

AUGUST 15, 2021



GENEVA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Geneva Presbyterian Church

August 15, 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

Leader: O LORD, you have searched us and known us. You know us as only our Creator can.

People: You know when we rest and when we wake. You know the path ahead and all our ways.

Leader: You formed each of us, our whole selves, just as we are.

People: Your eyes saw my body as it was being made; all my days were written in your book before I even lived one of them.

Leader: We are fearfully and wonderfully made in God's own image.

People: We are God's beloved, gathered today to give thanks and enjoy the gift of life in Christian community.

LAMENT AND LONGING FOR HEALING

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me 775

1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
 2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
 3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

I want Je - sus to walk with me;
 in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
 when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
 when my heart is al - most break - ing,
 when my head is bowed in sor - row,

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

The two equal phrases in each line suggest that this African American spiritual shares some characteristics of work or field songs that were used to coordinate the efforts of slaves involved in tasks (road clearing, ditch digging, etc.) that needed combined rhythmic strokes.

TEXT: African American spiritual
 MUSIC: African American spiritual; arr. Nolan Williams Jr., 2000
 Music Arr. © 2000 GIA Publications, Inc.

WALK WITH ME
 8.8.8.9

Call to Confession

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

O Lord our God, you call us to work for a world where all will be fed and have dignity. But we find ourselves distracted by our own desires and overcome by our fears. You call us to seek justice and peace, but we are satisfied with injustice and discord. You call us to bring liberty to the oppressed, but we do not insist on freedom for all.

Forgive us, O Lord. Turn us to your will by the mysterious working of your Spirit. Guide us in living with courage so that all may know your justice and peace. God of Grace, hear the personal prayers of our hearts now...


Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Response

SERVICE MUSIC


582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)
B^b F B^b F B^b F Gm F



1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
2 World with - out end, † with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)
F B^b E^b B^b Gm7 C7




and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
World with - out end, † with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)
C7 F A Dm



and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
World with - out end, † with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)
Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F



As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

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)*

Lord God, pour out your Spirit upon us to bring good news to the oppressed, and let your word be fulfilled among us. Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, impart your wisdom to us as we approach scripture. Amen.

Old Testament Reading **Exodus 3:13-16, 4:10-17**
This is the Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading **2 Corinthians 12:1-10**
This is the Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God.

Sermon **"The Fearless Benjamin Lay"** *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

“Deliver Me”

Donald Lawrence

Prayer of Dedication

The Sending

Closing Hymn

“We Are Marching in the Light of God”

#853

TRUSTING IN THE PROMISES OF GOD

853 We Are Marching in the Light of God

Siyahamba

We are march-ing in the light of God; we are march-ing in the
Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -

light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God;
nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',

we are march-ing in the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

we are march-ing in the light of, the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen-, kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

we are march-ing in the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

This lively Zulu/Xhosa freedom song originated in a Methodist young men's group in South Africa and has gone on to become popular in many other languages around the globe. Some additional stanzas are suggested, but others may be improvised as appropriate to the occasion.

TEXT: South African; English trans. Gracia Grindal, 1984
MUSIC: South African; arr. *Freedom Is Coming*, 1984
English Trans. and Music Arr. © 1984 Utryck (admin. Walton Music Corp.)

SIYAHAMBA
Irregular

TRUSTING IN THE PROMISES OF GOD

We are march - ing
Si - ya - ham - ba

We are march - ing, march - ing, we are march - ing, march - ing,
Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba,

we are march - ing in the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

we are march - ing in the light of, the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen-, kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

we are march - ing in the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

We are march - ing
Si - ya - ham - ba

We are march - ing, march - ing, we are march - ing, march - ing,
Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba,

we are march - ing in the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

Additional stanzas ad lib.:
We are dancing...
We are praying...
We are singing...

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

About the Music...

Though our opening hymn focuses on a plea for Jesus to walk alongside us, there is an element of assurance that His answer is “yes.” As the psalmist writes, “Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me” (Psalm 23:4, ESV). As this song is sung, think about what it means to constantly have the presence of God, even when no human companionship is available.

Our musical offering by Donald Lawrence says “This is my Exodus” but what does that mean? Sometimes a person is the soul's own enemy...a hole in your soul can cause you to hold yourself hostage. This song is a prayer song for deliverance...God rescue me from myself. Your mindset is freed. Just as God freed the Israelites, you are declaring ‘This Is My Exodus’ to be released from the shadows of your past.”

We Are Marching In The Light of God: This lively Zulu/Xhosa freedom song originated in a Methodist young men’s group in South Africa and has gone on to become popular in many other languages around the globe. Some additional stanzas are suggested, but others may be improvised as appropriate to the occasion.



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

Rene Hackshaw, friend of Kelvin Turner

Paul Bulland, friend of Nikki Heimburg

Bonnie Tanner, close friend of Sara and Jim Torrence

Ruth Harris, mother of Jim Harris

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;

Brian, friend of Kyla Lupo;

Healing and Comfort for

Ginny Berte, Bobbie Maxwell's daughter in law's mother

Diane Skinner, Allyson McElwaine's mom, broken shoulder

Nina, friend of Sara Sadler, health concerns

Jessie Ricci, surgery

Scott Brown, health concerns;

Nancy Rawson, hip replacement surgery

Robin Kough, cancer treatment

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

Beverly Pitts Cain, friend of Sara and Jim Torrence, surgery from brain tumor

Rachelle, Kyla Lupo's dear friend, and those who help at the Interfaith Community for Detained Immigrants in Chicago;

Jim Torrence, health concerns;

Ken Adams, father of Juliet Hiemberg, health concerns;

