

MARCH 14, 2021



GENEVA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Rev. Patrick McElwaine, Pastor

Geneva Presbyterian Church

March 14, 2021

Fourth 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

“O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing”

#96

O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread thro' all the earth abroad
the honors of your name.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease,

'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life and health and peace.

Call to Confession

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

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride and worship idols of our own making. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth.

Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness and speak to us your assurances of love in this time of silence...

Assurance of Pardon

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

#448

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)*

Jesus Christ is the Light of the World, our way when we can't see, our hope when we feel lost. O Lord, show us signs of your love and increase our faith as we approach your word to us in scripture today. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Numbers 21:4-9

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

John 3:14-21

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“The Symbol of Our Faith”

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

“O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing”

Mark Miller

Geneva Sanctuary Choir

Prayer of Dedication

The Sending

Closing Hymn

“To God Be The Glory”

#66

To God be the glory, great things he hath done;
so loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the lifegate that all may go in.

Refrain

Praise the lord, praise the Lord,
let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father
through Jesus the Son.
and give him the glory,
great things he hath done.

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to every believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. **Refrain.**

Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher and greater will be our wonder,
our transport, when Jesus we see. **Refrain.**

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

About the Music...

Our opening hymn text comes from an eighteen-stanza hymn the author, Charles Wesley, wrote to mark the first anniversary of his life-changing conversion experience. It is now customarily the first hymn in Methodist hymnals worldwide. You will notice that our choir will be singing music set to the same text, but the tempo is faster and it is much more rhythmic than our traditional setting.

Our closing hymn is an American song that became popular in England in the late 19th century, then returned to this country in the mid-20th century with the Billy Graham crusades. Its continuing popularity may well be due to the freedom from subjective considerations in its praise of God.





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

Carol Comissarow;

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

Yvonne Bean, mother of Debbie Dunne, in hospice with liver cancer;

Beverly Pitts Cain, friend of Sara and Jim Torrence, surgery from brain tumor

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;

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;

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.



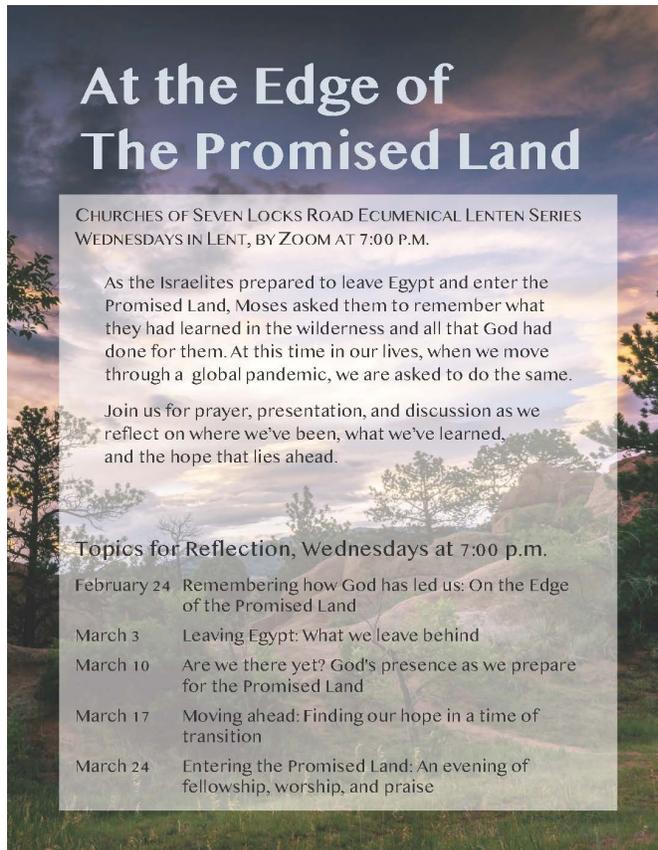
Birthdays: Vince Lupo (3/5); David Denaburg (3/5); Anika Nagel (3/7);
Flore Kom Liapoe (3/9); Carl Perthel (3/9); Adam Winchenbach (3/10);
Daniel Kough (3/11), Nan Sprinkle (3/14); Rollin Franks (3/16), Mimi Ledoux (3/19);
Kristina Dunne (3/20); Danny Miller (3/21); Matthew Dunne (3/21); Zoe McCall (3/21);
George Hunt (3/24); Walter Sprinkle (3/28); Holly Allen (3/29);
Veronique Weinstein (3/30); Toshiko Ota (3/31);

This Week at Geneva

Sunday, March 14	2:00am	Daylight Savings Begins
Sunday, March 14	10:30am	Worship – Virtual Church
Monday, March 15	7:00pm	Executive Committee Meeting
Wednesday, March 17	7:00pm	Ecumenical Lenten Study
Sunday, March 21	10:30am	Worship – Virtual Church
Monday, March 22	7:00pm	Session Meeting

- **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

- **Daylight Saving Time**

Reminder that Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 14, 2021 at 2:00 A.M. On Saturday night, set your clocks forward one hour (i.e., losing one hour) to “spring ahead.”



