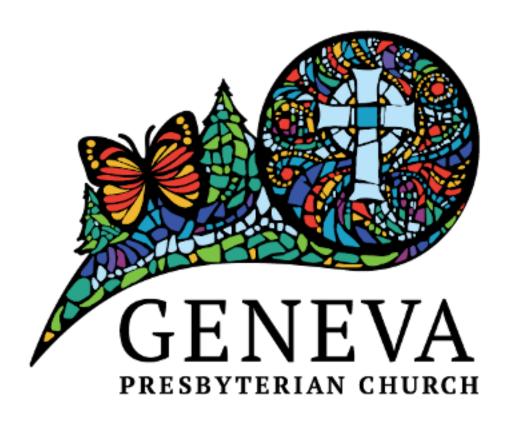
JUNE 20, 2021



GENEVA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Rev. Patrick McElwaine, Pastor

Geneva Presbyterian Church

June 20, 2021 10:30am

The Gathering

Welcome to worship with Geneva Presbyterian Church! Whether you're joining us online or in person, we're glad you're here and grateful to be gathered as a community united in Christ. At this time worshippers in the sanctuary will not sing out loud, but if you're online we encourage you to make a joyful noise and sing with all your heart! Everyone is invited to speak liturgies and prayers out loud where indicated in the bulletin.

We greet with open arms and open hearts guests and new church members across the full diversity of life, including differences in sex, gender identity, age, race, ethnicity, national origin, range of abilities, marital status, family structure, financial means, and education.

No matter who you are, you are welcome here and we hope you will feel home at Geneva.

Prelude

Welcome to the Worship of God

Silence and Introit

Call to Worship:

One Voice: The wind and the waves are no match for our God.

Many Voices: Christ speaks peace to the chaos and calm to the storm.

One: In the midst of the storms of our lives,

Many: let us calm our minds and worship God with gladness!

GOD OF CREATION

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This Is My Father's World



WORDS: Maltbie D. Babcock (1858-1901), alt.; vs. 2 rev. Mary Babcock Crawford (1909-) MUSIC: English melody; adapt. Franklin L. Sheppard (1852-1930) TERRA BEATA S.M.D.

Call to Confession

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

O Christ, whose voice brought peace to the waves, we pray for a full measure of your peace in our lives. When all around has given way to chaos, ground us in your presence. When the struggle for justice feels endless and we grow tired, refresh us by your mercy.

Help us to see and trust that you are in the boat with us, even when we fear it is sinking. Forgive us when we doubt the power of your grace, O Lord, and hear us as we offer our personal prayers 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)

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Reading Job 38:1-11

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading Mark 4:35-41

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

Sermon "The Work That Never Ends" 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.

(*meaning all of God's churches)

The Thanksgiving

The Offering

Music Offering

Prayer of Dedication

The Sending

Closing Hymn

"Fight the Good Fight"

#846



Charge and Benediction

Postlude



About the Wlusic... In ancient times, people believed that as the planets revolved in the universe, they made music or harmony. This is the belief Maltbie Babcock referred to in the line, "and round me rings the music of the spheres." Though this belief has since been disproven, we know that objects in space do in fact emit sounds. Even more amazing, the ocean is also making noices at its very lowest and darkest depths sounds which scientists are still unable to identify. The whole universe is singing a song of its creation, revealing something to us about He who created it. But, as Albert Bailey writes, "in stanza three, the author realizes that all's not right with the world" broken. Yet, it also still belongs to God. We are thus charged to listen attentively to the voice of God in His world – from the heights of space to the depths of the ocean - and witness how He restores it, supposedly lived on Duke Street in Lancashire, from known about Hatton, but he was most likely a Presbyterian, and the story goes that he was killed in a stagecoach accident.



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

Derrick Brown, family of Scott Brown Brett Williams, Friend of Ben Shaver Carl Alexander, father of Jeff Alexander

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;

Brian, friend of Kyla Lupo;

Healing and Comfort for

Nancy Rawson, hip replacement surgery Robin Kough, cancer treatment

Tomoko Alexander, mother of Jeff Alexander, recovering from a fall and hip surgery

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;

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;

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.



