

MAY 2, 2021



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Rev. Patrick McElwaine, Pastor

Get Prepared For Virtual Communion

This Sunday In Worship!

This Sunday we will be sharing the sacrament of The Lord's Supper digitally during Virtual Church. Here's how it will work and here is how you can prepare:

– **Gather your own communion elements from around your home ahead of worship Sunday morning.** Jesus chose common foods of his day for the first communion: bread and "fruit of the vine". What common starch do you have available? In countries around the world, the commonly available starch is tortillas and rice, so those are used. What beverage feels right for you to use? Not everyone has juice in the home, so we might need to be creative.

– Please: in preparing for communion and choosing your elements, do so thoughtfully and with reverence for the sacrament we will share.

– Since we are gathered for worship as a community in the way that is possible for us right now, our liturgy in the sanctuary will serve as a blessing for all of our elements.

It's a joy to share to share the Lord's Supper together – let us gather at Jesus' table!

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Patrick

Geneva Presbyterian Church

May 2, 2021

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

One Voice: How can we know the way of God?

Many Voices: Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life.

One: Beloved, let us love one another.

Many: We love because God first loved us.

One: This is our new commandment in Christ:

Many: As Jesus loves us, let us love one another.

Opening Hymn

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

#461

Breathe on me, breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love whate'er you love,
and do what you would do.

Breathe on me, breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until with you I will one will,
to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, breath of God,
so that your will is mine,
until this earthly part of me
glows with your fire divine.

Breathe on me, breath of God,
so shall I never die,
but live with you the perfect life
of your eternity.

Call to Confession

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

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. You have shown us love, yet we turn: in denial, in mistrust, with indifference.

Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change lives and make all things new. Guide us in your right paths so that we can be people of love in word and deed. We come to you now in a time of silent personal confession...

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)*

Holy Spirit, speak to us and guide us as we receive your Living Word today, so that we may share God's love with the world and hold nothing back. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 100

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

New Testament Reading

1 John 4:7-21

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

Sermon

"Setting A Full Table"

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 Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the people

Communion Prayer

The Sending

Closing Hymn

"Be Thou My Vision"

#502

Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art--
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my Wisdom, and thou my true Word,
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;

thou and thou only, first in my heart,
high King of heaven, my Treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

Charge and Benediction

Postlude



In both Hebrew and Greek, the words for "spirit" can equally well be translated as "breath" or "wind," so it is very appropriate to address the Holy Spirit as the "Breath of God." This tune by an English organist has become the customary one in North American hymnals.

Our closing hymn's tune is an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and wide range. The stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before.



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

Nikki Heimberg, recovering from COVID in Dublin

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;

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;

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: Terry Dunne (5/3); Alice Franks (5/5); Debbie Dunne (5/6); Craig Miller (5/11); Cynthia Kaufmann (5/13); Camden Miller (5/14); Andrea Austin (5/22); Katie Harris (5/30); Jeff Alexander (5/30)

This Week at Geneva

Wednesday, April 28	7:00pm	Virtual Bible Study
Saturday, May 1	10:00am	Playdate – Disability Ministry
Sunday, May 2	10:30am	Worship – Virtual Church
Wednesday, May 5	7:00pm	Virtual Bible Study

- **Lent Flowerpots Are Blooming!**

Look what bloomed from our Lent planters!
Thanks to our Deacons for the many ways they are sharing love and connecting our community during this difficult time. Happy Easter and Happy Spring!!
Renee Moloznik



- **Creation Care At Geneva**

The Friends of Cabin John Creek provided and installed a rain planter in the back of the church this week. They received a grant to purchase the supplies and the installations were a Boy Scout project. This planter will help with rainwater management on the church grounds. Many thanks to Rosie Perthel for her dedication and leadership of Geneva's creation care ministries at Geneva! The way we care for our property is a testament to God's glory and a gift we can share with our community.



- **Sara's Graduation:**

I will be graduating with my masters from Wesley Theological Seminary on Monday May 10th at 2pm. The ceremony will be live streamed from the National Cathedral using this link: <https://youtu.be/ODe9lXfKo1M>

I'm inviting you to watch the service live and to see me get my master of divinity degree after 3 hard years of work! Hopefully we can celebrate soon together.



Sara

- **Mother's Day Videos:**

Please take a moment to record a video for our worship service and social media platforms that celebrate Mother's Day this year! We're doing so with our technological talents and gifts to make a special tribute for all to see! Please send to Geneva to: **GenevaMoms@Gmail.com** by **Friday May 7th at 5pm**



Happy
Mother's
Day

Instructions and tips:

1. If you are filming on your phone or tablet, please hold the device horizontally (landscape mode)
2. Leave 5 seconds at the beginning and end of the video for editing purposes
3. Make sure the microphone is on and working
4. Make sure to speak clearly and loudly
5. Please review the video to make sure it sounds good before you send it
6. Make sure you include your thank you to the moms in your special way, whether you've made a sign, you have your mom's picture, or your mom in person to share the message. We encourage your creativity!
7. Please send to Geneva to: **GenevaMoms@Gmail.com** by **Friday May 7th at 5pm** so that the submissions can be edited and broadcast as apart of our worship service on Mother's Day Sunday, May 9th.
8. If you have trouble, please reach out. We can always record someone over Zoom!
9. Make sure the entire face is in the shot, try not to cut off foreheads, or be too close to the camera.
10. Be aware of backgrounds [the view and the noises] and try not to film yourself squinting into the sun or on a noisy street.

- **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 Second Neurodiverse Play Date**

Geneva held our second play date for autistic and neurodiverse children and their caregivers on our playground on Saturday, 5/1 and it went great! Children and families had a wonderful time and appreciated Geneva organizing such a fun and engaging experience. So it's easy to remember, the Disability Ministry Team will continue hosting these play dates the first Saturday of each month from 10:00–12:00 (weather permitting). Spread the word if you know families of autistic or neurodiverse children who would appreciate participating!



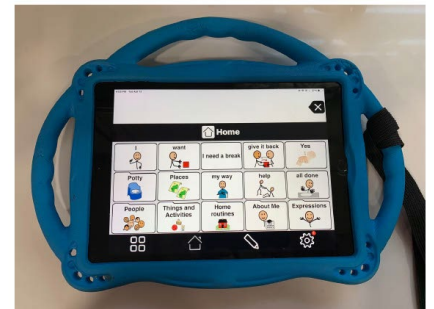
- **Geneva Presbyterian Reopening Team**

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 \$5,400** toward this need in our community! At \$600/device (cost of iPad and special software), that's **nine 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/>.

- **Geneva Book Club**

Many thanks to Sara Sadler for leading our Geneva Book Club in recent months! She led our group in important study and reflection and we are grateful for her leadership. As she completes her work at seminary and transitions into a vocational ministry role elsewhere, we will continue surrounding her with Geneva love and prayers. For now, we will put the Geneva Book Club on hold with an eye toward possibly restarting in the future.



**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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- **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, 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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