

FEBRUARY 28, 2021



GENEVA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Geneva Presbyterian Church

February 28, 2021

Second Week of Lent

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: People of the Covenant: God does not remember us according to our sins and transgressions.

People: God remembers us according to God's own steadfast love!

Leader: The God of our salvation teaches us right paths and leads us in truth.

People: All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness; this Lent and all our days, we put our trust in God.

Opening Hymn

"The God of Abraham Praise"

The God of Abraham praise,
who reigns enthroned above,
the Ancient of Eternal Days,
the God of love!

The Lord, the great I am,
by earth and heaven confessed,
we bow before your holy name,
forever blest.

Your spirit still flows free,
high surging where it will.
In prophet's word you spoke of old
and you speak still.
Established is your law,

and changeless it shall stand,
deep writ upon the human heart
by your strong hand.

Call to Confession

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

Why do we claim to follow Jesus but so often ignore his path of sacrificial love? Why do we profess to be disciples but are so frequently unwilling to bear the cost of discipleship? We confess the ways that we have been insincere in our faith, saying one thing with our words but living in another.

Holy God, we pray for your forgiveness and come to you in sincere repentance. Help us to become more and more like your Son Jesus and hear us now as we speak to you in this silence...

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Response “In the Lord I'll be ever Thankful”

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful;
in the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God; do not be afraid.
Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.
Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.

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, open our hearts to hear and receive your Word today. Fill us with the hope we have in Jesus Christ and enable us to trust in his gift of eternal life. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 17:1-7

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

Mark 8:31-38

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Can Hope Look Like That?”

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 Sending

Closing Hymn

“The Summons”

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown? Will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

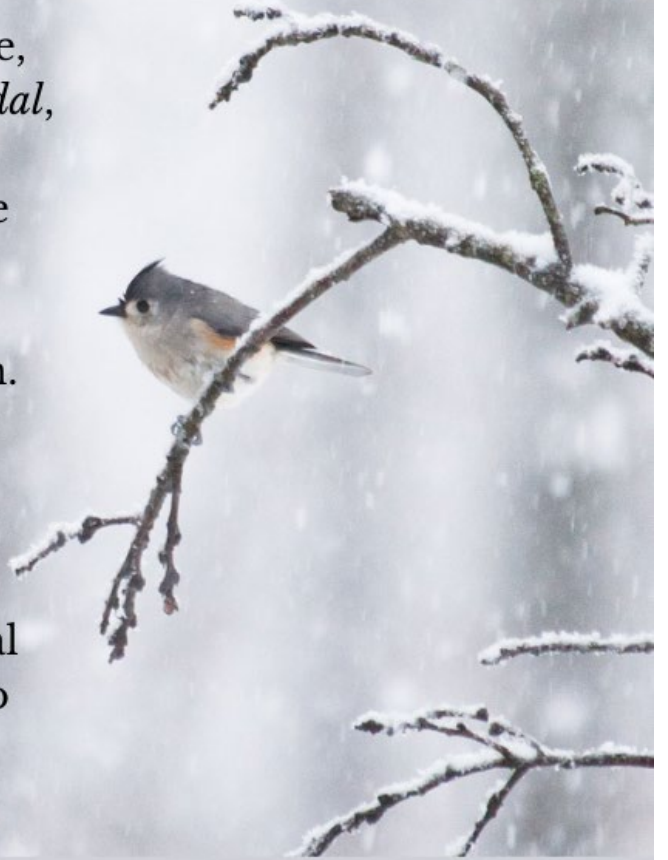
Lord your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In Your company I'll go where Your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

About the Music...

Shaped by its traditional Jewish tune, our opening hymn conveys the *Yigdal*, a canticle based on a medieval Hebrew statement of faith about the nature of God and often used in synagogue worship, alternately chanted by cantor and congregation. The first four stanzas of our closing hymn are understood to be in the voice of Christ, with the fifth reflecting the individual singer's response. Created for this traditional Scottish tune, the text was written to make the conclusion of a youth volunteer's time of ministry.





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

Dick Sanderson;

Crayton Brock, husband of Bobbie Maxwell's cousin, Janice Brock
Jeffrey Remer, brother of Robin Kough;
Maria Lenahan;
Norm Rawson;
Bev Davis;
Henry Haller;
Brian, friend of Kyla Lupo;
Josephine Kom, Mother of Flore Kom-Liapoe;

Healing and Comfort for

Rachelle, Kyla Lupo's dear friend, and all who work and volunteer at the Interfaith Community for Detained Immigrants in Chicago;

Jim Torrence, health concerns;

Ken Adams, father of Juliet Hiemberg, recovering from COVID-19;
Rosie Perthel, health concerns;
Briana Cochran, cousin of Thibau Family, health concerns;
Rosalie Ruff, health concerns;
Kristin, a friend in need of prayer
Ellie Croft, friend of Gretchen Winch, 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;
Isabelle Schuessler, friend of Scott Brown, health concerns;
Joanne Elder, friend of Sara and Jim Torrence, cancer;
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;
Sandy Kichefski, sister of Sheri Sankey, health concerns;
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.



