

SEPTEMBER 20, 2020



GENEVA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Geneva Presbyterian Church

September 20, 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: Jesus Christ has established the Peaceful Kingdom here and now.

People: The world is God's vineyard and we are the workers, tending carefully that which is entrusted to us and bringing in the harvest.

Leader: The day is surely coming when nations will beat their swords into plowshares

People: and their spears into pruning hooks.

Leader: While the Day of the Lord is approaching, Jesus has given us work to do as his disciples,

People: And our work is anchored in our worship. Let us praise God together, for God alone is worthy!

Opening Hymn

"Community of Christ"

#615 vs. 1-3

Community of Christ, who make the cross your own,
live out your creed and risk your life for God alone;
the God who wears your face, to whom all worlds belong,
whose children are of every race and every song.

Community of Christ, look past the church's door
and see the refugee, the hungry, and the poor.
Take hands with the oppressed, the jobless in your street,
take towel and water, that you wash your neighbor's feet.

Community of Christ through whom the word must sound-
cry out for justice and for peace the whole world round;
disarm the powers that war and all that can destroy,
turn bombs to bread, and tears of anguish into joy.

Call to Confession

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

God of liberating love, you call us to work for a world where all are fed and all live with dignity as people made in your image. You call us to seek justice and peace, and to bring liberty to the oppressed.

But we tarry instead of running. We settle for half measures instead of giving everything like you do. We need your forgiveness and we need your help with this work. We pray that both may be so and we open our hearts with silent personal prayers now...

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)*

God who is Alpha and Omega, we humbly approach your Living Word in scripture -- knowing that we need your help to understand and knowing that your Holy Spirit will guide us. May our reading, preaching, and living today bring you glory. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

Philippians 1:21-30

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Peace in Community”

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

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

arr. Mark A Miller

Geneva Sanctuary Choir

Prayer of Dedication

The Sending

Closing Hymn

“Let There Be Peace on Earth”

#614

Let there be peace on earth,
And let it begin with me;
Let there be peace on earth,
The peace that was meant to be.
With God our creator,
Children all are we.
Let us walk with each other
In perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me;
Let this be the moment now.
With ev'ry step I take,
Let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live
Each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me. Amen.

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

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 Zabrocky, 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 23	7:00pm	Virtual Bible Study
Sunday, September 27	10:30am	Worship – Virtual Church
Wednesday, September 30	7:00pm	Virtual Bible Study
Sunday, November 1	10:30am	Worship – Virtual Church

- 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.



- World Central Kitchen Donation

GPC's Mission Committee has made a \$500.00 donation to World Central Kitchen to support our neighbors in Beirut following the explosion that has left hundreds of thousands of people homeless, injured, and without food.



Lebanese Taverna, a restaurant in Rockville, MD, has partnered with World Central Kitchen to coordinate our local relief efforts with this initiative. World Central Kitchen is a not-for-profit non-governmental organization devoted to providing meals in the wake of natural disasters.

For more information on this fundraiser, please [click here](#).

- **Bible Study**

Join us for Horizons 2020–21 with "Dr. C" Carolyn Fink – “Into the Light: Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament”



Come for any or all of the studies: we'll meet once a month during the usual Wednesday Bible Study time slot (7:00–8:00pm using the same Zoom link).

Laments are not just sad, plaintive, regrets, but prayers to God in times of loss, distance, desperation. Together in Wednesday Bible study beginning September 23, we will reconsider laments in the Bible as humans crying to God and having hope for God's reply.

(Email melissa.genevapotomac@gmail.com if you would like a book mailed, though having a book is not necessary to attend the Bible Study.)

- **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>

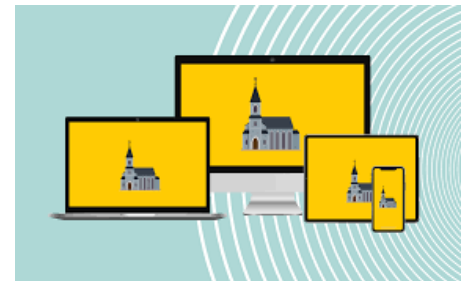
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- **Geneva Worship Videos**

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;
Alice Franks, 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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