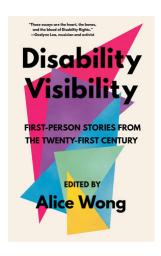
Birthdays: Olivia Denaburg (6/2); Robyn Alexander (6/10); Nancy Morse (6/14); (6/16); Nikki Heimberg (6/22); Linda Devine (6/24); Alexander Galliani (6/25); Jose Marin (6/26); Marie Smith (6/30)

This Week at Geneva

Wednesday, June 16	7:00pm	Virtual Bible Study
Friday, June 18	7:00pm	Book Club
Sunday, June 20	10:30am	Worship – Virtual Church

• Geneva Book Club

Jessie Ricci is facilitating the Geneva Book Club via Zoom every Friday in June @ 7:00pm. This four week-long series on Disability Visibility: First-Person Stories From the Twenty-First Century by Alice Wong. Following the important work of Geneva's Disability Ministry Team, this is an incredible opportunity to learn from the various experiences of people with disabilities. Here is the link to purchase it. We will discuss part three at our next meeting.



VIRTUAL BIBLE STUDY - SUMMER PLANS

Virtual Bible Study will continue meeting Wednesdays @ 7:00pm through the end of June and then take a break for the months of July and August. This is a space for learning, connection, and questions -- and everyone is invited to join in!



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

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

Geneva Is Open For In-Person Worship!

"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." (Hebrews 10:24-25, ESV)

Dear Geneva Presbyterian Church Faith Family,

"...not neglecting to meet..." This scripture takes on new meaning for people who have been living through a global pandemic. Geneva Presbyterian has continued to meet in a number of ways for worship, study, and service that glorify God during the COVID-19 pandemic -- and now the time is right for that to include in-person worship again.

The Geneva Reopening Team has worked closely with our Session to draft our church's COVID-19 Reopening Guidelines, which we are excited to share with you here. Session has authorized inperson worship for our congregation and will consider other building use options in line with government mandates and suggested COVID best practices as time goes on.

All people who attend worship in-person will agree to and abide by these guidelines, which will be revised as needed:

- 1. Masks will be required at all times on church grounds and 6' social distancing will be strictly observed (inside and outside). If a person is unable or unwilling to wear a mask, they may join us online for worship at this time.
- 2. Guests will refrain from physical contact with anyone outside their household.
- 3. All used spaces are routinely cleaned by church cleaning staff before and after services.
- 4. The sanctuary will open for worshippers at 10:15.
- 5. Use only the front/main glass doors -- no other building doors may be used.
- 6. Check in procedure: all people will sanitize their hands, provide their name and information for contact tracing, answer the standard "COVID questions," and have their temperature checked upon arrival. Hand sanitizing stations and masks will be available.
- 7. If any member of a household has a temperature above 100.4 degrees the entire household will be asked to leave and worship with us virtually until safe to return. If you don't feel well, please don't come to church in person.
- 8. Greeters will help with check in and questions. Ushers will guide worshippers to their seats in the sanctuary. Ushers will seat guests by household from front to back in the sanctuary and dismiss them from back to front at the end of service.
- 9. Individually sealed communion cups will be provided upon check in for services when we celebrate the Lord's Supper.
- 10. Paper bulletins will be provided. Pew Bibles and hymnals have been removed for now; scripture readings will be provided via bulletin and/or screen.
- 11. We will not be passing offering plates, but a centrally located basket will be available for those who chose to make donations in person.
- 12. The congregation will not be singing at this time, but safe numbers of choir members will sing on behalf of the whole congregation. Speaking the liturgies is encouraged as always.
- 13. Two single stall, "all gender" bathrooms with closable doors are available on the same floor as the church sanctuary.
- 14. Geneva Day School areas are strictly off limits to maintain safety for students and staff.
- 15. Child care will not be provided at this time. Children are welcome and encouraged to sit with members of their household in the sanctuary.
- 16. Worshippers may not enter the chancel ("stage") area or the space designated for our Tech Team helpers.
- 17. Please do not linger or gather in groups inside. "Saying hi" before or after service should be done outdoors.
- 18. Please obey all posted signs and do your part to keep our community safe!
- 19. These guidelines apply to everyone equally, regardless of vaccination status.

Some will choose to attend worship in person and some will choose to attend worship online -- we celebrate each and every person who worships with Geneva and honor the choice that is right for your household. Geneva Presbyterian Church will continue all virtual offerings that we have

developed during the pandemic: we have learned much during this time and these new practices are part of our shared life now.

Whether in person or from a distance with technology, it is a joy for us to continue meeting for worship. Our "Audience of One" (God) delights in our prayers, music, and proclamation and we can't wait to worship with you soon.

With Assurance and Hope in Christ,

The Geneva Presbyterian Church Session and the Geneva Reopening Team



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Three Ways to Give:

- Online using this link -https://genevapotomac.org/give/online-giving/
- By App: download PLUST, create an account, and choose Geneva Presbyterian Church (in Potomac) as your home church
- **By Mail:** checks securely received at : 11931 Seven Locks Road Potomac, MD 20854

• 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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