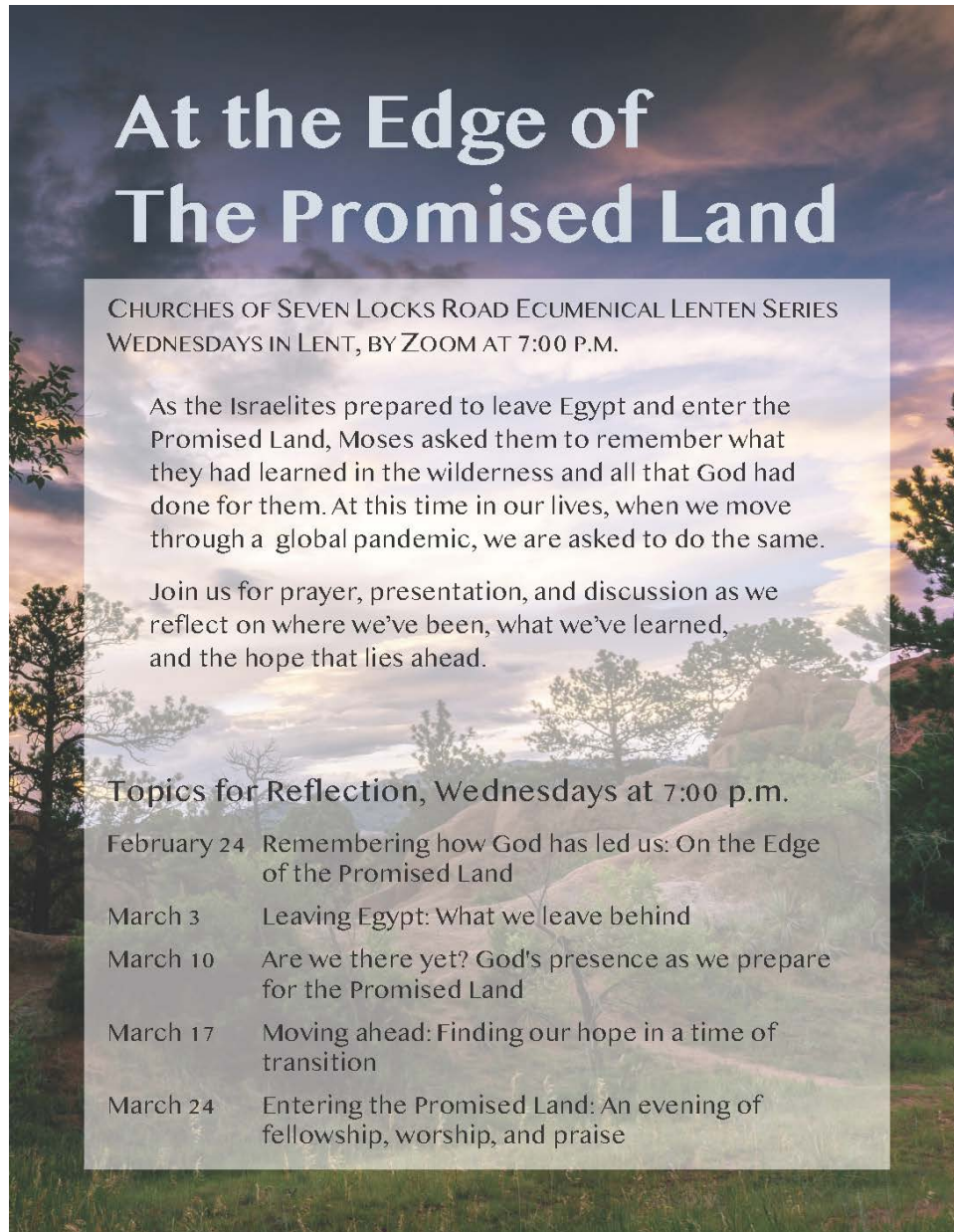
Birthdays: Manuela McCall (2/6); Lia Crecelius (2/6); Janelle Thibau (2/14);
Johnny Thibau (2/17); Curtis Chimba (2/18);
Elaine Winch (2/19); Gabrielle Levy (2/23); Rosie Perthel (2/23); Heinz Nagel (2/23);
Margo Hunt (2/24); Thomas Devine (2/25); Ryan Alexander (2/25)

