

**APRIL 28, 2024**



## **GENEVA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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# Geneva Presbyterian Church

**April 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**

### **Chiming of the Hour**

### **Welcome to the Worship of God**

### **Call to Worship**

Leader: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,

**People: that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.**

Leader: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

**People: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for your judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.**

– Psalm 67:1-4

ADORATION

## In the Presence of Your People 631

(Psalm 22)



1 In the pres-ence of your peo - ple I will praise your name,  
 2 All who love you sing your prais - es and pro - claim your power,  
 3 All who seek your rule will praise you and be sat - is - fied;



for a - lone you are ho - ly, en - throned on the prais - es of Is - ra - el.



Let us cel - e - brate your good - ness and your stead - fast love;  
 You have not ig - nored our suf - fering but have heard our cry;  
 All - the peo - ples of the na - tions will bow down to you;



may your name be ex - alt - ed here on earth and in heaven a - bove.

This text based on the affirmative later parts of Psalm 22 (especially verses 3, 22–28) has an unusual structure, with alternating lines of stanza and refrain. It also has an uncommon history, as the first stanza was written in New Zealand and the remaining stanzas in Canada.

TEXT: Stanza 1, Brent Sinclair Chambers, 1977; stanzas 2–3, Bert Polman, 1986  
 MUSIC: Brent Sinclair Chambers, 1977  
 Text and Music © 1977 Broadman Press (admin. Music Services)

CELEBRATION  
 Irregular

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

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world.

Lord, forgive us, and unite us again with you and our neighbors. Show us your glory as you hear our prayers and set us free from the sin that clings so closely...

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Congregational Response**

**“Alleluia”**

**#587**

SERVICE MUSIC

**Alleluia!** **587**

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text  
MUSIC: Fintan O'Carroll, 1981; harm. Christopher Walker, 1985  
Music © 1985 Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker (Published by OCP)

CELTIC ALLELUIA

**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”

#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)*

God of new and eternal life, your grace is our daily bread. Nourish us in this reading and proclaiming of scripture so that we may grow in faith, be filled with love, and follow joyfully where your Holy Spirit leads. Amen.

## **First Scripture Reading**

**Mark 10:17-22**

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 Cali Bronkema in the rug area to participate!)*

