

MARCH 21, 2021



GENEVA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Geneva Presbyterian Church

March 21, 2021

Fifth 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

"A Sower Came from Ancient Hills"

171 A Sower Came from Ancient Hills

1 A Sow - er came from an - cient hills and cast good
 2 A Sow - er walked through - out the land and, ev - ery -
 3 The Seed was bur - ied deep in death be - neath a
 4 O Christ, you come a - mong us still, the Sow - er

seed a - broad: his field, ten thou - sand hu - man hearts; his
 where he trod, he sowed his life be - cause he was him -
 blood - red sky, and deep - er still was bur - ied hope for
 and the Seed. As once you sowed the truth of God in

seed, the word of God. And some who lis - tened would not
 self the Seed of God. But then, a - top a bar - ren
 those who watched him die. But then, in Jo - seph's gar - den
 glow - ing word and deed, im - plant your Word in wait - ing

hear, and some who heard for - got. But some re - ceived in
 hill, be - neath a dark - ening sky, they threw God's Seed on
 fair, as dawn broke o'er the land, the Seed, from three days'
 hearts, and let it there take hold, un - til it bears in

fer - tile soil the truth the Sow - er taught.
 ston - y ground and left it there to die.
 si - lent sleep, a - woke at God's com - mand!
 fruit - ful lives a har - vest hun - dred - fold.

Call to Confession

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

Almighty God, our redeemer, in our weakness we have failed to be your messengers of forgiveness and hope. You show us your signs, but we misunderstand. You speak your will and your way, but our minds are clouded by sin.

Holy One, free us from all that is holding us back from fully living for you. Break the chains that bind our spirits and give us hearts to follow only you amid all the changing voices of this generation. Lord, we lift our personal prayers to you now in silence...

Assurance of Pardon

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

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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)*

Speak to us, living God, as you have spoken to our ancestors: through the voices of your prophets, the breath of your Spirit, and the life of your Son, so that we may live according to your word; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

John 12:20-26

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

Second Scripture Reading

John 12:27-33

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“No One Hears The Same Symphony” *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

“Seed, Scattered and Sown”

LORD'S SUPPER

Seed, Scattered and Sown 531

Refrain *All*

Seed, scat-tered and sown; wheat, gath-ered and grown;
bread, bro-ken and shared as one, the liv-ing bread of God.
Vine, fruit of the land; wine, work of our hands; one cup that is
shared by all, the liv-ing cup, the liv-ing bread of God.

Leader or All

1 Is not the bread we break a shar-ing in our Lord?
2 The seed which falls on rock will with-er and will die.
3 As wheat up-on the hills was gath-ered and was grown,

Is not the cup we bless the blood of Christ out-poured?
The seed with-in good ground will flow-er and have life.
so may the church of God be gath-ered in-to one.

to Refrain

The musical score is written in 4/4 time and includes guitar chords: C, G, Am, F, G, C, C7, F, G, Am, Dm7, G, G7, C, G, Am, F, G, C, C7, F, G, C, Am, Dm7, C, Dm7, G, C, Fine, Am, G, F, C, Dm, G, C, E, Am, F, G, G7.

Charge and Benediction

Postlude



About the music...

All three Synoptic Gospels record both the telling and the explanation of Jesus' parable of the Sower. Because the seed equals "the word," Jesus (as the Word made flesh) becomes the Seed in this expansion of the parable.

Our closing hymn draws on very old Christian materials, the earliest being Jesus' parables about sowers and seed (Matthew 13/Mark 4/ Luke 8). Stanza one paraphrases 1 Corinthians 10:16, and stanza three uses imagery from the *Didache*, a major Christian document from the early 2nd century.



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

Yvonne Bean, mother of Debbie Dunne;

Alicia, friend of Rhonda Ricci;

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

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;

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);

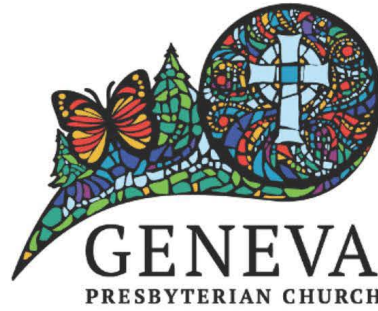
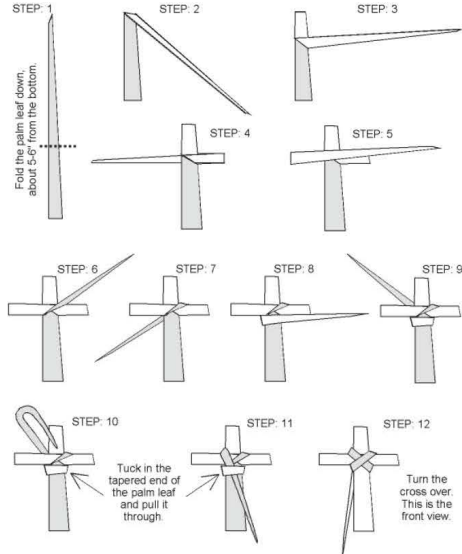
This Week at Geneva

Sunday, March 21	10:30am	Worship – Virtual Church
Monday, March 22	7:00pm	Session Meeting
Wednesday, March 24	7:00pm	Ecumenical Lenten Study
Saturday, March 27	10:00am	Drive Thru Palms
Sunday, March 28	10:30am	Worship – Palm Sunday Virtual Church
Thursday, April 1	7:00pm	Worship – Maundy Thursday Virtual Church
Friday, April 2	12:00pm	Worship – Good Friday Virtual Church
Sunday, April 4	10:30am	Worship – Easter Sunday Virtual Church



Palm Leaf Cross Directions

Supplies: One palm leaf strip about 24-26" in length, 1/2" in width, tapering to the end.



Drive Thru Palms

SATURDAY, MARCH 27TH
10:00AM - 11:00AM

Stop by to pick up your Palms and instructions



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:

Meeting ID: 668 560 374

Password: 240543

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/>.

- **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!

At the Edge of The Promised Land

CHURCHES OF SEVEN LOCKS ROAD ECUMENICAL LENTEN SERIES
WEDNESDAYS IN LENT, BY ZOOM AT 7:00 P.M.

As the Israelites prepared to leave Egypt and enter the Promised Land, Moses asked them to remember what they had learned in the wilderness and all that God had done for them. At this time in our lives, when we move through a global pandemic, we are asked to do the same.

Join us for prayer, presentation, and discussion as we reflect on where we've been, what we've learned, and the hope that lies ahead.

Topics for Reflection, Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

- February 24 Remembering how God has led us: On the Edge of the Promised Land
- March 3 Leaving Egypt: What we leave behind
- March 10 Are we there yet? God's presence as we prepare for the Promised Land
- March 17 Moving ahead: Finding our hope in a time of transition
- March 24 Entering the Promised Land: An evening of fellowship, worship, and praise

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/99023610934>

Meeting ID: 990 2361 0934

Passcode: 615631



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- **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

One tap mobile

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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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