

**MAY 12, 2024**



## **GENEVA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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# Geneva Presbyterian Church

May 12, 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: Jesus says, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit..."

**People: ...I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing."**

Leader: We come with hearts ready to worship the living God today;

**People: Let us bear the fruit of praise to the glory of our Lord!**

– John 15:1, 5-6

590 O Mother’s Love

1. O moth-er's love, sweet moth-er's love, The gift di - vine from  
 2. O moth-er's love, the sweet-est known, The rich - est earth - ly  
 3. O moth-er's love, so blest and true, That guides and keeps our

heaven a - bove! It lifts our thoughts to realms a - bove, And  
 gift we own! Our grate - ful thanks shall clear - ly ring To  
 life - time through, Through sac - ri - fice and ser - vice dear, Its

bids us see the good and right. God knows the need of  
 reach the throne of God, our King. Our praise shall seek the  
 depths of sweet - ness shine more clear. It is to us a

hu - man - kind, The depth of sin our souls may find, And so, to  
 Lord of power For bless - ings known this fes - tal hour, For, far a -  
 pre - cious gift That lives to bless and bends to give; With lift - ed

keep us pure and fair, We have a moth - er's love and prayer.  
 bove all gifts di - vine The love of moth - ers bright - ly shine.  
 hearts we send a - bove Our grat - i - tude for moth - er's love.

Words: E. M. Gordon, d. 1978  
 Tune: William B. Bradbury, 1816-1868

SWEET HOUR  
 LMD

OCCASIONAL SERVICES

MOTHER'S DAY

Call to Confession

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

Gracious God, you have planted a lush garden and set us within its walls. Yet we are like wild brambles, growing this way and that. We pierce others with our thorns. We overtake and suffocate our fellow plants. We spurn your hand of tending and pruning.

Merciful Lord, tame the willful and wild depths of our hearts. Make us receptive to the tending of your grace and the guiding of your Word. Forgive our sinful striving against you and remind us of our call to be fruitful as we come to you in prayer...

**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)*

Divine Spirit, illumine to me the doctrines of grace as we approach holy scripture this morning. Leave no corner of my life untended by Your hand, and call forth from me fresh commitment in response to the reading and proclaiming of this Word. Amen.

