

JANUARY 10, 2021



GENEVA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Geneva Presbyterian Church

January 10, 2021

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: In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The Spirit of God swept over the face of the waters;

People: Then God said: Let there be light, and God saw that it was good.

Leader: At the beginning of his ministry, Jesus was baptized by John. The heavens opened, and the Spirit descended like a dove;

People: Then God said: This is my beloved son, in whom I am well pleased.

Leader: We gather to worship the Great I AM, God who is the Alpha and Omega.

People: Let us worship with prayer and praise!

Opening Hymn

“Baptized in Water”

#679

Baptized in water,
sealed by the Spirit,
cleansed by the blood of Christ, our King;
heirs of salvation,
trusting his promise,
faithfully now God's praises we sing.

Baptized in water,
sealed by the Spirit,
dead in the tomb with Christ, our King;
one with his rising,
freed and forgiven,
thankfully now God's praises we sing.

Baptized in water,
sealed by the Spirit,
marked with the sign of Christ, our King;
born of one Father,
we are his children,
joyfully now God's praises we sing.

Call to Confession

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

God of majesty, you look from heaven and see us as we are -- not worthy to kneel at your feet, not ready to welcome your way.

Forgive us, gracious God. In Christ, stoop down to save us. Loosen the ties that bind us to sin and set us free to love and serve you. Lord, we open our hearts to you now in silent personal prayer...

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)*

We are listening, O God. Tear open the heavens this morning and speak to us by the power of your Holy Spirit. Pour out your love upon us in the reading and hearing of this scripture and ready our hearts to follow you ever more faithfully. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 1:1-5

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

Mark 1:4-11

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Torn Apart To See More Clearly”

Rev. Patrick McElwaine

Affirmation of Faith *(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

“Rise Up Shepherd and Follow!”

arr. Mark Hayes

Prayer of Dedication

The Sending

Closing Hymn

“On Jordan's Banks”

96

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -
2 Then cleansed be ev - ery life from sin; make
3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our
4 Stretch forth your hand; our health re - store, and

nounc - es that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark-en,
straight the way for God with-in, and let us all our
ref - uge and our great re-ward; with - out your grace we
make us rise to fall no more. O let your face up -

for he brings glad ti - dings of the King of kings!
hearts pre-pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.
waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.
on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.

Glory to God 96

TEXT: Charles Coffin, 1736; trans. John Chandler, 1837, alt.

MUSIC (WINCHESTER NEW, LM): *Musikalisches Handbuch*, 1690; harm. William Henry Monk, 1847, alt.

Charge and Benediction

Postlude



About the Music...

Michael Saward wrote the lyrics for "Baptized in Water" in London on May 29, 1981, a few days after the twenty-fifth anniversary of his ordination to the ministry. The text was first published in *Hymns for Today's Church* (1982), a hymnal on which Saward worked as text editor. The hymn tune is called *Bunessan*. It is a Gaelic tune that was first published (melody only) in Lachlan Macbean's *Songs and Hymns of the Gael* (1888) as a setting for Mary Macdonald's carol "Child in the Manger." The tune is named after Macdonald's birthplace on the Isle of Mull, Scotland. *Bunessan* is also well known as the setting for Eleanor Farjeon's "Morning Has Broken" (1931), published in many hymnals and widely popularized by Cat Stevens, who recorded an arrangement of the tune in 1971.

Charles Coffin wrote the text for our closing hymn in Latin for the *Paris Breviary*, published in 1736. In 1837 it was translated into English by John Chandler for his *Hymns of the Primitive Church* (Chandler mistakenly thought it was a medieval text). The text has since undergone many revisions, and today it is hard to find two hymnals in which the text is the same. Almost all hymnals include the same five verses (most modern hymnals leave out the original second stanza), but the wording changes quite significantly between texts.

Almost as broad as the spectrum of words used in the text is the spectrum of tunes that accompany this hymn. Originally, the text was paired with an anonymous tune that has undergone many alterations and adaptations into what is today called *WINCHESTER NEW*. This is the most common tune, and is the tune setting that we sing this morning.



