to the point of our departure and show us again that you are the God of second chances and forgiveness. Turn even this brokenness we confess to your own glory, and hear us as we pray silently in your blessed name...

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Response

SERVICE MUSIC

Glory to God

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Gloria, gloria

Capo 3: (B m) (E m) (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

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)*

God of shining splendor, your Word creates: a world called good and people called redeemed. Overshadow us with your Spirit so that we may hear these words of scripture and live faithfully as your covenant people. As those who belong to Christ, we pray. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 33:12-23

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 6:45-52

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"When God Passes By"

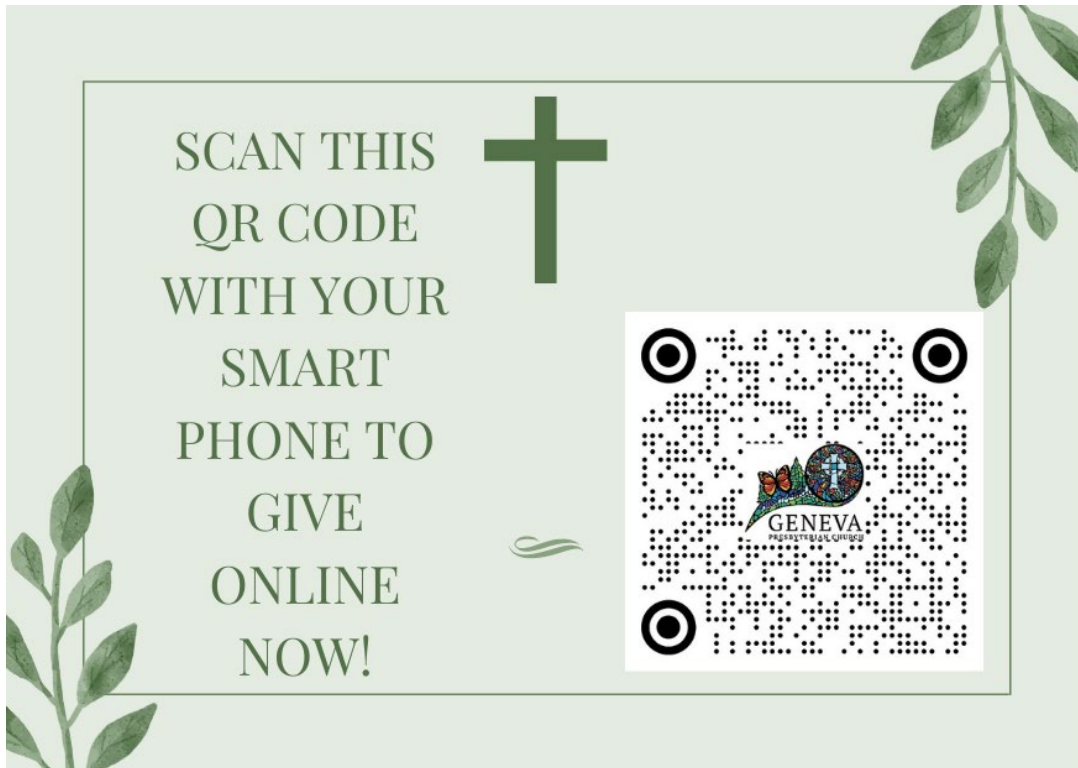
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Affirmation of Faith /The Apostles' Creed *(in unison)*

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



Music Offering

Prayer of Dedication

The Sending

Closing Hymn

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”
(Lyrics on next page)

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192 Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining

Shine, Jesus, Shine

Capo 2: (G) (C) (G) (D) (G)
A D A E A

1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the
2 Lord, I come to your awe - some pres - ence, from the
3 As we gaze on your king - ly bright-ness, so our

(C) (G) (D) (C) (D)
D A E D E

midst of the dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, Light of the
shad - ows in - to your ra - diance; by the blood I may
fac - es dis - play your like - ness; ev - er chang - ing from

(Bm7) (Em7) (C) (D) (Bm7)
C#m7 F#m7 D E C#m7

World, shine up - on us; set us free by the truth you now
en - ter your bright-ness. Search me; try me; con - sume all my
glo - ry to glo - ry, mir - rored here may our lives tell your

(Em7) (F) (Dsus)(D) (F) (Dsus)(D)
F#m7 G Esus E G Esus E

bring us. Shine on me; shine on me.
dark - ness. Shine on me; shine on me.
sto - ry. Shine on me; shine on me.

