

**JANUARY 31, 2021**



**GENEVA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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**Rev. Patrick McElwaine, Pastor**

# Geneva Presbyterian Church

January 31, 2021

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 and sharing prayer requests during worship; please mute and unmute yourself as directed by the worship leaders. 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: Beloved, let us love one another.

**People: We love because God first loved us.**

Leader: O praise the Lord with me,

**People: let us exalt God's name together!**

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## Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom

1 Come and seek the ways of Wis-dom, she who danced when  
 2 Lis - ten to the voice of Wis-dom, cry - ing in the  
 3 Sis - ter Wis - dom, come, as - sist us; nur - ture all who

earth was new. Fol - low close - ly what she teach - es,  
 mar - ket - place. Hear the Word made flesh a - mong us,  
 seek re - birth. Spir - it - guide and close com - pan - ion,

for her words are right and true. Wis - dom clears the  
 full of glo - ry, truth, and grace. When the word takes  
 bring to light our sa - cred worth. Free us to be -

path to jus - tice, show - ing us what love must do.  
 root and rip - ens, peace and righ - teous - ness em - brace.  
 come your peo - ple, ho - ly friends of God and earth.

*(Chords: G, D, C, G, Am7, G, Am, D, G, D, C, G, Am, G, D7, Em, Bm, Am, B7, Em, Am, G, D7, G)*

## Call to Confession

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

Holy God, the Living Word of Power, you command all spirits, comfort those in distress, and cast out destructive forces. We confess that we are unable to do your will by ourselves. Unable to live as you have shown us in Jesus Christ.

We protect what is familiar and reject what is unknown. We forget that you are always with us and that in you all things are possible. We are self-centered and overlook our neighbors who carry heavy burdens.

God, in your mercy, forgive us. Lead us. Make us new. Receive our honest prayers and hear us now in this time of silence...

## Assurance of Pardon

### **Congregational Response**

***“Gloria Patri”***

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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)*

Holy Spirit, we approach scripture this morning seeking understanding of your holy ways. Illumine our yearning hearts and minds with the truth of your Word. In Jesus' name; Amen.

## **Old Testament Reading**

**Psalm 34:1-10**

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God.**

## **New Testament Reading**

**Mark 1:21-28**

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Sermon**

**"An Unseen Need"**

*Rev. Patrick McElwaine*

## **Affirmation of Faith:** *from* **A Brief Statement of Faith of the Presbyterian Church (USA)**

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

# The Thanksgiving

The Offering

Music Offering

“Ubi Caritas”

Geneva Sanctuary Choir

Prayer of Dedication

# The Sending

Closing Hymn

“Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”

Verses 1-3 #470

## 144 Dear Lord and Father of mankind

John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892)

Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918)

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*Unison*

1. Dear Lord and Fa - ther of man-kind, for - give our fool - ish ways!  
Re - clothe us in our right - ful mind, in pur - er lives thy ser-vice find, in deep-er rev - 'rence praise, in deep-er rev - 'rence praise.

The musical score is written for a unison choir in 4/4 time, with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

2. In simple trust like theirs who heard,  
beside the Syrian sea,  
the gracious calling of the Lord,  
let us, like them, without a word,  
rise up and follow thee,  
rise up and follow thee.

3. O Sabbath rest by Galilee!  
O calm of hills above,  
where Jesus knelt to share with thee  
the silence of eternity,  
interpreted by love!  
Interpreted by love!

4. Drop thy still dews of quietness,  
till all our strivings cease;  
take from our souls the strain and stress,  
and let our ordered lives confess  
the beauty of thy peace,  
the beauty of thy peace.

5. Breathe through the heats of our desire  
thy coolness and thy balm;  
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
speak through the earthquake, wind and fire,  
O still small voice of calm!  
O still small voice of calm!

## Charge and Benediction

## Postlude

### *About the Music*

Our opening hymn draws on numerous scriptural images of Wisdom (Greek: Sophia), especially in Proverbs, this text offers an alternative perspective on Trinitarian theology. The Wisdom tradition has played a role in Christian mysticism for centuries, as witnessed by the Hagia Sophia in Istanbul.

"Dear Lord and Father of Mankind" is a hymn with words taken from a longer poem, "The Brewing of Soma" by American Quaker poet John Greenleaf Whittier.