A BLESSED EASTER

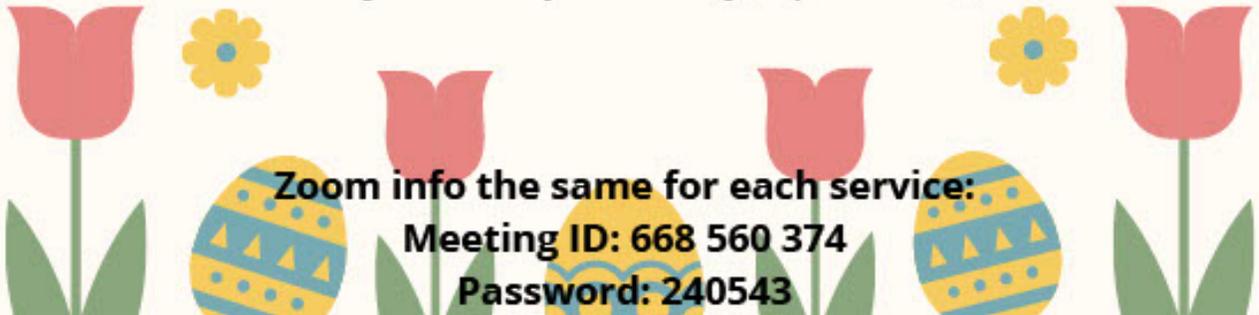
Celebrate the Easter season with
Geneva Presbyterian Church

Palm Sunday Worship - Sunday, March 28th @ 10:30am
Maundy Thursday Worship - Thursday, April 1st @ 7:00pm
Good Friday Worship - Friday, April 2nd @ 12:00pm
Easter Sunday Worship - Sunday, April 4th @ 10:30am

Zoom info the same for each service:

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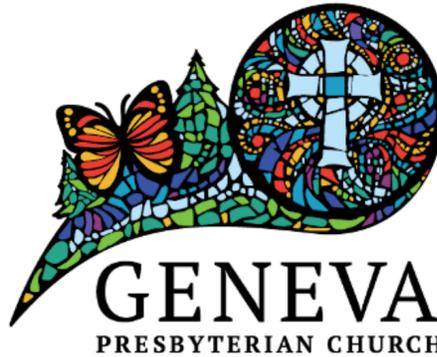
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Best Easter Wishes!



If you would like to purchase an Easter lily to decorate the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, please email Melissa in the church office at Melissa.genevapotomac@gmail.com. If your lily is in honor or memory of someone please be sure to include that information in your email. Each lily is \$15. Make your check payable to Geneva Presbyterian Church, write Easter lily in the memo and mail your check to the church. It needs to be received in the church office by Noon on Wednesday, March 31. Alternatively you can call Melissa at 301-424-4346 and she can take your information over the phone. If you prefer you may pay online through our church donate app. Please go to Special Gifts at <https://genevapotomac.org/give/online-giving/>.



PLEASE SUPPORT GOD'S MINISTRY
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Three Ways to Give:

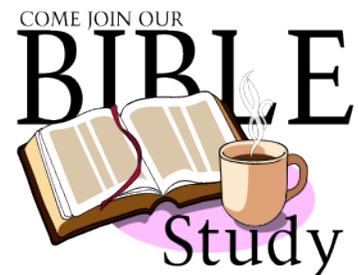
- **Online** - using this link -
<https://genevapotomac.org/give/online-giving/>
- **By App:** download **GIVE PLUS⁺**, create an account, and choose Geneva Presbyterian Church (in Potomac) as your home church
- **By Mail:** checks securely received at :
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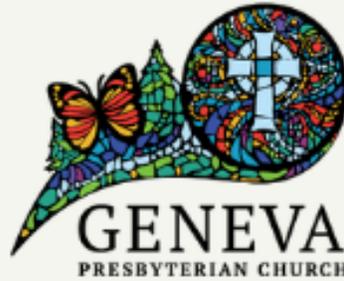
• **VIRTUAL BIBLE STUDY RETURNS APRIL 7TH - WEDNESDAYS @ 7:00PM EST**

Starting with Dr. Carolyn Fink on April 7th, join us **every Wednesday at 7:00pm** as we continue our Virtual Bible study! Everyone is welcome!

If you want to know what we'll be studying, you can check it out here:

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/devotion/daily/>





LENT SERMON SERIES 2021

Signs of Hope:

finding hope in unexpected places

2/21 - Rainbows and Elijah

2/28 - Can Hope Look Like That?

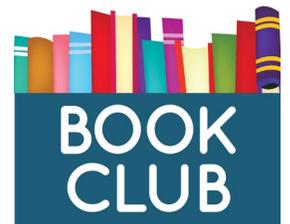
3/7 - Anger's Place In Faith

3/14 - The Symbol of Our Faith

3/21 - No One Hears The Same Symphony

- **Geneva Book Club**

The Geneva Book Club has completed their most recent study and will take a break through the months of March and April. The group will reconvene in May with a new study in the same Friday @ 7:00pm time slot.



- **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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- **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;
Jane Campbell, 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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