Refrain (G) (D) (Em) (C) (G) (Am7) (C) (D7) (C) (D)
A E F#m D A Bm7 D E7 D E

Shine, Je - sus, shine; fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry.

While the reference to Jesus as the Light of the world (John 8:12, 9:5) can be understood generally, this hymn is perhaps best understood as a response to the Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-8/Mark 9:2-8/Luke 9:28-36). This is the most popular of the author/ composer's many songs.

JESUS CHRIST: LIFE

(G) (D) (Em) (C) (G) (Am) (Am/G) (F) (D7sus)(D7)
A E F#m D A Bm Bm/A G E7sus E7

Blaze, Spir - it, blaze; set our hearts on fire.

(G) (D) (Em) (C) (G) (Am7) (C) (D7) (C) (D)
A E F#m D A Bm7 D E7 D E

Flow, riv - er, flow; flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy.

(G) (D) (Em) (C) (G) (Am) (D7) (G)
A E F#m D A Bm E7 A

Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

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

John Regan, Friend of Patrick and Allyson McElwaine, comfort;

Elmer Sanchez, Friend of Allyson McElwaine, health concerns;

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: Helene Chimba (2/1); Parker Hart Alexander (2/3); Elyssa Lyn Alexander (2/3); Janelle Thibau (2/14); Curtis Chimba (2/18); Elaine Winch (2/19); Rosie Perthel (2/23); Heinz Nagel (2/23); Margo Hunt (2/24); Thomas Devine (2/25); Ryan Alexander (2/25)

This Week at Geneva

Sunday, February 11	9:00am	Joyful Noise Worship – In-Person
Sunday, February 11	9:45am	Pancake Breakfast
Sunday, February 11	10:30am	Worship – In-Person and Online
Wed, February 14	1:00pm	Drive Thru Ashes
Wed, February 14	6:00pm	Ash Wednesday Dinner
Wed, February 14	7:00pm	Ash Wednesday Worship No Bible Study
Sunday, February 18	10:30am	Worship – In-Person and Online

Register at [eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) for an Afternoon of Jazz



My Funny Valentine

AN AFTERNOON OF JAZZ



10 FEBRUARY 2024

04:00 PM


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Drive Thru Ashes

FEBRUARY 14TH
1:30PM - 2:30PM

Drive up and we'll meet you at the main church doors with
ashes!

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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- Ecumenical Lenten Study: Wednesdays in Lent

The Churches of Seven Locks Road invite you to join us each Wednesday of Lent as we explore the "lighter side" of faith - "Who Said Lent Can't Be Fun?" Location changes weekly, dinner at 6:30, program at 7:00. Geneva's usual Wednesday Bible Study will pause during this time as we gather with our siblings in Christ.

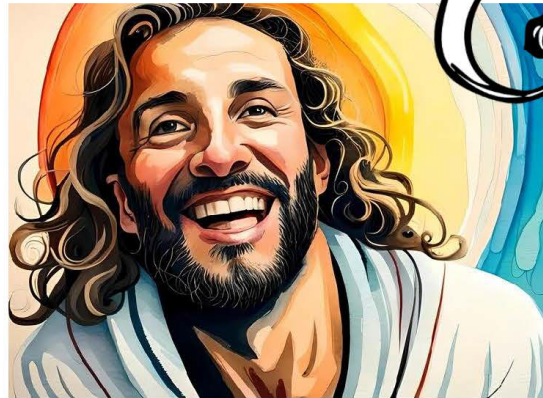
**Churches of Seven Locks Road
Lenten Program
2024**

Who Said



Can't Be FUN?

In these times when the world is so heavy, it's tempting to give up Lent for Lent! We forget that the focus of Lent can also be going spiritually deeper.



One way to do that—while lightening our load—is to focus on the joy and humor that can be found in our relationship with God.

Join us Wednesday evenings during Lent for food, fellowship, and fun. Dinner is served at 6:30 p.m. The Program is from 7 to 8 p.m.

Feb. 21	The Spirituality of Laughter: Did Jesus Have a Sense of Humor? – <i>St. James' Episcopal</i>
Feb. 28	Finding Humor in the Bible – <i>Geneva Presbyterian</i>
March 6	TBD – <i>Scotland AME</i>
March 13	Funny Stories of the Saints Who Have Gone Before – <i>Emmanuel Lutheran</i>
March 20	Things Seminary Didn't Teach Us (Crazy Ministry Stories) – <i>Seven Locks Baptist</i>

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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;
Rolf Winch, Lector; Tom Sadler, Zoom Host.
Sheri Sankey and Curtis Chimba, 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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