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

Maria Lenahan;
Norm Rawson;
Bev Davis;
Henry Haller;
Rodger Lusby;
Susan Burbage, friend of Rhonda and Bob Ricci
Doris Williamson;
Brian, friend of Kyla Lupo;
Josephine Kom, Mother of Flore Kom-Liapoe;

Healing and Comfort for

Janelle Thibau, recovering from COVID-19;
Briana Cochran, cousin of Thibau Family, health concerns;
Rosalie Ruff, health concerns;
Carole Haller, health concerns;
Kristin, a friend in need of prayer
Ellie Croft, friend of Gretchen Winch, health concerns;
Rosie Perthel, health concerns;
Jim Stiles, recovering from COVID-19;
Scott Brown, health concerns;
Daniel Ricci, prayers for job search;
George Ehler, relative of friend of Ken Sprinkle, health concerns;
Letitia Denaburg, knee surgery;
Betty Halls, health concerns;
Alicia, friend of Rhonda Ricci receiving cancer treatment;
Nancy Morse, health concerns;
Lorraine Leicht, Renee Moloznik's mother, health issues;
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;
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;
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: Sheena Galliani (1/5); Bob Ricci (1/6); Jacquelyn Kough (1/6); Rosalie Ruff (1/8); Allyson McElwaine (1/14); Sara Torrence (1/17); Amanda White (1/18); Terry Shima (1/20) ; Malachi McElwaine (1/23); Carole Haller (1/25); Eric Winchenbach (1/26); Ruth Nunn (1/28)

This Week at Geneva

Sunday, January 10	10:30am	Worship – Virtual Church
Wednesday, January 13	7:00pm	Virtual Bible Study
Sunday, January 17	10:30am	Worship – Virtual Church
Wednesday, January 20	7:00pm	Virtual Bible Study

- **Support the Geneva Deacon Fund**

Under the onslaught of the COVID pandemic, the Deacons are challenged to sustain and expand our goals and missions. Deacons are the "servants" or "caregivers" of the congregation. People have all kinds of needs - they are recovering from surgery, grieving, lonely, ill, or otherwise in a time where they welcome the ministry of care from our congregation. In a very real way, Deacons are the hands and heart of the Church in our ministry of caring.



The Deacon Funds are used to support individual or families in financial crisis in terms of monetary donations, purchasing food, helping pay medical or household bills. The funds are also used for the items in the goody bags that have been delivered to our members, blessing bags for our homeless neighbors, gift cards to students during final exams, hosting memorial services, hosting Lenten dinners, sending cards and gift baskets to members needing support, and also the supplies needed for our seasonal craft activities.

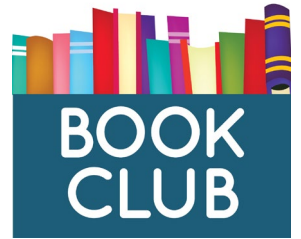
Our Deacon Fund has been used a great deal during this pandemic and is getting extremely low. Since we have not been in the Sanctuary the past year, there have been limited donations to his fund compared to normal. Therefore, I am asking for your generosity to make a tax-deductible donation to the Geneva Deacons Fund, so our Deacons can continue to support our Geneva family. Your gift in any amount will be greatly appreciated to help our church make a brighter future for our members.

Please go to Online Giving with the GivePlus app to donate, or mail your check to Geneva Presbyterian Church, 11931 Seven Locks Rd. Potomac, MD 20854 (designate your check for Deacon Fund). Thank you in advance for your help and support.

Sincerely,
Renee Moloznik

- **Geneva Book Club**

Geneva Book Club will **NOT** meet in the month of January but will restart on February 4th studying "[For All Who Hunger](#)" by Emily M.D. Scott on Fridays @ 7:00pm.



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>

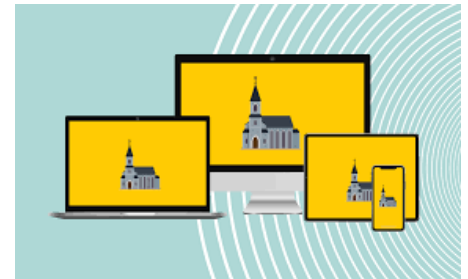
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- **Geneva Worship Videos**

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, Music Director;
Rolf Winch, Lector; Tom Sadler, 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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