

**SEPTEMBER 5, 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

September 5, 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: The Mercy of the Lord abides forever.

**All: The Lord gathers us in every time and place.**

One: The Strength of the Lord abides forever.

**All: The Lord surrounds us in every time and place.**

**All: Let us Worship the Lord in this time and in these places, together!**

ADORATION

# O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing 610

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my  
 2 The name of Je - sus charms our fears, and  
 3 Christ speaks, and lis - tening to his voice new  
 4 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as -  
 5 To God all glo - ry, praise, and love be

dear Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my  
 bids our sor - rows cease, sings mu - sic in the  
 life the dead re - ceive; the mourn - ful wak - en  
 sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the  
 now and ev - er given by saints be - low and

God and King, the tri - umphs of God's grace!  
 sin - ner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.  
 to re - joice; the poor in heart be - lieve.  
 earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.  
 saints a - bove, the church in earth and heaven.

SPANISH

1 *Mil voces para celebrar  
 a mi Libertador,  
 las glorias de su majestad,  
 los triunfos de su amor.*

KOREAN

1 만 입이 내게 있으면  
 그 입 다 가지고  
 내 구주 주신 은총을  
 늘 찬송하겠네

This text comes from an eighteen-stanza hymn the author wrote to mark the first anniversary of his life-changing conversion experience. It is now customarily the first hymn in Methodist hymnals worldwide. This tune, adapted from a German composer, is the usual North American setting.

TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1739, alt.; Spanish trans. Federico J. Pagura;  
 Korean trans. The United Methodist Korean Hymnal Committee, 2001  
 MUSIC: Carl Gotthelf Gläser, 1828; arr. Lowell Mason, 1839  
 Spanish Trans. © 1989 The United Methodist Publishing House (admin. The Copyright Company)  
 Korean Trans. © 2001 The United Methodist Publishing House (admin. The Copyright Company)

## **Call to Confession**

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

Lord, receive our confession this day. We are mere humans created in your image of justice, mercy, and love. This is a confession from all of us. We judge with conviction but without accountability to be kingdom building. We separate out of fear instead of checking on others safety. Steer us, shape us, and continue to love us into kindness, action, and worship so that all the images of you know you by our love.

## **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)*

“May the Words of my mouth and the Meditations of all our hearts be acceptable unto you. Thank you Lord for the Living Word that moves and breathes through all of us.”  
Amen.

## **Scripture Reading**

**James 2:1-10**

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

## **Sermon**

**“F-O-R-E-V-E-R-!”**

Rev. Tara Sphuler McCabe

## **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

“And Can It Be”

Dan Forrest

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

“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

#35

CREATION AND PROVIDENCE

## 35 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

1 Praise ye the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -  
2 Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous - ly  
3 Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a reign - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy  
dore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with  
shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so

health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his  
gen - tly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de -  
prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

tem - ple draw near; join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
sires e'er have been grant-ed in what he or - dain - eth?  
peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for aye we a - dore him.

This very strong 17th-century German hymn employs many phrases from the psalms, especially Psalms 150 and 103:1-6. It did not receive an effective English translation until the mid-19th century, but has remained popular ever since, thanks in part to its stirring tune.

TEXT: Joachim Neander, 1680; trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1863, alt.  
MUSIC: Stralsund Ernewerten Gesangbuch, 1665; harm. *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863

LOBE DEN HERREN  
14.14.4.7.8

Charge and Benediction

Postlude





## About the Music...

"If I had a thousand tongues, I would praise Christ with them all." So said Peter Böhler to Charles Wesley, inspiring the first line of the classic hymn, "Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing, my great Redeemer's praise" (Psalter Hymnal Handbook.) Written to celebrate the one year anniversary of Charles' conversion to Christianity, this declaration of Christ's power and victory in his own life, rich in Biblical imagery of the Kingdom of God, becomes our own hymn of praise. We stand with the angels before the throne of God, lifting our voices as one church to glorify the one who "bids our sorrows cease."

And yet, we also sing in the knowledge that the Kingdom of God is not yet fully realized. We proclaim Christ's victory as a declaration of hope that we will see Christ reign over all. We stand with the voiceless, the lame, the prisoner, and the sorrowing, and lift our song of expectation.

