

NOVEMBER 8, 2020



GENEVA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Geneva Presbyterian Church

November 8, 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: Heirs of the covenant, come; let us present ourselves before the Lord.

People: We gather to worship the Holy One, to incline our hearts to the one true God.

Leader: Family of faith, come; choose this day: Whom will you serve?

People: As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.

Leader: Let us worship God!

Opening Hymn

“Lord, to You My Soul is Lifted”

Today’s Opening Hymn is from the Presbyterian Church (USA) hymn book, “Glory to God”. The full sheet music is included on the next page to help us sing this “new to us” hymn.

420 Lord, to You My Soul Is Lifted

(Psalm 25)

1 Lord, to you my soul is lift - ed. Let me nev - er be a - shamed
 2 Lord of cov - e - nant and good - ness, par - don and cor - rect my sin.
 3 Turn to me in grace and mer - cy, as I suf - fer all a - lone.

that I trust in you to keep me though I seem to wait in vain.
 They who wor - ship you and fear you choose the paths you choose for them.
 Take a - way my sin and sad - ness, all the trou - ble I have known.

Lord, re - mem - ber all your love; in your ho - ly will in - struct me.
 They and all their fam - i - ly shall pos - sess the earth for - ev - er.
 May my fierce and spite - ful foes not suc - ceed to harm and curse me.

Lord, do not re - mem - ber sins of those youn - ger years be - hind me.
 You, O Lord, will be their friend. From the snare you will de - liv - er.
 In your faith - ful - ness I hope. On your peo - ple, Lord, have mer - cy.

Call to Confession

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

O God, "Keep awake," you tell us, urging us to watch with expectant hope as we wait for you to reveal yourself in our midst. But, Lord, we grow tired of looking for signs of your presence among us. We grow weary from a steady diet of distressing news and convince ourselves that you are still far off.

The time is now and we are the people – God, you choose us! Forgive us when we think otherwise. Forgive us when we cast our eyes down instead of forward to where you are leading. Forgive us when we think our own small part of the whole doesn't matter, for it surely does. Sustain us in the power of your Holy Spirit and hear us as we pray now 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)*

God of abundant life, your grace is our daily bread. Nourish us by your Word and fill us with your Spirit so that we may grow in faith and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 25:1-10

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

Acts 16:11-15

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“God's Ministry Needed Lydia...” *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

“At the River”

arr. Aaron Copland

Zoe Kanter, Soprano

Prayer of Dedication

The Sending

Closing Hymn

“Lead Me, Guide me”

#498

(*refrain sung by congregation, verse song by soloist)

Refrain

Lead me, guide me, along the way,
For if you lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with you,
lead me my whole life through.

1) I am weak and I need your strength and power
to endure with grace my weakest hour.
Help me through the darkness your face to see.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. **Refrain**

2) Help me walk in the paths of righteousness;
be my aid when when Satan and sin oppress.
I am trusting you what e'er may be.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. **Refrain**

3) I am lost if you take your hand from me,
I am blind without your light to see.
Lord, forever may I your servant be.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. **Refrain**

Charge and Benediction

Postlude



About the music...

The text for our opening hymn is a 20th-century English paraphrase of Psalm 25, which was then adapted to the 16th-century tune for a French version of the same psalm. Because of this, the lines are organized by meter rather than by rhyme. Combining elements from different eras testifies to the continuity of Reformed tradition.

Our closing hymn is an African American gospel hymn that can well be understood as an updated adaptation of Psalm 5:8, with the "enemies" of the psalm treated as the pressures and temptations of daily life. As with the psalms, the "I" here is understood to express a shared communal experience.



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

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 Kichfski, 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

Wednesday, November 4	7:00pm	Virtual Bible Study
Sunday, November 8	10:30am	Worship – Virtual Church
Wednesday, November 11	7:00pm	Virtual Bible Study
Saturday, November 14	1:00pm	Socially Distanced Fellowship Event
Sunday, November 15	10:30am	Worship – Virtual Church
Wednesday, November 18	7:00pm	Virtual Bible Study
Sunday, November 22	10:30am	Worship – Virtual Church

“Everyone Together” our 2021 Stewardship Campaign

Stewardship letters and 2021 pledge cards for this year’s stewardship campaign, “Everyone Together”, have been mailed out to the congregation.



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.



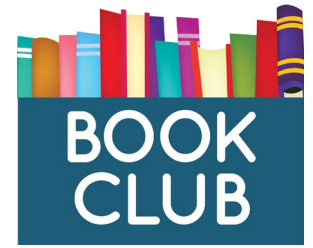
Pastor Patrick’s birthday is November 13. Stop by to wish him a Happy Birthday and enjoy a piece of birthday cake. We will get together in front of the church on Saturday, November 14 from 1:00 – 2:00. Our rain date will be November 21.

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>

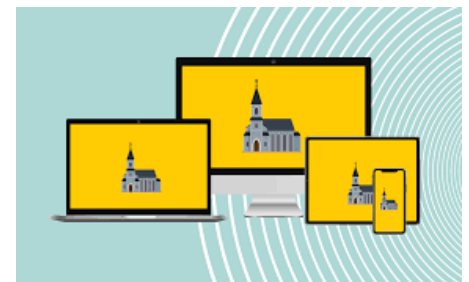
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- **Geneva Worship Videos**

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;
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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