

NOVEMBER 1, 2020



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Rev. Patrick McElwaine, Pastor

Get Prepared For Virtual Communion This Sunday In Worship!

This Sunday we will be sharing the sacrament of The Lord's Supper digitally during Virtual Church. Here's how it will work and here is how you can prepare:

– **Gather your own communion elements from around your home ahead of worship Sunday morning.** Jesus chose common foods of his day for the first communion: bread and "fruit of the vine". What common starch do you have available? In countries around the world, the commonly available starch is tortillas and rice, so those are used. What beverage feels right for you to use? Not everyone has juice in the home, so we might need to be creative.

– Please: in preparing for communion and choosing your elements, do so thoughtfully and with reverence for the sacrament we will share.

– **I will gather my own elements at home and lead liturgy as we are used to.** Since we are gathered for worship as a community in the way that is possible for us right now, my prayers will serve as a blessing for all of our elements.

It's a joy to share to share the Lord's Supper together – let us gather at Jesus' table!

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Patrick

Geneva Presbyterian Church

November 1, 2020

All Saints' Day

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: Jesus Christ cried out from the cross, "It is finished!"

People: Jesus is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end of all that is and all that ever will be.

Leader: We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses: faithful believers of every age,

People: those who have departed this physical life, those who are here with us now, and those who are not yet born.

Leader: So let us lay down our burdens and take courage as members of God's great family.

People: We look to Jesus as we run with perseverance the race that is set before us.

Opening Hymn

"For All the Saints"

(verses 1-4)

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle; they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hears are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Call to Confession

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

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men, women, and people to live the life of faith. You have called us to be your people. To trust your promises rather than the empty words of the world. To live generously instead of clinging tightly to your gifts. To be a shining beacon of hope so others can see the way home.

We try our best, and our best can be pretty good -- but it's not nearly enough. Patient One, forgive us for the ways we have fallen short of your calling. Forgive us for the ways we have lived for ourselves rather than for you. Extend your mercy and hear us as we open our hearts in silent prayer...

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)*

Faithful God, how blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness. Sanctify us by your Word and Spirit so that we may glorify you in the company of the faithful; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:1-12

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

Revelation 7:9-17

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Who Are These People?”

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

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

"Blest Are They"

(verses 1-4)

Blest are they, the poor in spirit;
theirs is the kingdom of God.
Blest are they, full of sorrow;
they shall be consoled.

Refrain: Rejoice and be glad!
Blessed are you;
holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad!
Yours is the Kingdom of God!

Blest are they, the lowly ones;
they shall inherit the earth.
Blest are they who hunger and thirst;
they shall have their fill. **Refrain**

Blest are they who show mercy;
mercy shall be theirs.
Blest are they, the pure of heart;
they shall see God. **Refrain**

Blest are they who seek peace;
they are the children of God.
Blest are they who suffer in faith;
the glory of God is theirs. **Refrain**

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

ABOUT OUR MUSIC...

The broad and sweeping tune with which our opening hymn so closely identified was created to be sung during a reverent but dramatic procession at the beginning of an All Saints' Day service, and enacted representation of the enduring "fellowship divine" celebrated by this text. Ralph Vaughan Williams, a prolific composer himself, composed many art songs that are popular amongst baritones today. His orchestral music is flowery and maintains incredible depth of sound, harmony, and texture. He, in my humble opinion, is one of the greatest composers to come out of Great Britain in the 20th century.

Our closing hymn, one of my personal favorites that I only recently discovered, was written by David Haas in 1985. It paraphrases the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12), the opening portion of Christ's Sermon on the Mount. Similar words of blessing also occur in the Sermon on the Plain (Luke 6:20-23). Both sets of sayings reverse worldly values and offer a new understanding of God's ways.

BEN SHAVER

 IN OUR 
Thoughts and Prayers

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

Lizzy Holyfield, friend of Ben Shaver
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

Norm Rawson, health concerns;
Bev Davis, health concerns;
Daniel Ricci, prayers for job search;
George Ehler, relative of friend of Ken Sprinkle, health concerns;
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;
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: Jim Harris (11/3); Jason Denaburg (11/9); Scott Harris (11/11); Patrick McElwaine (11/13); Ginny Wilson (11/15); Ruth Allenspach (11/16); Mark Allen (11/16); Fiona Galliani (11/18); Robin Kough (11/19); Mae Lin Cheong (11/21); Fred Allenspach (11/26); Amy He (11/28); Liam Parker Levine (11/30).