The last psalm in the Bible, Psalm 150, ends with this invitation: "Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD." German composer Joachim Neander gave us words to do just that when he wrote his most well-known hymn, "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty." Hymnologist John Julian declares this to be "a magnificent hymn of praise to God, perhaps the finest production of its author, and of the first rank in its class" (Dictionary of Hymnology). And indeed, this is a hymn that has stood the test of time (over 300 years) to remain one of the most beloved praise hymns in the Church. As we sing these words, we join with the voices, in many languages, of millions who have gone before us, and those across the globe, to sing these great words of thanksgiving and honor to the God who created us, protects us, and befriends us.



**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

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 Kichiefski, 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:** Stella Soh (9/2); Nancy Rawson (9/3); Alex Thibau (9/5); Sheri Sankey (9/7); Jessie Ricci (9/9); Joan Nagel (9/11); Paula PJ Davis (9/17); Jim Stiles (9/19); Rebecca Winch (9/20); Gretchen Winch (9/20); Jim Torrence (9/25); Lindsey Moloznik (9/27); Scott Heimberg (9/29)

## This Week at Geneva

Saturday, September 4	11:00am	<b>Neurodiverse Playdate</b>
Saturday, September 4	1:00pm	<b>Handbell</b> – Rehearsal
Sunday, September 5	10:30am	<b>Worship</b> – Virtual Church
Monday, September 6		<b>Labor Day – Offices Closed</b>
Sunday, September 13	10:30am	<b>Worship</b> – 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, will 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.

- **Thank you Rev. Tara Sphuler McCabe for filling in While Patrick is away!**

The Rev. Tara Sphuler McCabe has served in the National Capital Presbytery in Washington, D.C. for the past 19 years. Recently, she has been the Site Coordinator for the DC-Young Adult Volunteer Program. She has served in congregations throughout the presbytery as an Associate Pastor at New York Avenue Presbyterian, Stated Supply at Garden Memorial, and Sabbatical Pastor for several other congregations throughout the presbytery.



She has hung her "purse" for the past three years at Faith Presbyterian Church while serving the presbytery-at-large as a leadership coach and Church Assessment Tool Interpreter (CAT) with individuals and groups seeking to be in relationship with their communities as the larger Body of Christ. She is a graduate of Agnes Scott College, BA and McCormick Theological Seminary, MDIV. She has total faith that every era and every day, God is doing a new thing and it is our opportunity to participate in it! She lives in Arlington, VA with her husband, two children, and a hound dog!



## Singing & Ringing!!!

Refine your skills as a singer to put your car radio to shame

Ring-a-ding-ding like 'Ol Blue Eyes himself!

Experience of all levels welcome! We're starting from the bottom up in both groups!

Rehearsals Saturdays  
Sanctuary Choir 11-1  
Handbell Choir 1-3

\*Rehearsals are socially distanced and masks required\*



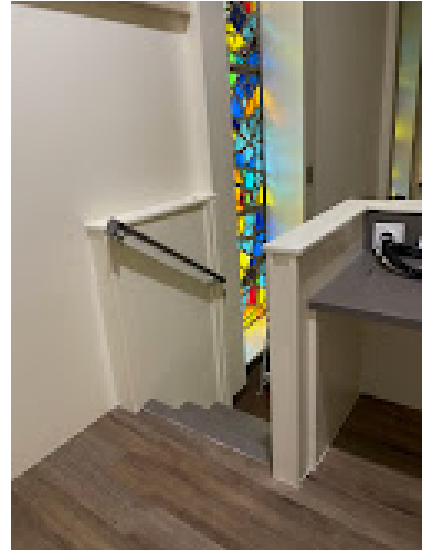
- **Return to In-Person Worship: September 12!**

We are in the home stretch of finishing our Sound Booth upgrade and are grateful for your support as we completed this project. Session has voted to reopen the sanctuary for in-person worship starting on Sunday, September 12. Whether online or in person, you'll have the choice of worshipping in whichever way works best for you.

We will reopen with the same Covid guidelines we're used to: masks, temperature checks, and physical distancing. Please continue to observe these best practices diligently if you choose to join worship in person.

If you have questions or would like to know more about the project, please email Tom Sadler at [Thomasjsadler@gmail.com](mailto:Thomasjsadler@gmail.com).

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](mailto:rmoloz@hotmail.com))

- **BIBLE STUDY RETURNS SEPTEMBER 15TH!**

Thank you to everyone who has participated with our Wednesday Bible Study!



We will restart Bible study on September 15 @ 7:00 using the same link as before.

Virtual Bible Study: Wednesdays @ 7:00pm

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://bit.ly/3c3kscZ>

Meeting ID: 273 879 363

Password: 978348



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<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;  
Rolf Winch, 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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