Rosie Perthel, health concerns;

Briana Cochran, cousin of Thibau Family, health concerns;

Rosalie Ruff, health concerns;

Ellie Croft, friend of Gretchen Winch, health concerns;

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;

Sandra 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: Suzanne Funk (8/1); Alfonzo Lizama (8/2); Ken Sprinkle (8/8);
Caroline Ricci (8/9); Renee Moloznik (8/14); Judy Stiles (8/15);
Tom Maxwell (8/15); Jeanette Perthel (8/25)

This Week at Geneva

Sunday, August 15	10:30am	Worship – Virtual Church
Sunday, August 22	10:30am	Worship – Virtual Church

- **Geneva is Hiring a New Director of Christian Education!**

Geneva Presbyterian will soon be hiring a new staff member to increase our ministry offerings related to youth, families, Christian Education, and social media/technology. This person's official



title will be "Director of Next Generation Ministries" to reflect their emphasis on forward-looking ministries to engage with generations of future Christians and modern technologies that can strengthen our Gospel witness as a church.

Geneva's "Executive Committee," which reports to Session and provides committee support for Personnel, Finance, and Property functions, met this week to finalize the Director of Next Generation Ministries position description. They will assist in bringing forth a suitable candidate/s for Session to interview and discern God's will as we move to hire our new staff team member.

We are excited to continue growing Geneva's ministry potential and ask that you hold Session in your prayers as they seek the right fit for our church family.

Disability Visibility
Sermon Series
We read the book - now let's go deeper

July 25 - Unspeakable Conversations
August 1 - Canfei to Canji
August 8 - Six Ways of Looking at Crip Time
August 15 - The Fearless Benjamin Lay

Disability Visibility
FIRST-PERSON STORIES FROM THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY
EDITED BY
Alice Wong

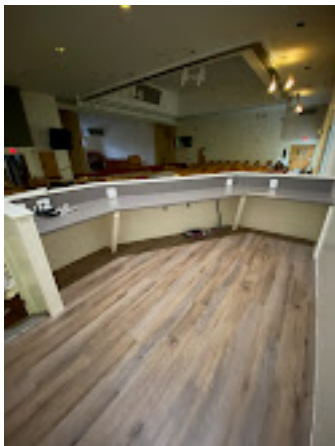
- **Online-Only Worship For A Few Weeks**

Geneva will be switching to "Online-Only Worship" via Zoom for several weeks beginning Sunday, July 18 while we upgrade our Sound Booth/Tech Control area at the back of the sanctuary. This minor construction project will consolidate all of our Video and Sound equipment into one efficient workspace to better support Geneva's worship and ministry. The footprint of the Sound Booth will stay mostly the same while making changes to the space that will meet our needs for many years to come.

The project will require us to completely disconnect all audio and visual equipment in the sanctuary, so we'll pause In-Person worship while the work is in progress and worship exclusively online. We expect the project to take between 4-6 weeks and plan to resume In-Person worship again in mid to late August. If you have questions or would like to know more about the project, please email Tom Sadler at Thomasjsadler@gmail.com.

Thank you for your patience and support while we complete this important project!

Worship Elder Tom Sadler and the Tech Team



- **Deacon Update**

I hope you are having a wonderful summer and you are staying cool and safe. Your Deacons are meeting each month to work on several ideas to help improve our communication with our Geneva members and friends. We plan to send you a monthly email communication and have started sending birthday cards to every Geneva member.

We are also working on making our services more inclusive to our members with hearing impairments or hearing loss. Earphones / Listening devices will be available for our in-person services and copies of Pastor Patrick's sermon will also be available at our in-person services. If you have suggestions to help us improve our services and make it more inclusive to individuals with disabilities, please let me know. We are open to your suggestions!

The Sound Booth renovation is on-going, and our in-person services will resume after it is completed. Geneva will continue to offer our Sunday services on Zoom along with our in-person service after the completion of the Sound Booth.

Another project that we are tackling this summer, is to create a welcoming nursery on the same floor as the Sanctuary for young children with neurodiverse disabilities. The nursery will be in the office next to the Fireside Room and we hope to have it up and running by September.

We have been planning several Fellowship events for the upcoming months. Here are the highlights of these events:

- Pastor Patrick's Installation as Pastor of Geneva Presbyterian Church – Sunday, September 26, 2021 at 4:00 PM
- Geneva Firepit Sing-Along with S'mores and more! – Saturday, October 23, 2021 at 5:30 PM
- Trunk N Treat and Fall Crafts – Sunday, October 31, 2021 at 2:00 – 4:00 PM
- Advent Event and Blessing Bags – Sunday, December 5, 2021 at 11:45 AM

We will continue to host several special events each month. These include:

- Sunday Breakfast before our service at Attman's Deli at 8:30 AM in Park Potomac.
- Sunday Luncheon at Al Ha'esh in Rockville on a Sunday in September.
- Sunday Ice Cream after our first in-person service after the Sound Booth is completed.

That is all the Geneva news for July, 2021! Again, please let me know if you have any suggestions for improving our services or any needs or prayer requests that you may have.

Take care and stay safe and strong.

Renee Moloznik (rmoloz@hotmail.com)

- **BIBLE STUDY and BOOK CLUB - SUMMER PLANS**

Thank you to everyone who has participated with our Wednesday Bible Study and Geneva Book Club groups! Both groups are taking a break in July and August and will return to their regular meetings via Zoom in September.



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- **By App:** download **GIVE PLUS⁺**, create an account, and choose Geneva Presbyterian Church (in Potomac) as your home church
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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

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;
Mark Allen, Lector; Kyla Lupo, 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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