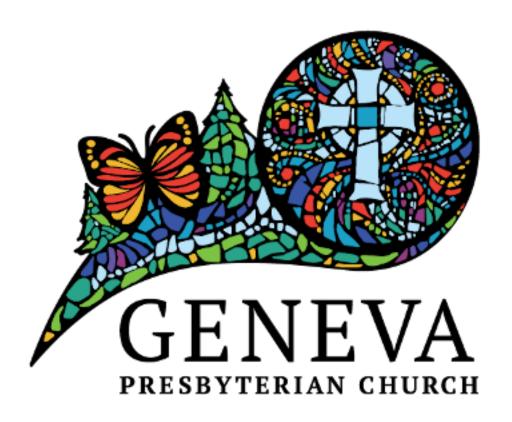
AUGUST 22, 2021



GENEVA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Rev. Patrick McElwaine, Pastor

Geneva Presbyterian Church

August 22, 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: Whether we gather our hearts at home or afar,

Many Voices: We are the church, the body of Christ.

One Voice: Whether we are at home or in a building together,

Many Voices: We are in the house of God, for God is with us.

One Voice: Whether we sing in the choir or pray under the trees,

Many Voices: We are at worship, for God is everywhere.

One Voice: Come, join in worship, wherever you are,

All Voices: For we are God's people.

GATHERING

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation 394



Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Although this ancient text has often been used at church dedications, the first stanza clearly refers to the people of God and the second to the place where they meet. The stately and soaring tune is aptly named for the edifice where the composer served as organist and is buried.

Call to Confession

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

Holy One, we come before You to confess our divisions, the walls we have built, the lines we have drawn. We confess that we have determined with our human understanding who is just and who is not, who is loved and who is not, who is right and who is wrong. We have been exclusive in our love instead of inclusive in Your Gospel. Forgive us. Remind us that all of us are created in Your image. All of us are worthy of love. All of us have sinned, and all of us can participate in the work of reparation, restoration, and forgiveness. Call us as Your children, O God. Through Jesus Christ, our Savior, our Brother, our Redeemer, we pray. Amen..

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Response



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.

Psalm Reading Psalm 84

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading Ephesians 6:10-20

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

Sermon "What Are You Wearing?"

Sara Sadler

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

"How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings"

Samuel Liddle

Prayer of Dedication

The Sending

Closing Hymn

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

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GOD'S COVENANT WITH ISRAEL



Few Welsh hymns are as well known or loved as this 18th-century text that did not gain its popular tune until the early 20th century. In both its original text and in English translation, it is a stirring hymn of pilgrimage filled with vivid imagery from Hebrew Scripture.

TEXT: William Williams, 1762; stanza 1, trans. Peter Williams, 1771; stanzas 2–3, trans. William Williams, 1772 MUSIC: John Hughes, 1907

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Charge and Benediction

Postlude

About the Wusic...

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Yorkshire pianist Samuel Liddle (1867-1951), born in Leeds, studied at the Royal College. He worked many years as a pianist to concert parties which included singers like Clara Butt who was one of the most popular singers from the late 1890s to the 1920s. She was favored by composers such as Elgar and Saint-Saens. Liddle's songs were that of the ballad style. His best-known works were settings of Abide With Me (often sung by Butt), How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings, The Lord is My Shepherd.

Few Welsh hymns are as well known or loved as our closing hymn's 18th-century text which did not gain its popular tune until the early 20th century. In both its original text and in English translation, it is a stirring hymn of pilgrimage filled with vivid imagery from Hebrew scripture.

Information from the Glory to God Presbyterian Hymnal and http://www.musicwebinternational.com/



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

Jack, friend of Kyla and Vince Lupo

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 22	10:30am	Worship – Virtual Church
Thursday, August 26	7:00pm	Meeting – Day School
Sunday, August 29	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.

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





• <u>Deacon Update</u>

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 inperson 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.

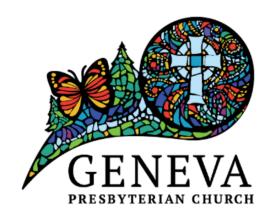
Take care and stay safe and strong.

Renee Moloznik (<u>rmoloz@hotmail.com</u>)

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.





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

Three Ways to Give:

- **Online** using this link <u>https://genevapotomac.org/give/online-giving/</u>
- By App: download PLUS⁺, 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; Alice Franks, 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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