

APRIL 18, 2021



GENEVA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Rev. Patrick McElwaine, Pastor

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: The Bread of Life opens our eyes.

People: The Word of Life opens our ears.

Leader: The Risen One shows us his broken body,

People: And his new, risen life, in which we are included through faith.

Leader: Christ is risen,

People: He is risen, indeed - hallelujah!

Opening Hymn

“Christ is Risen! Shout Hosana!”

#293

Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna!
Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder:
all creation is amazed.
In the desert all-surrounding,
see, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding
bring a taste of love unknown.

Christ is risen! Raise your spirits
from the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning.
See what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection,
not a servant, but a friend.
Jesus is our strong companion.
Joy and peace shall never end.

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven
nevermore shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation
where the world is still in pain.
Tell its grim, demonic chorus:
"Christ is risen! Get you gone!"
God the First and Last is with us.
Sing Hosanna, everyone!

Call to Confession

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

Good and gracious God, we are creatures of dust and breath. We are presented with your revelation, but we too often misunderstand your life, death, and resurrection among us. We need forgiveness for the ways we live.

We repent of our failure to give as you have given us. We seek your mercy for this good but tainted world. O Lord, look upon us with your favor today. Help us to live the new life you have provided for us in Christ and hear us as we confess our sin to you in silence...

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)*

Living God, with joy we celebrate the presence of your risen Word. Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit so that we may receive your good news of eternal and abundant life as we approach scripture today. Amen.

Psalm Reading

Psalm 4

This is the Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

Luke 24:36b-48

This is the Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Jesus, In The Flesh"

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

“Sent Forth By God's Blessing”

#712

Sent forth by God's blessing,
our true faith confessing,
the people of God
from this dwelling take leave.

The service is ended,
O now be extended
the fruits of our worship
in all who believe.

The seed of the teaching,
receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action
for God and for all.

God's grace did invite us,
and love shall unite us
to work for God's kingdom
and answer the call.

With praise and thanksgiving
to God ever living,
the tasks of our everyday
life we will face.

Our faith ever sharing,
in love ever caring,
embracing God's children
of each tribe and race.

With your grace you feed us,
with your light now lead us;
unite us as one
in this life that we share.

Then may all the living
with praise and thanksgiving
give honor to Christ
and that name which we bear.

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

About the Music...

This week's music selections tie in nicely with our new testament reading from Luke 24. The opening hymn is set to the famous tune of Beethoven's final chorus from his 9th Symphony, fondly called "Ode to Joy." Possibly one of the most recognizable tunes in the whole world for its majestic and bombastic sound, it is said that when it premiered Beethoven, who had already lost most of his hearing, felt the vibrations made by the percussion, orchestra, and choir.

Our final hymn, whose tune name is Ash Grove, is a Welsh folk song that has been set to many lyrics. It was first published in 1802 and has since been used for Protestant hymns, Catholic masses, set by classical composers in operetta and art song, used in many films, and even used for a text in the 1950s called "The Irish Free State." Songs, such as this one, are what I would call an "Ohrwurm", or in English an "ear worm" which is a German phrase for a catchy tune or song that just won't get out of your head!



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

Russ Maske, uncle of Ken Sprinkle

Yvonne Bean, mother of Debbie Dunne;

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;

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;

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: Laura Wheatley (4/2); Matthew Denaburg (4/3); John Wright (4/11); Dean Allen (4/12); Curtis Allen (4/13); Jake Moloznik (4/14); Steven Dunne (4/20); Corinne Alexander (4/21); Scott Brown (4/24); Luis Galliani (4/25); Rhonda Ricci (4/26); Lauren Heimberg (4/28); Kyla Lupo (4/30); Jimmy Miller (4/30)

This Week at Geneva

Wednesday, April 14	7:00pm	Virtual Bible Study
Sunday, April 18	10:30am	Worship – Virtual Church
Monday, April 19	7:00pm	Session Meeting
Wednesday, April 21	7:00pm	Virtual Bible Study

- **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

- **VIRTUAL BIBLE STUDY – WEDNESDAYS @ 7:00PM EST**

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/>



- **Our First Neurodiverse Play Date**

Geneva held our first play date for autistic and neurodiverse children and their caregivers on our playground on Saturday, 4/10 and it went great! Children and families had a great time gathering and we're looking forward to doing it again soon. Many thanks to our helpers on the Disability Ministry Team for organizing such a fun and engaging experience.



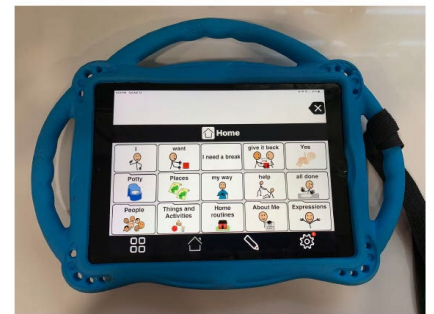
- Geneva Presbyterian Reopening Team

The Session of Geneva Presbyterian Church has established a "Reopening Team" to prepare for the coming time when we will reopen the church building for in person worship, and eventually other uses. This team will draft and recommend for Session's consideration new protocols and safety procedures that will enable those who choose to gather in person to do so appropriately. This team will review opening plans from other churches while considering what works for our church family.

Regardless of what our reopening plan will look like, we will continue our virtual/online offerings of worship, Bible Study, and fellowship -- that's here to stay! We do not have a firm date set for resuming in person worship, but we are working toward it and will be in communication as Geneva's plans take shape.

- Disability Ministry Team Giving Opportunity

Geneva Presbyterian is coming alongside our non-speaking autistic neighbors in Montgomery County to purchase Augmentative and Adaptive Communication (AAC) devices for students at the Ivymount School on Seven Locks Rd. We are dedicating our non-pledged offerings received on Easter to help purchase these devices.



Malachi McElwaine's AAC Device

Together we have already raised over \$4,200 toward this need in our community! At \$600/device (cost of iPad and special software), that's seven AAC's so far – seven students and families we can help in the name of Jesus!

If you have not already contributed to this effort and would like to, please send a check to the church earmarked "AAC" or give online at:

<https://genevapotomac.org/give/online-giving/>.



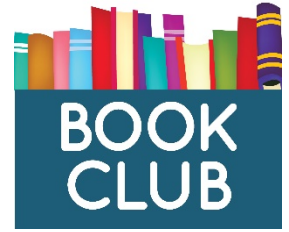
PLEASE SUPPORT GOD'S MINISTRY
THROUGH GENEVA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
WITH YOUR SMARTPHONE, TABLET,
COMPUTER OR MAIL!

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 month of 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;
Janelle Thibau, 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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