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GENEVA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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: We gather from the west to the east, from the south to the north, to celebrate the God of peace.

People: The God who is with us in our going out and our coming in.

Leader: The God who watches over us and blesses us.

People: The God who sets the Communion table for us and welcomes us to the feast.

Leader: We gather with Christians around the world today and lift our hearts with one message in many voices:

People: “Jesus Christ is Lord! Hallelujah! We worship the Lamb who was slain but rules forever!”

Opening Hymn

“Come to the Table of Grace”

Come to the table of grace.
Come to the table of grace.
This is God's table;
it's not yours or mine.
Come to the table of grace.

Come to the table of peace.
Come to the table of peace.
 This is God's table;
 it's not yours or mine.
Come to the table of peace.

Come to the table of love.
Come to the table of love.
 This is God's table;
 it's not yours or mine.
Come to the table of love.

Come to the table of hope.
Come to the table of hope.
 This is God's table;
 it's not yours or mine.
Come to the table of hope.

Come to the table of joy.
Come to the table of joy.
 This is God's table;
 it's not yours or mine.
Come to the table of joy.

Call to Confession

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

God of many names and one heart, you created us for peace. Our lives are supposed to glorify you -- and sometimes they do! But too often, they don't. We indulge in divisions and pretend we are somehow separate from the rest of your beloved children. Somehow better. Somehow more deserving of your love.

Holy Spirit, blow in our lives and break us of our selfishness. Teach us the ways of your humility so we can truly live for you instead of ourselves. Forgive us and point us back again to our unity in Christ. We pray now silently in his holy name...

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, grant us openness and give us understanding as we read scripture. Prepare us to be nourished by the hearing of God's word and encourage us to live boldly in response. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 131

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

New Testament Reading

Philippians 3: 4b-14

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

Sermon

“Rubbish and Riches”

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

Taste and See

James E. Moore Jr.

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 Prayer

The Sending

Closing Hymn

“We are Marching in the Light of God – Siyahamba”

1) We are marching in the light of God;
we are marching in the light of God.
(Repeat)

We are marching oo
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching oo
we are marching in the light of God.

Additional stanzas ad lib.:

2) We are dancing in the light of God...
3) We are praying in the light of God...
4) We are singing in the light of God.

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

Harvey Doser, friend of Ben Shaver

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: Ken Denaburg (10/4); Ed Devine (10/5); Eric Thibau (10/12);
Pete Nunn (10/16); Letitia Denaburg (10/18); Patsy Wright (10/23)

This Week at Geneva

Wednesday, October 7	7:00pm	Virtual Bible Study
Friday, October 9	7:00m	Geneva Book Club
Sunday, October 11	10:30am	Worship – Virtual Church
Wednesday, October 14	7:00pm	Virtual Bible Study
Sunday, October 18	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](#).

- 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>

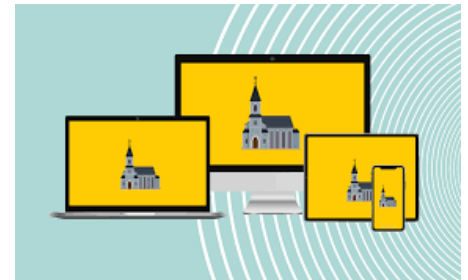
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- **Geneva Worship Videos**

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;
Rolf Winch, 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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