## **First Scripture Reading**

**Mark 11:12-19**

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 11:20-25**

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Sermon**

**"True Fruitfulness, or Just Leaves?"**

*Rev. Patrick McElwaine*

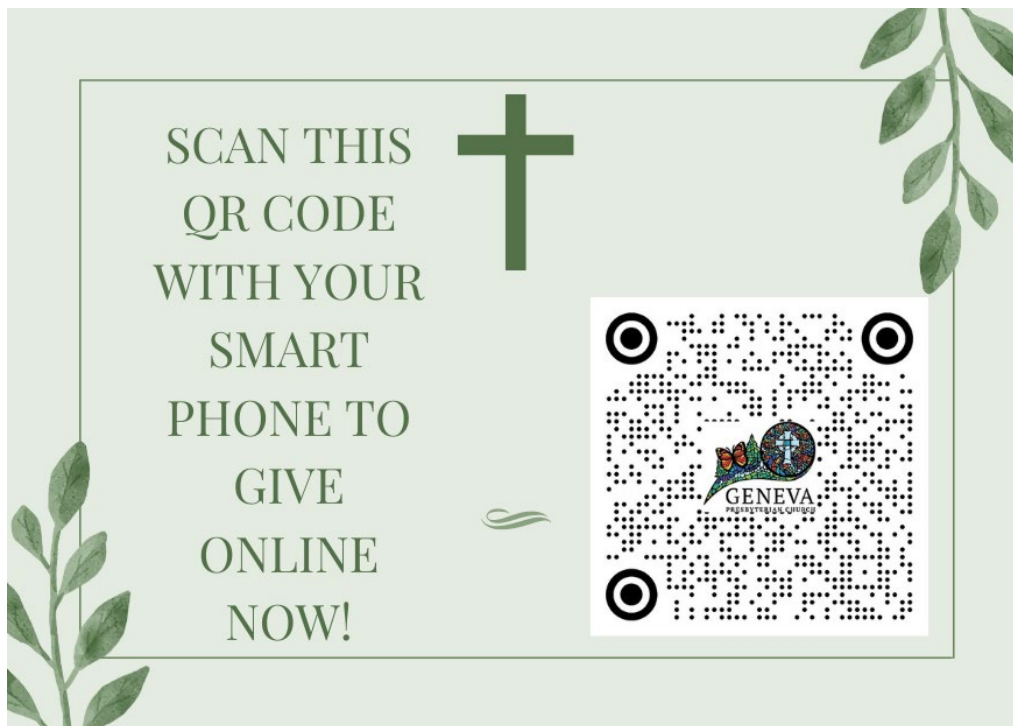


## **Affirmation of Faith/Apostles' Creed *(in unison)***

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

“O Blessed Day of Motherhood!”

#276

276 O Blessed Day of Motherhood!

ERNEST F. MCGREGOR Mater. C. M. D. ARTHUR DEPEW

1. O bless - ed day of Moth - er-hood! We lift our hearts in praise,  
2. O sa - cred day of Moth - er-hood! Our faith by Thee in - creased,  
3. O pre - cious day of Moth - er-hood! Teach us in Thee to find  
4. O won - drous day of Moth - er-hood! Thy love to all a - bound;

To thank Thee, Source of ev - 'ry good; Thy joy crowns all our days. O  
Hath each al - lur - ing foe with - stood; Our souls Thou hast re - leased. O  
The great - er gifts of broth - er - hood; Bring peace to all man - kind. O  
Be - side the cross once Ma - ry stood; A - gain let love be crowned. O

God, our Fa - ther, bless this day, En - rich its gold - en store

Of bless - ed Moth - er love, and may Thy chil - dren Thee a - dore.  
Of sa - cred Moth - er love, and may Thy chil - dren Thee a - dore.  
Of pre - cious Moth - er love, and may Thy chil - dren Thee a - dore.  
Of won - drous Moth - er love, and may Thy chil - dren Thee a - dore.

Organ

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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**

**Robert Owers, friend of Sara Torrence**

**Bill Bryan, father of Letitia Denaburg;**

**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**

**John L. Sever, fellow Rotarian and friend of Sara Torrence and Jim Harris, health concerns;**

**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;**

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:** Terry Dunne (5/3); Alice Franks (5/5); Debbie Dunne (5/6); Cynthia Kaufmann (5/13); Katie Harris (5/30); Jeff Alexander (5/30)

## This Week at Geneva

|                   |         |  |
|-------------------|---------|--|
| 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              |
| Monday, May 13    | 10:00am | <b>Meeting</b> – Executive Committee               |
| Wednesday, May 15 | 6:00pm  | <b>Food for the Soul</b> – Host Families           |
| Saturday, May 18  | 6:00pm  | <b>Handbell Concert</b>                            |
| Sunday, May 19    | 10:30am | <b>Pentecost Worship</b> –<br>In-Person and Online |
| Monday, May 20    | 10:00am | <b>Meeting</b> – Session                           |
| Wednesday, May 22 | 6:00pm  | <b>Food for the Soul</b> – Host Families           |

# GENEVA PRESBYTERIAN SUMMER PLAYDATES

**June 15th**  
**11am-12pm**

**Popsicle Playdate**

For all families - join us for  
popsicles and playground  
fun!

**July 20th**  
**11am-12pm**

**Popsicle Playdate**

**August 17th**  
**11am-12pm**

**Popsicle Playdate**



# Bells of Geneva in Concert

with Flutist Jaylan Jones

May 18, 2024  
6:00 P.M.

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**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).

## **REGISTER HERE:**





GPC'S

# SUMMER KICKOFF PICNIC

Get ready to fire up your taste buds and celebrate the start of the summer!

Please bring a side or dessert, and let us know if you'd like to help grill.



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

Rev. Patrick McElwaine, Pastor; Ben Shaver, Music Director;  
Rolf Winch, Lector; Kyla Lupo, Zoom Host.  
Curtis Chimba and Tom Sadler, 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 by Nancy Morse in Memory of Loved Ones.



**Geneva warmly welcomes all our guests joining us today**



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