This Week at Geneva

Friday, February 26	7:00pm	Virtual Book Club
Sunday, February 28	10:30am	Worship – Virtual Church
Sunday, February 28	11:45am	Annual Congregational Meeting
Wednesday, March 3	7:00pm	Ecumenical Lenten Study
Thursday, March 4	7:00pm	Day School Board Meeting
Friday, March 5	7:00pm	Virtual Book Club
Sunday, March 7	10:30am	Worship – Virtual Church

- **Ecumenical Lenten Study: Wednesdays in Lent via Zoom @ 7:00pm**

Geneva's normal Wednesday Bible Study will take a brief break during Lent so that we can join the annual Ecumenical Lenten Study series that is happening on the same night at the same time. We'll join with our neighboring Seven Locks Rd. churches for an exciting and timely study led by a different Seven Locks pastor each night. Please see the included series flyer for full details!



Join Zoom Meeting
<https://zoom.us/j/99023610934>

Meeting ID: 990 2361 0934
Passcode: 615631

- Annual Congregational Meeting:
Sunday, February 28 @11:45am via
Zoom

ANNUAL MEETING

Please join us for the Annual Congregational Meeting following worship this Sunday.

Participants will remain in the usual Virtual Church Zoom Room following worship to participate. The Annual Report was distributed earlier this week via email. If you would like a printed copy mailed to you, please contact Office Administrator Melissa Cutler at (301) 424-4346 or melissa.genevapotomac@gmail.com.

Slate of Officers to Be Elected:

	<u>Class of 2022</u>	<u>Class of 2024</u>
Elder	Daniel Ricci	Sheri Sankey
Elder	Amanda White	Carl Perthel
Deacon	Alyson McElwaine	Rene Moloznik
Deacon	Jessie Ricci	Rosie Perthel
Deacon		Rene Moloznik
Day School		Juliet Heimberg
Day School		Jane Campbell

- **NEW Logo**

In addition to a new church website, Geneva Presbyterian Church has a new logo to match! We worked with WorshipTimes, our website design company, to design a logo that tells the story of The Little Church with the Big Heart.



Central is our eye catching and beloved circular stained glass window above the choir loft in the sanctuary. The stained glass then flows out organically in a dynamic and engaging swirl of color. This "stained glass pathway"

connects our church with the world: it is both a path welcoming the world into our community and a path leading us out in service.

The butterfly is an ancient Christian symbol of resurrection; it also communicates our commitment to earth care and our relationship with Geneva Day School, whose logo also features a monarch butterfly.

Rooted in Christ, creative, connected, forward-looking, and welcoming -- a picture really is worth a thousand words!

- **New Church Website**

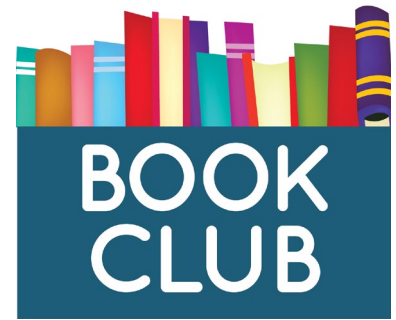
The address is the same (<http://genevapotomac.org/>) but Geneva Presbyterian has a whole new website!

Our new church website is a welcoming "front porch" for visitors, seekers, and the world at large - and you can now give directly through the website without downloading the GivePlus app! This site is our first introduction to communicate who we are, whose we are, and what we're all about as a community of faith. Please explore the site for yourself and share it with others: after all, word of mouth has always been the best way to share the Gospel!

I hope you'll also be sure to thank our dedicated Website Team who has diligently seen this project through from vision to reality these past months: Rolf Winch, Jane Campbell, Sheri Sankey, and Rosie Perthel.

- **Geneva Book Club**

The Geneva Book Club will continue 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 **NEW** Zoom link (we will use the same for each sessions):

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85993671723?pwd=Q3ZMS2IrWU9xMUhyU0xCNWtGVHJlZz09>

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

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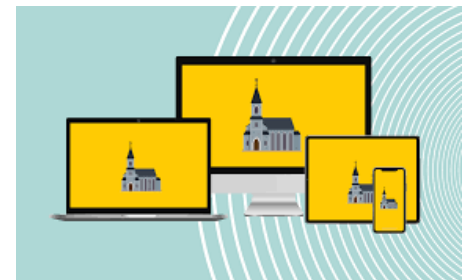
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- **Geneva Worship Videos**

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;
Janelle Thibau, 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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