

MARCH 28, 2021



PALM SUNDAY

GENEVA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Rev. Patrick McElwaine, Pastor

Geneva Presbyterian Church

March 28, 2021

Palm Sunday

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

“Entrance into Jerusalem”

Wes Cameron

Geneva Quartet

Call to Worship

From Psalm 118:26 and Zachariah 9:9

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: **Hosanna in the highest!**

Leader: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

People: **Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!**

Leader: See, your king comes to you;

People: **triumphant and victorious is he,**

Leader: humble and riding on a donkey,

People: **on a colt, the foal of a donkey.**

Opening Prayer

Remembering Christ’s Humility

Philippians 2:5 –11

Opening Hymn

“*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*”

#267

Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;
through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang:
to Jesus, Who had blessed them, close folded to His breast,

the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed 'mid an exultant crowd,
the victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud;
the Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state,
nor scorned that little children should on His bidding wait.

“Hosanna in the highest!” That ancient song we sing,
for Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven our King.
O may we ever praise Him with heart and life and voice,
and in His blissful presence eternally rejoice! 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.

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.

Prayer of the Day (in unison out loud)

Everlasting God, in your tender love for all people you sent your Son to take on flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

The Word

First Reading

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Blessed is the one who comes
in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna, hosanna!

Second Reading

Mark 11:1-11

Blessed is the one who comes
in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna, hosanna!

Sermon

“Theatre of the Absurd”

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

“Blessed One, Messiah!”

Mary McDonald

Prayer of Dedication

The Sending

Closing Hymn

“Rejoice The Lord is King!”

#342

Rejoice, the Lord is King:
Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing,
And triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart,
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Our Savior, Jesus reigns,
The God of truth and love;
When He has purged our stains,
He took his seat above;
Lift up your heart,
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail,
He rules both earth and heav'n;
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus giv'n:
Lift up your heart,
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope!
For Christ the judge shall come
to gather all his saints
To their eternal home:
Lift up your heart,
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Charge and Benediction

Postlude



About the Music...

There was a video that went viral a few years ago of a four-year-old girl looking in the mirror and exclaiming how much she loved everything in her life. I suspect it went viral because of its infectious positivity and the reminder that we could all use some child-like enthusiasm and gratitude. If we still need this message today, it means we have forgotten in part the beautiful story of Jesus welcoming the children unto him. Those children were able, more than the adults, to receive the Kingdom of Heaven like a gift, with unquestioning joy and gratitude.

Jeannette Threlfall reminds us of that joy in her hymn, "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna." She imagines those children running throughout the city, bursting with excitement and love for Jesus; a simple, undignified, giddy kind of love. As we raise our own "Hosannas," we are called and invited to do so with the same exuberance and joy as these children who praised the One who first loved them.

Our closing hymn was written by Charles Wesley, and it was first published in 1744 in his brother John's Collection of Moral and Sacred Poems. Charles later published it in his own anonymous Hymns for our Lord's Resurrection in 1746. The theme of the text is celebration of Christ as King and Lord of all the earth.



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

Saturday, March 27	10-11:00am	Drive Thru Palms
Sunday, March 28	10:30am	Palm Sunday Worship – Virtual Church
Thursday, April 1	7:00pm	Maundy Thursday Worship – Virtual Church
Friday, April 2	12:00pm	Good Friday – Virtual Church
Sunday, April 4	10:30am	Easter Sunday Worship – Virtual Church
Wednesday, April 7	7:00pm	Virtual Bible Study



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/>.

A BLESSED EASTER

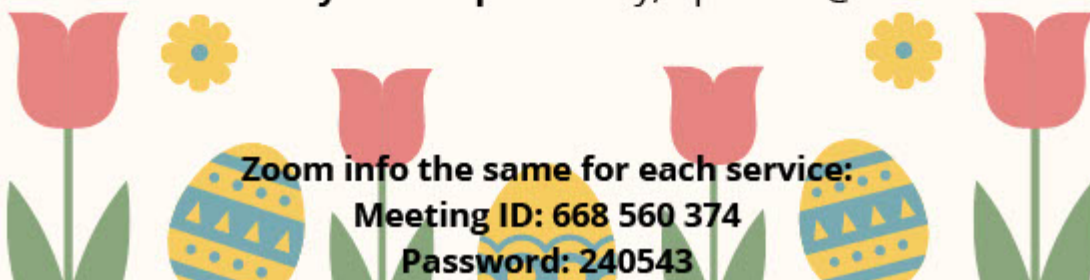
Celebrate the Easter season with
Geneva Presbyterian Church

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

- **Lent Flowerpots Are Blooming!**

The herb seeds planted in my Lent flowerpot are beginning to bloom and here is a picture of Teresa with her first lavender bloom. Let's share pictures of our blooming plants and see the beauty of nature!



Please take a picture of your flowerpot and send it to:

kylalupo@gmail.com or text it to Kyla at 571-340-5683. Be sure to include your name and the name of the seeds you planted. Kyla will organize our photos for all to see.

Happy Spring!!

Renee Moloznik

- **Ministry Team Opportunities**

The Disability Ministry Team at GPC is excited to announce two initiatives approved by the GPC Session:

1. Purchase of Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) devices (like the iPad Malachi McElwaine uses) for students with communication needs at Ivymount School (ivymount.org). We will be dedicating offerings and donations received for Easter toward purchasing these devices. You are invited to make your own donation, too!

2. Hosting a Playground Play Date at GPC for neurodiverse children and their caregivers on April 10 from 10–noon. This will be advertised through Xminds (xminds.org) and Ivymount and will follow Covid protocols. Volunteers are needed to help with health checks and playground monitoring. **If you would like to help, please email Allyson McElwaine at asmcelwaine@gmail.com.**

- **VIRTUAL BIBLE STUDY RETURNS APRIL 7TH - WEDNESDAYS @ 7:00PM EST**

Starting after Easter, join us every Wednesday with Dr. Carolyn Fink on April 7th, 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/>

<https://zoom.us/j/273879363?pwd=aWh2NkxRSDIEeGlZenRpZXhkWWVdZ09>

Meeting ID: 273 879 363

Password: 978348



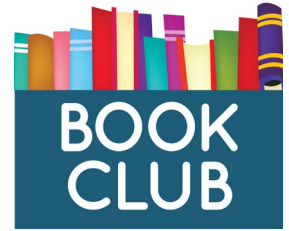
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WITH YOUR SMARTPHONE, TABLET,
COMPUTER OR MAIL!**

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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- **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;
Mark Allen, Lector; Tom Sadler, Zoom Host.

Church Elders

Jane Campbell, Carl Perthel, Daniel Ricci,
Tom Sadler, Sheri Sankey, Amanda White,
Elaine Winch

Church Deacons

Ludivine Kom-Liapoe, Bobbie Maxwell,
Allyson McElwaine, Renee Moloznik,
Rosie Perthel, Jessie Ricci, 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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