## **Second Scripture Reading**

**Mark 10:23-31**

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Sermon**

**"A Rich Young Man, A Camel, and A Needle"**

*Rev. Patrick McElwaine*

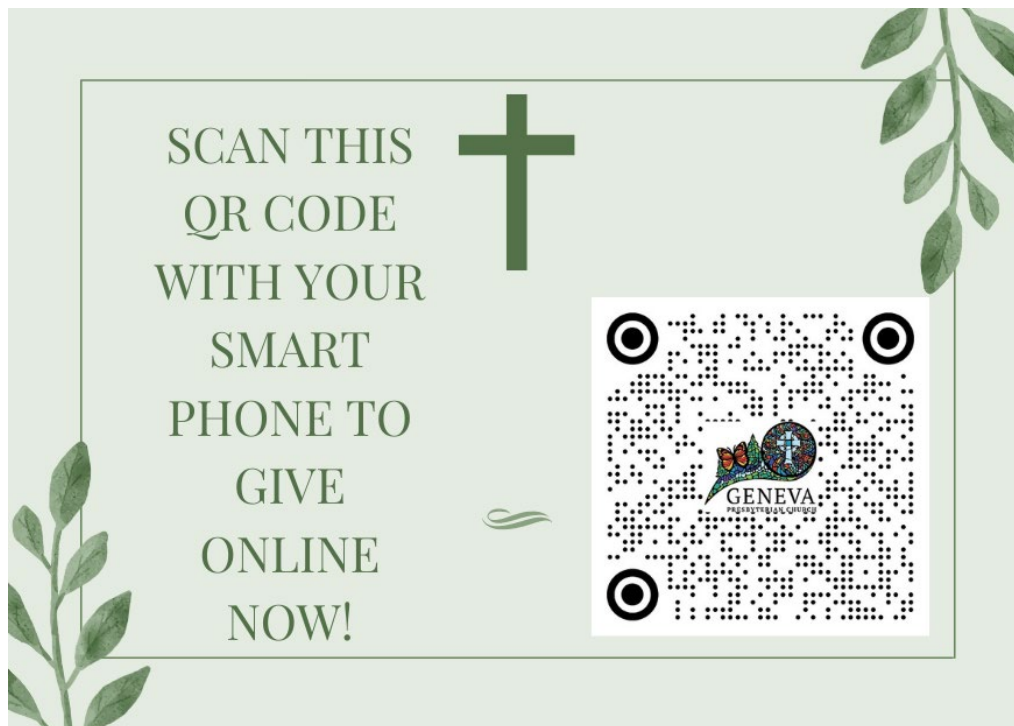


## **Affirmation of Faith/Apostles' Creed *(in unison)***

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**



## **Music Offering**

## **Prayer of Dedication**

# The Sending

Closing Hymn

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

#611

ADORATION

## 611 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!  
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee; earth and heaven re-flect thy rays;  
3 Mor-tals, join the hap-py cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan.

Hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore thee, o-pening to the sun a-bove.  
stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.  
Love di-vine is reign-ing o'er us, join-ing all in heav-en's plan.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a-way.  
Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, flower-y mead-ow, flash-ing sea,  
Ev-er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic-tors in the midst of strife.

Giv-er of im-mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.  
chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re-joice in thee.  
Joy-ful mu-sic leads us sun-ward in the tri-umph song of life.

This well-known melody was created to provide a choral setting for J. C. F. von Schiller's poem, "An die Freude" (To Joy), as the final movement of the composer's *Ninth Symphony*. The author, a prominent Presbyterian pastor and author, wrote the words with this tune in mind.

TEXT: Henry van Dyke, 1907, alt.  
MUSIC: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824; adapt. Edward Hodges, 1842, alt.

HYMN TO JOY  
8.7.8.7.D

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**

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

**Tim Butcher, friend of Sara Torrence;**

**Emmanuel Mbi;**

Kathy Torrence, niece of Jim and Sara Torrence;

Henry Tyrrell, friend of Jim and Sara Torrence;

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;

**Healing and Comfort for**

**Derrick Truby, health concerns;**

**Elena Storms, Geneva Day School teacher, surgery;**

**Amanda Hewitt, friend of the church;**

**Bud Riley, Rebecca Winch's father-in-law;**

**Bob Galvin, extended family of Patrick and Allyson McElwaine, kidney transplant;**

**Elmer Sanchez, Friend of Allyson McElwaine, health concerns;**

Bill Bryan, father of Letitia Denaburg, health concerns;

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;

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

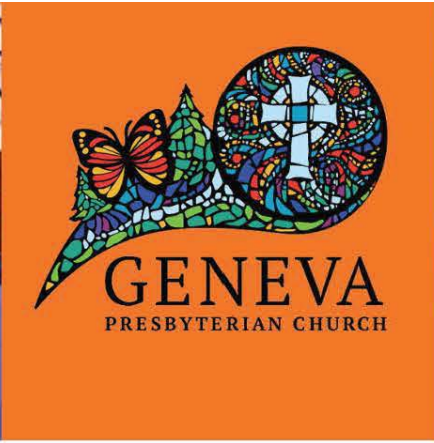
**WELCOME TO GENEVA!** We welcome you to this church and want you to feel at home. We want you to feel accepted here, and also challenged, even as we invite you to accept and challenge us. If you are new to this community or do not have a church home, we invite you to join us. Please contact a staff member using any of the emails on the back of today's bulletin.