**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**

**Crayton Brock, husband of Bobbie Maxwell's cousin, Janice Brock**

**Jeffrey Remer, brother of Robin Kough;**

Maria Lenahan;

Norm Rawson;

Bev Davis;

Henry Haller;

Doris Williamson;

Brian, friend of Kyla Lupo;

Josephine Kom, Mother of Flore Kom-Liapoe;

**Healing and Comfort for**

**Ken Adams, father of Juliet Hiemberg, who is sick with COVID-19;**

**Rosie Perthel, health concerns;**

Janelle Thibau, recovering from COVID-19 at home;

Briana Cochran, cousin of Thibau Family, health concerns;

Rosalie Ruff, health concerns;

Carole Haller, health concerns;

Kristin, a friend in need of prayer

Ellie Croft, friend of Gretchen Winch, health concerns;

Jim Stiles, recovering from COVID-19;

Scott Brown, health concerns;

Daniel Ricci, prayers for job search;

George Ehler, relative of friend of Ken Sprinkle, health concerns;

Letitia Denaburg, knee surgery;

Betty Halls, health concerns;

Alicia, friend of Rhonda Ricci receiving cancer treatment;

Nancy Morse, health concerns;

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

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

Beth, friend of Sara Torrence, metastatic breast cancer;

Carl Perthel, 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;

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;

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;

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:** *Sheena Galliani (1/5); Bob Ricci (1/6); Jacquelyn Kough (1/6); Rosalie Ruff (1/8); Allyson McElwaine (1/14); Sara Torrence (1/17); Amanda White (1/18); Terry Shima (1/20); Malachi McElwaine (1/23); Carole Haller (1/25); Eric Winchenbach (1/26); Ruth Nunn (1/28)*

## This Week at Geneva

Sunday, January 31	10:30am	Worship – <b>Virtual Church</b>
Wednesday, February 3	7:00pm	<b>Virtual Bible Study</b>
Thursday, February 4	7:00pm	<b>Geneva Day School Board Meeting</b>
Friday, February 5	7:00pm	<b>Virtual Book Club</b>
Sunday, February 7	10:30am	Worship – <b>Virtual Church</b>
Monday, February 8	7:00pm	<b>Disability Ministry Team Meeting</b>
Wednesday, February 10	7:00pm	<b>Virtual Bible Study</b>

- **New Disability Ministry Team!**

A new ministry team is forming at Geneva to explore ways we can partner with disabled or special needs people as Disciples of Christ. A group of Genevans have been feeling called to help in this area of need and have already held a preliminary meeting to discuss possibilities. We're still in the discernment phase of prayerfully considering how the Holy Spirit is calling us to help -- and we would love to have you as part of the team! If you want more information or feel called to participate in this group, please email our Elder for Mission, Jane Campbell, using this address: [jane@backinsorts.com](mailto:jane@backinsorts.com)



This ministry team will meet next on **Monday, February 8 @ 10:00am** using the following Zoom information:  
Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85284617873?pwd=QWJHNVZJekFpVWM4eXJKNWtKU2NxQT09>

Meeting ID: 852 8461 7873  
Passcode: 518105

- **Geneva Book Club**

Geneva Book Club will **NOT** meet in the month of January but will restart on Friday, February 5th studying "[For All Who Hunger](#)" by Emily M.D. Scott on Fridays @ 7:00pm.



Church members, guests, and friends are all welcome -- please feel free to share this invitation with anyone you know who is ready to engage in this work of reflection and learning.

Here is the Zoom link (we will use the same for each sessions):

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9506334929?pwd=dy83RFdTUTliZWJ3MFE0S TR1ZCtTZz09>

Meeting ID: 950 633 4929  
Passcode: 12345

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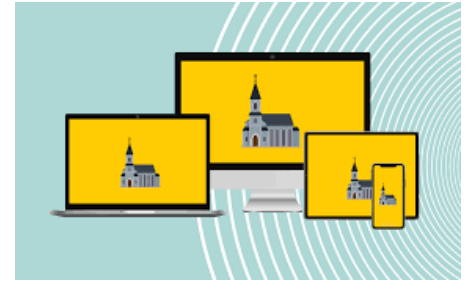
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- **Virtual Bible Study: Wednesdays @ 7:00pm**

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

Meeting ID: 273 879 363

Password: 978348



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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, Music Director;

Rolf Winch, Lector; Tom Sadler, 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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