

SEPTEMBER 13, 2020



GENEVA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Geneva Presbyterian Church

September 13, 2020

10:30am

The Gathering

(Welcome to Virtual Church with Geneva Presbyterian Church! We are honored to worship together with you today and grateful we can gather in this way as the Body of Christ. There will be opportunities for responsive readings during worship; the Zoom host will unmute you and mute you as appropriate. The same goes for singing hymns: your microphone will be turned off, so make a joyful noise and sing with all your heart!)

Prelude

Welcome to the Worship of God

Silence and Introit

Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

People: You shall love the Lord your God, and your neighbor as yourself.

Leader: Jesus has established the Kingdom of Heaven here on earth,

People: Let us share this good news and welcome the world home.

Leader: Home in the eternity we will share with our Creator,

People: And home here and now as we worship God together. Hallelujah, let us offer our thanks and praise!

Opening Hymn

“Lead me, Guide me.” *

#498

*(*refrain sung by congregation, verse song by soloist)*

Refrain

Lead me, guide me, along the way,
For if you lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with you,
lead me my whole life through.

- 1) I am weak and I need your strength and power
to endure with grace my weakest hour.
Help me through the darkness your face to see.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. **Refrain**

2) Help me walk in the paths of righteousness;
be my aid when when Satan and sin oppress.
I am trusting you what e'er may be.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. **Refrain**

3) I am lost if you take your hand from me,
I am blind without your light to see.
Lord, forever may I your servant be.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. **Refrain**

Call to Confession

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

Merciful God, we are quick to ask for grace when we have fallen short and for patience when we have stubbornly turned away from you. Why are we slow to show the same mercy to others. We keep track of wrongs and draw such narrow boundaries. We exclude others too easily but expect so much more for ourselves.

O Lord, make us more like you. Help us to look upon the world in love with your eyes and forgive us as we once again ask for your patience and grace. God who hears, hear us now as we pray in silence...

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Response

“Gloria Patri”

#734

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

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 Word

Prayer for Illumination *(in unison)*

Lord God, pour out your Spirit upon us to bring good news to the world and let your word of life be fulfilled among us. We approach your Holy Word now and pray in the strong name of Jesus for your help to understand. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 20:1-17

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Romans 13:8-14

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Peace in Relationships”

Rev. Patrick McElwaine

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

Anthem

The Peace of God

John Rutter

Music Offering

Prayer of Dedication

The Sending

Closing Hymn

“Like a River Glorious”

#435

Like a river glorious is God’s perfect peace,
Over all victorious, in its bright increase;
Perfect, yet it floweth fuller every day,
Perfect, yet it groweth deeper all the way.

Refrain

Stayed upon Jehovah, hearts are fully blest
Finding, as He promised, perfect peace and rest.

Hidden in the hollow of His blessed hand,
Never foe can follow, never traitor stand;
Not a surge of worry, not a shade of care,
Not a blast of hurry touch the spirit there.

Every joy or trial falleth from above,
Traced upon our dial by the Sun of Love;
We may trust Him fully, all for us to do;
They who trust Him wholly find Him wholly true.

Charge and Benediction

Postlude



Names in bold are new prayer list additions.

The work, worship, pastor and leadership of Geneva and of Iglesia de Dios El Nuevo Pacto

Comfort for the Family and Friends of

Linda Fowler, friend of Rhonda Ricci

Doris Williamson

Bill Richards, cousin of Sara Torrence;
Charlie Judkins, who passed on June 26;

Brian, friend of Kyla Lupo;

Janelle Connevey Morris, Mother of Janelle Thibau;

Josephine Kom, Mother of Flore Kom-Liapoe;

Mitch Remer, father of Robin Kough;

Julie Lynn Zabucky, daughter of Nancy and Norm Rawson;

Tyler Allen; son of Mark and Holly Allen.

Healing and Comfort for

Ruth Irene Harris, mother of Jim Harris

Alicia, friend of Rhonda Ricci receiving cancer treatment

Norm Rawson, head injury;

Ann Peters, relative of friend of Ken Sprinkle, upcoming cancer screening and surgery;

Nancy Morse, health concerns;

Lorraine Leicht, Renee Moloznik's mother, health issues;

Maria Lenahan, health concerns;

Dinah Paffrath, aunt of Renee Moloznik, receiving cancer treatments;

Beth, friend of Sara Torrence, metastatic breast cancer;

Carl Perthel, health concerns;

Jeffrey Remer, brother of Robin Kough, health concerns;

Isabelle Schuessler, friend of Scott Brown, health concerns;

Joanne Elder, friend of Sara and Jim Torrence, cancer;

Adeline Siaka, widow of Emmanuel Siaka;

Mary Bird, aunt of Renee Moloznik, health concerns;

Linda Hanson, friend of Geneva, health concerns;

Justin Pack, nephew of PJ Davis, diagnosed with ALS;

Daniel Adkins, nephew of Kyla and Vince Lupo, health concerns;

Donald Schuessler, friend of Scott Brown, health concerns;

Ellie Alexander, health concerns;

Henry Haller, health concerns;

Emilia Monte, friend of Sara and Jim Torrence, recurring cancer;

Jeff Leicht, Renee Moloznik's brother;

Judith Sadler, mother to Tom Sadler, mental illness and PG County guardianship care;

Leland Perthel, recovering from concussion;

Madeleine Schinosi, friend of Gretchen Winch, recurring cancer.