**Birthdays:** Jane Campbell (4/1); Julia Moloznik (4/3);  
 John Wright (4/11); Dean Allen (4/12); Curtis Allen (4/13); Jake Moloznik (4/14);  
 Steven Dunne (4/20); Corinne Alexander (4/21); Scott Brown (4/24); Luis Galliani (4/25);  
 Lauren Heimberg (4/28); Kyla Lupo (4/30); Jimmy Miller (4/30)

## This Week at Geneva

Sunday, April 28	10:30am	<b>Worship</b> – In-Person and Online
Tuesday, April 30	10:00am	<b>Meeting</b> – Day School Board
Wednesday, May 1	6:00pm	<b>Bible Study</b> – Online
Saturday, May 4	11:00am	<b>Neurodiverse Playdate</b> – Geneva
Sunday, May 5	10:30am	<b>Worship</b> – In-Person and Online
Wednesday, May 8	6:00pm	<b>Food for the Soul</b> – Geneva/Host Families
Sunday, May 12	9:00am	<b>Joyful Noise Worship</b> – In-Person
Sunday, May 12	9:30am	<b>Caregivers Coffee</b>
Sunday, May 12	10:30am	<b>Worship</b> – In-Person and Online



# NEURODIVERSE *Play Dates*

  
January and February  
We Rock the Spectrum  
7601 Airpark Rd  
Gaithersburg, MD

  
in warm months  
Geneva Presbyterian  
Playground  
11931 Seven Locks Rd  
Potomac, MD



**1st Saturday of  
every month  
11 AM-12 PM**

**ALL ARE  
WELCOME**  
Neurodiverse  
kiddos, their siblings  
and caregivers

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# 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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# FOOD FOR THE SOUL MAY 2024

Childcare dropoff: 6:15

Dinner begins: 6:30

- May 8th
- May 15th
- May 22nd



If you are willing to host a week and/or would like to attend, please sign up by May 1st by emailing Cali

## **BIBLE STUDY RETURNS THIS WEEK!**

Join us online for Bible Study, Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.! Pastor Patrick is leading us through Mark passages that are not being covered in our yearlong Gospel of Mark sermon series.



Virtual Bible Study: Wednesdays @ 6:00pm

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://bit.ly/3c3kscZ>

Meeting ID: 273 879 363

Password: 978348

**BRADLEY HILLS PRESBYTERIAN  
& GENEVA PRESBYTERIAN  
INVITE YOU TO:**



# **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2024**

## **WHAT?**

Join us for a week of music, games, crafts and faith formation! We will come together to celebrate our identities as beloved creations of God. We will practice sharing what we have, finding our community, and using our voices for others!

## **WHEN?**

August 19-23rd  
9am - Noon.

## **WHERE?**

Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church  
6601 Bradley Blvd  
Bethesda, MD

## **QUESTIONS?**

Email Rosanna at Bradley Hills:  
[Rosanna@bradleyhillschurch.org](mailto:Rosanna@bradleyhillschurch.org)

or Cali at Geneva:  
[nextgen.genevapotomac@gmail.com](mailto:nextgen.genevapotomac@gmail.com)

## **HOW MUCH?**

Register by May 26th: \$80/child  
Register by June 30th: \$95/child  
Register by August 5th:  
\$110/child  
Scholarships are available for any family who needs one.

## **FOR WHOM?**

This program is for children ages 4 years old (as of 9/1/24) through rising 5th graders. 6th - 12th graders are welcome as volunteers (reach out for a volunteer registration form).

## **REGISTRATION COMING SOON!**

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COMPUTER OR MAIL!

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

Rev. Patrick McElwaine, Pastor; Ben Shaver, Music Director;  
Mark Allen, Lector; Tom Sadler, Zoom Host.  
Ken Sprinkle and Sheri Sankey, Audio/Visual

## **Church Elders**

Kyla Lupo, Julie Moloznik, Tom Sadler,  
Sheri Sankey, Ken Sprinkle,  
Amanda White, Elaine Winch

## **Church Deacons**

Eve Dailey, Sheena Galliani,  
Allyson McElwaine, Carl 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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