This Week at Geneva

Friday, October 30	7:00pm	Geneva Book Club
Sunday, November 1	10:30am	Worship – Virtual Church Daylight Savings Time Ends
Wednesday, November 4	7:00pm	Virtual Bible Study
Sunday, November 8	10:30am	Worship – Virtual Church
Wednesday, November 11	7:00pm	Virtual Bible Study
Sunday, November 15	10:30am	Worship – Virtual Church

- Daylight Savings Time Ends

Don't forget to turn your clocks back as Daylight Savings Time ends on November 1st at 2 o'clock AM.



- "Everyone Together" our 2021 Stewardship Campaign

Stewardship letters and 2021 pledge cards for this year's stewardship campaign, "Everyone Together", were mailed out this past week.



In the coming few weeks, we invite you to consider your financial contribution to God's ministry through Geneva Presbyterian Church this year. We will be collecting physical pledge cards via mail to the church through Stewardship Sunday on November 22nd.

This year we also have the option to make financial commitments electronically using this [link](#). This is how Allyson and I are returning our pledge information during this stewardship campaign. This secure and confidential form will allow you to return your pledge intentions using your computer, tablet, or smartphone. The electronic form allows you to provide the same information as the traditional printed card and goes directly to the church office.

Not everyone will choose to make a pledge this year. Many faithful and consistent Genevans choose to make donations throughout the year. Whether through a pre-planned pledge or donations made in other ways, we celebrate and appreciate all gifts made to support our ministry through Geneva Presbyterian Church. Thank you in advance for your continued generosity.

2020 has been a year unlike any other we've experienced, and it's going to take Everyone Together to make the plans God has in store for us in 2021 become reality. Thank you for your generous giving that enables our Gospel witness at Geneva Presbyterian Church -- every gift of every size matters and we can do amazing things with Everyone Together.

- College Exams?

Do you have a child in college? If your answer is “yes,” Geneva would like to send them a little something before they start their finals in December. Please provide your student’s name and mailing address to Rhonda Ricci no later than November 5th to ensure delivery. (rhondaricci@aol.com)



- We Miss Seeing You!

Let’s get together for a glass of cider, a cup of coffee and a piece of cake. We will remain socially distant. We will all wear masks. And the food and drink will be served by two people who will be wearing gloves. We will take every precaution we can to keep everyone safe while still allowing us time to visit with each other. The church building will remain locked; there will be no access to the church.



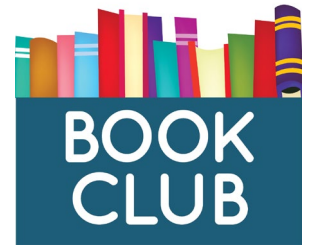
Pastor Patrick’s birthday is November 13. Stop by to wish him a Happy Birthday and enjoy a piece of birthday cake. We will get together in front of the church on Saturday, November 14 from 1:00 – 2:30. Our rain date will be November 21.

We will also be collecting food for the Manna Food Center. If you are able, please bring two canned food items so we can help our neighbors in need.

If you have any questions, please reach out to either Elaine Winch or Rhonda Ricci. (rhondaricci@aol.com or elainewinch@gmail.com)

- **Geneva Book Club**

The Geneva Book Club began meeting again via Zoom on Friday, October 23rd from 7–8pm. Continuing with our focus on racial justice and reconciliation, the group is studying ["Just Mercy" by Bryan Stevenson](#).



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>

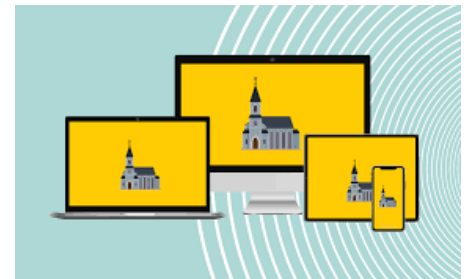
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- **Geneva Worship Videos**

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;

Janelle Thibau, 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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