

**SEPTEMBER 6, 2020**



**GENEVA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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**Rev. Patrick McElwaine, Pastor**

## **Get Prepared For Virtual Communion**

### **This Sunday In Worship!**

This Sunday we will be sharing the sacrament of The Lord's Supper digitally during Virtual Church. Here's how it will work and here is how you can prepare:

– **Gather your own communion elements from around your home ahead of worship Sunday morning.** Jesus chose common foods of his day for the first communion: bread and "fruit of the vine". What common starch do you have available? In countries around the world, the commonly available starch is tortillas and rice, so those are used. What beverage feels right for you to use? Not everyone has juice in the home, so we might need to be creative.

– Please: in preparing for communion and choosing your elements, do so thoughtfully and with reverence for the sacrament we will share.

– **I will gather my own elements at home and lead liturgy as we are used to.** Since we are gathered for worship as a community in the way that is possible for us right now, my prayers will serve as a blessing for all of our elements.

It's a joy to share to share the Lord's Supper together – let us gather at Jesus' table!

Grace and Peace,  
**Pastor Patrick**

# Geneva Presbyterian Church

September 6, 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

One: Jesus says, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

**Many: Christ is here.**

One: Speaking to our hearts, listening to our prayers,

**Many: Christ is the Living Word.**

One: Binding us as one body, sending us out in service,

**Many: Christ is our pattern.**

One: Jesus says, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

**Many: Christ is here. Let us worship the Lord!**

### Opening Hymn

#### **"I've got Peace like a River"**

I've got peace like a river  
I've got peace like a river  
I've got peace like a river in my soul  
I've got peace like a river  
I've got peace like a river  
I've got peace like a river in my soul.

I've got love like an ocean  
I've got love like an ocean  
I've got love like an ocean in my soul

I've got love like an ocean  
I've got love like an ocean  
I've got love like an ocean in my soul.

I've got joy like a fountain  
I've got joy like a fountain  
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul  
I've got joy like a fountain  
I've got joy like a fountain  
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul.

I've got peace, love and joy like a river  
I've got peace, love and joy like a river  
I've got peace, love and joy like a river in my soul  
I've got peace, love and joy like a river  
I've got peace, love and joy like a river  
I've got peace, love and joy like a river in my soul.

## **Call to Confession**

### **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. Jesus is among us as our peace, but we are a people divided against ourselves. We cling to the values of a broken world. The fears and jealousies we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation.

Lord, have mercy upon us. Heal us. Forgive us. Set us free from anything that would hold us back from serving your Peaceful Kingdom with the fullness of our lives. Hear us as we pray aloud and now in this sacred 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)*

Testify to us, O God, by the voice of your Holy Spirit. As scripture is read, put your law in our hearts, write your word in our minds, and show your will in our lives, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

### **Old Testament Reading**

#### **Numbers 6:22-27**

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel Reading**

#### **John 14:18-27**

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Sermon**

***"Peace Within"***

*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

Music Offering

Prayer of Dedication

## The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

*The Lord be with you.*

**And also with you.**

*Lift up your hearts.*

**We lift them to the Lord.**

*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the

People Communion

Music Communion

Prayer

## The Sending

Closing Hymn

**“Make me a Channel of your peace”**

**#587**

Make me a channel of Your peace  
Where there is hatred, let me bring Your love  
Where there is injury, Your pardon Lord  
And where there's doubt, true faith in You.

Make me a channel of Your peace  
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope  
Where there is darkness, only light  
And where there's sadness, ever joy.

Oh Master, grant that I may never seek  
So much to be consoled as to console  
To be understood as to understand  
To be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of Your peace  
It is pardoning that we are pardoned  
In giving to all men that we receive  
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

## **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;

Douglas Perthel, father of Carl Perthel;

Mitch Remer, father of Robin Kough;

Abe Leicht, father of Renee Moloznik;

Bessie Perthel, mother of Carl Perthel;

Julie Lynn Zabucky, daughter of Nancy and Norm Rawson;

Tyler Allen; son of Mark and Holly Allen.

**Healing and Comfort for**

**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;

Curtis Allen, recovering from hip surgery;

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 9	7:00pm	<b>Virtual Bible Study</b>
Sunday, September 13	10:30am	Worship – <b>Virtual Church</b>
Wednesday, September 16	7:00pm	<b>Virtual Bible Study</b>
Sunday, September 20	10:30am	Worship – <b>Virtual Church</b>

# 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>

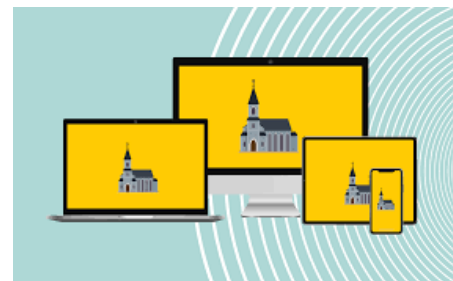
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- **Geneva Worship Videos**

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;

Mark Allen, 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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