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GENEVA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Geneva Presbyterian Church

October 18, 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

Call to Worship

Leader: As we gather to worship you, Holy One, become complacent, forgetting who we are.

People: show us your presence, O God.

Leader: As we join to pray at your footstool, Exalted One,

People: show us your ways, O God.

Leader: As we unite our voices to praise you, Lover of Justice,

People: show us your glory, O God.

Leader: As we tremble in the cleft of the rock, silently awaiting you, Merciful One,

People: show us your goodness, O God.

Leader: Let the earth shake in your praise, Most High!

People: We extol your great and awesome name, ever-present God!

Opening Hymn

“Tremble, O Tremble”

Psalm 99

Tremble, O tremble!
The God whose throne
is near to us
is ruler of the world.
The Holy One!

Tremble, O tremble!
The justice done by
God for us will Shake
and mend the world.
O Holy One!

Tremble, O Tremble
Our God forgives,
and yet our sin
must be set right at last.
O Holy One!

Call to Confession

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

God of mercy, we place our trust in tangible things— things we can see and touch— and question whether you are really there.

Forgive us, Holy One, when we fail to recognize that you are always nearby, patiently waiting for us to recognize your presence and your glory. Help us when we lose our way, and forgive us when we forget to whom we truly belong. Lover of justice, open our eyes to see you; open our ears to hear you; open our hearts to love you; and open our hands to serve you.

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)*

God of mercy, you promised never to break your covenant with us. Amid all the changing words of our generation, speak your eternal word that does not change. Then may we respond to your gracious promises with faithful and obedient lives. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 33:12-23

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

Psalm 99

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Who is King?"

Sara Sadler

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 Sending

Closing Hymn

“Majesty”

Majesty, worship His majesty;
unto Jesus be all glory, honor and praise.
Majesty, kingdom authority
flow from His throne unto His own His anthem raise.

So exalt, lift up on high
the name of Jesus;
magnify, come glorify
Christ Jesus, the king.

Majesty, worship His majesty;
Jesus who died, now glorified,
King of all kings.
(Sung twice)

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

ABOUT OUR MUSIC...

The German theologian Rudolph Otto described holiness as *mysterium tremendum et fascinans*, a terrifying and fascinating mystery. The awareness of such a divine encounter lies behind Psalm 99, and this 21st-century paraphrase conveys how God remains both personal and unfathomable. Our lyricist for the closing hymn, Pastor Jack William Hayford, developed great interest in the actions and symbols of the Royal Family in the UK on a trip in 1977. He states that we need to cultivate a sense of the majestic presence of God. We are called to recognize His majesty and then ascribe the glory due His name. Throughout the psalms, the concept of "majesty" and "majesty" are common. A fine example is Psalm 93:1 "The Lord is robed in majesty and is armed with strength." One can just feel the sense of majesty with the repeated triplets, "Wor-ship His".

Information about our hymn "Majesty" was gathered by Dr. Hawn, a professor of sacred music at Perkins School of Theology, SMU.

B E N S H A V E R



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

Letitia Denaburg, knee surgery;

Scott Brown, health concerns;

Betty Halls, health concerns;

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

Friday, October 16	7:00pm	Geneva Book Club
Sunday, October 18	10:30am	Worship – Virtual Church
Wednesday, October 21	7:00pm	Virtual Bible Study
Sunday, October 25	10:30am	Worship – Virtual Church
Wednesday, October 28	7:00pm	Virtual Bible Study

- COVID-19 Update

Soon after Geneva Presbyterian Church closed our physical building due to COVID-19 in March, I recall having conversations with ministry colleagues about Easter: would we be back physically in the sanctuary by then? As time continued and we got used to the “new normal” of worshiping and gathering digitally, our milestones kept shifting, too. Would we “be back” by Pentecost? The start of the new school year? By Advent?

Deciding when and how to meet is a challenging decision that churches are making with input from government agencies and healthcare professionals. The Session of Geneva Presbyterian Church has carefully monitored developments these past months and continues to feel strongly that keeping the church building closed for in-person uses is the correct decision to promote safety for our community. Our church staff is collaborating and working well remotely and we will continue in this way.

For now, we will maintain our commitment to sharing the Gospel, serving Jesus, and worshipping together using the digital tools that have served us well. Our “ministry toolbox” has grown in four key ways using Zoom and I encourage you to plug in to each:

1. Virtual Church worship each Sunday @ 10:30am (recordings on church website)
2. Virtual Bible Study each Wednesday @ 7:00pm
3. Periodic Deacon “family group” gatherings
4. The Geneva Book Club on select Fridays @ 7:00pm (calendar in bulletin or Weekly Email)

In terms of next steps, a special team has been working diligently to update our sanctuary with live video streaming and recording capabilities. They are making great strides and we’re on the doorstep of physically installing the equipment. We look forward to having a small worship leadership team (myself,

Ben, singer/s, and the A/V team) broadcast Sunday service from the sanctuary soon. This will be an “intermediate step” on our road to reopening when the time is right, though live streaming and recording will also be a welcome addition to the life of our church moving forward.

Like each of you, I long for the day our church family can safely gather in person again. Until then, we will continue to love God, love our neighbors, and love each other in ways that prioritize the health and welfare of all. Thank you for continuing to pray and care for our church family with the love of Christ himself.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Patrick

- **Pastor Patrick Away**

Pastor Patrick will be on vacation the week of Monday, October 12 through Sunday, October 18.

For pastoral needs during this time, please contact one of our Deacons by email or phone (Renee Moloznik, Bobbie Maxwell, Ludivine Kom-Liapoe, Rosie Perthel, and Rhonda Ricci).

- **Geneva Book Club**

The Geneva Book Club began meeting again via Zoom on Friday, October 16th from 7–8pm. Continuing with our focus on racial justice and reconciliation, the group is studying ["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.

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

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9506334929?pwd=dy83RFdTUTliZWJ3MFEOSR1ZCtTZz09>

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

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

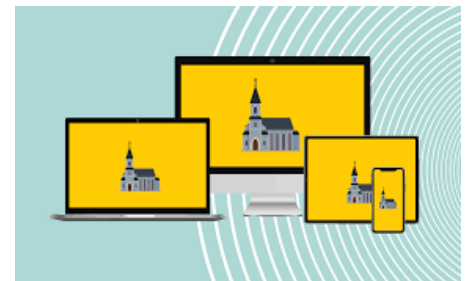
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- **Geneva Worship Videos**

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;
Shery Sankey, 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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