

SEPTEMBER 27, 2020



GENEVA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Geneva Presbyterian Church

September 27, 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 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

“Sim Shalom”

Sim Shalom tova u’v’rakha	Grant peace and happiness
chein vacheshed v’rachamim	Goodness and blessing,
aleinu v'al kol Yisra'el amecha.	Mercy and compassion to us, on all Israel, and on all the world

Call to Worship

One Voice: Holy Triune God, you are complete within your divine self.

Many Voices: And yet you stooped down to earth so that we could see your love in person, so we could experience your love in the flesh.

One Voice: You came incarnate in the life and work of Jesus Christ.

Many Voices: In his life, death, and resurrection we encounter the mystery of your love.

One Voice: God Of Peace, God Of The Ages, we gather together to exalt your name.

Many Voices: Holy, holy, holy is our God, we come into your presence with thanksgiving!

Opening Hymn

“Where the Spirit of the Lord is”

#396

(Sung 3 times)

Where the Spirit of the Lord is
There is peace
Where the Spirit of the Lord is
There is love
There is comfort in life's darkest hour
There is light and life
There is help and power in the Spirit
In the Spirit of the Lord

Call to Confession

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

God of completeness, we have wandered from your ways and neglected your commands. The way we live, the way we talk, the way we think -- so often it does not reflect Jesus the way we want it to.

Only you know what is on our hearts in this moment. Only you can draw us back again into your way of peace. Only you can forgive us and invite us again to live as new people. May it be so, Lord, may it be so! Hear us as we repent aloud and confess 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)*

Speak to us, Living God, as you have spoken to our ancestors in faith: through the voices of your prophets, the breath of your Holy Spirit, and the life of your Son, so that we may live according to your word. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 55:1-12

This is the Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

Philippians 2:1-13

This is the Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Wholistic Peace"

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

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need
Geneva Sanctuary Choir

arr. Mack Wilberg

Prayer of Dedication

The Sending

Closing Hymn

“O Christ Surround Me”

God, be the love to search and keep me;
God, be the prayer to move my voice;
God, be the strength to now uphold me:

Refrain

O Christ, surround me;
O Christ, surround me.

Bind to myself the name of Holy,
Great cloud of witnesses enfold;
Prophets, apostles, angels witness: **Refrain**

Brightness of sun and glow of moonlight,
Flashing of lightning, strength of wind,
Depth of the sea to soil of planet: **Refrain**

Walking behind to hem my journey,
Going ahead to light my way,
And from beneath, above, and all ways: **Refrain**

Christ in the eyes of all who see me,
Christ in the ears who hear my voice,
Christ in the hearts of all who know me: **Refrain**

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;

Brian, friend of Kyla Lupo;

Janelle Connevey Morris, Mother of Janelle Thibau;

Josephine Kom, Mother of Flore Kom-Liapoe;

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

Monday, September 28	7:00pm	Session Meeting
Wednesday, September 30	7:00pm	Virtual Bible Study
Sunday, October 4	10:30am	Worship – Virtual Church
Wednesday, October 7	7:00pm	Virtual Bible Study
Sunday, October 11	10:30am	Worship – Virtual Church

- **Peace & Global Witness Offering**

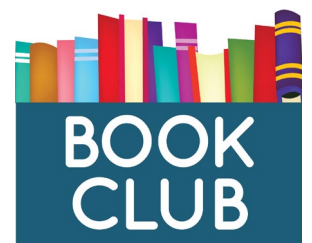


The Presbyterian Church (USA) special denominational offering supporting peace, justice, and gospel witness around the world will be collected on World Communion Sunday -- and this is your chance to participate! The Peace & Global Witness Offering encourages the church to cast off anxiety and fear, discord and division, and embrace our God's mission of reconciliation to those around the corner and around the world.

Since we are worshipping digitally rather than in person, this year we are encouraging everyone to give directly online through the special offering website by [clicking here](#).

To hear more about how our contributions to peacemaking in Christ's name have made a difference already, [click here](#).

- **Geneva Book Club**



The Geneva Book Club will begin meeting again via Zoom on Friday, October 9th from 7–8pm. Continuing with our focus on racial justice and reconciliation, the group has voted to study ["Just Mercy" by Bryan Stevenson](#) next.

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.

- **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>

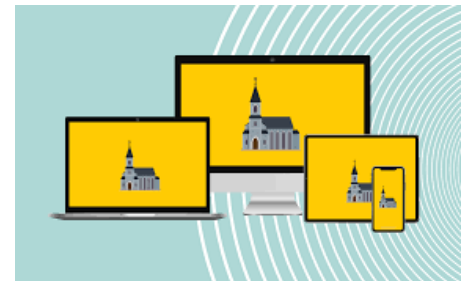
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- **Geneva Worship Videos**

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;

Jane Campbell, 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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