Ray Johnson, father of Katie Harris;

Samuel Kuate, Flora Kom Liapoe's brother-in-law, recovering from an ischemic stroke;

Sandy Kichefski, sister of Sheri Sankey, health concerns;

Sue, friend of Maria Lenahan, health issues;

Yvonne Bean, mother of Debbie Dunne;

Zoë, friend of Bob and Rhonda Ricci, health concerns;

Prayers for Peace

Daniel Kough, son of Jack and Robin Kough, home from Afghanistan.

Walter Sprinkle, son of Ken and Nan Sprinkle, US Army Special Training

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: Nancy Rawson (9/3); Sheri Sankey (9/7);
Paul Wheatley (9/11); Deborah Szasz (9/15); Jim Stiles (9/19); Jim Torrence (9/25);
Scott Heimberg (9/29)

This Week at Geneva

Wednesday, September 16	7:00pm	Virtual Bible Study
Sunday, September 20	10:30am	Worship – Virtual Church
Wednesday, September 23	7:00pm	Virtual Bible Study
Sunday, September 27	10:30am	Worship – Virtual Church

Announcements

- Geneva Day School is OPEN for In-Person Learning! A message from the Day School Director Suzanne Funk.

WELCOME! We are so excited to have teaching staff back in school this past week and working in classes to get set-up under current unusual circumstances and guidelines. We are ALL looking forward to meeting new student friends and welcoming back returning ones!

Geneva will now have two staff members in each classroom this year, instead of three, with 13 students for a maximum of 15 people per class. As much as possible, each will operate in its own learning environment, or “pod”.

During this past week, all staff attended numerous trainings and meetings. We provided an annual review of first aid and CPR, plus 4 afternoons of amazing training by local developmental behaviorist, Dr. Dan Shapiro, M.D., regarding how to respond to and shape behaviors and promote positive social skills.

Kindergarten began half-day transition classes on Monday, August 31, with the preschool beginning at the regular days and times on Tuesday, September 8, just after the Labor Day weekend. Teachers will be taking things slowly at the beginning of the school year to give children the opportunity to become acclimated to their classes, connect with new Teacher and classmate friends, and learn routines and new practices.



- Introducing Geneva's New Office Administrator!

It is a great joy to share with you that the Session of Geneva Presbyterian Church has hired a new Office Administrator to fill our vacant position in the church office. Please join us in extending a warm welcome to our new Office Administrator, Melissa Cutler!

Melissa has served with distinction as the Geneva Day School Business Manager for the past 10 years and we are delighted to welcome her as part of the GPC team, too. Her position as the GDS Business Manager is part time and she will continue in that role while also meeting the church's administrative needs.

Melissa comes highly recommended with a proven track record of reliability, dedication, and performance from her years with the Day School. She is looking forward to using her skills and experience to support our mission and we are excited that she is coming alongside us as we work toward the future God has in store for our church family.



- **Online Giving with the GivePlus (Give+) App**

You can now support God's ministry through Geneva Presbyterian Church with your smartphone, tablet, or computer! Search for and download "GivePlus" (Give+) from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store to get started.



You'll create an account, choose Geneva Presbyterian Church (in Potomac) as your home church, and then you're ready to give in a secure and convenient way!

Here are two resources to help you get set up:

YouTube Video with Instructions

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PAjqUxK8YRk>

GivePlus Website with a FAQ and "How To"

<https://giveplushelp.vancopayments.com/>

I'm excited to expand our opportunities to give and invite you to explore if Online Giving is the right choice for you. No matter how you choose to give, thank you for your financial generosity -- your support is sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ and transforming lives every day.

- **Virtual Church with Geneva Presbyterian: Sundays @ 10:30am**

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://bit.ly/2SL4E76>

Meeting ID: 668 560 374

Password: 240543

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- **Virtual Bible Study: Wednesdays @ 7:00pm**

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

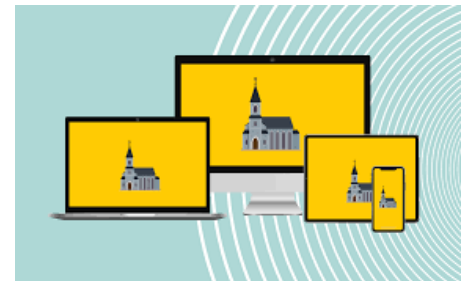
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- **Geneva Worship Videos**

Did you know that Geneva Virtual Church videos are recorded and online? Missed a service? Want to share with a friend? A full recording of worship is just a click away!

[Click HERE to watch our past Virtual Worship services!](#)



Today's Worship Leaders

Rev. Patrick McElwaine, Pastor; Ben Shaver, Musician;

Janelle Thibau, Lector; Kyla Lupo, Zoom Host.

Church Elders

Jane Campbell, Jack Kough, Carl Perthel,
Tom Sadler, Sheri Sankey,
Janelle Thibau, Elaine Winch

Church Deacons

Ludivine Kom-Liapoe, Bobbie Maxwell,
Renee Moloznik, Rosie Perthel,
Rhonda Ricci

If you have any ideas, suggestions or concerns, please share them with our officers.



Geneva warmly welcomes all our guests joining us today



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