

SEPTEMBER 12, 2021



GENEVA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Rev. Patrick McElwaine, Pastor

Geneva Presbyterian Church

September 12, 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: We are one Body with many Parts.

People: That's how it is for Jesus' disciples: baptized in the one Spirit and joined into one Body.

Leader: We are each different and we are each essential in our differences.

People: We are each capable in Christ and called to be his leaders.

Leader: For the sake of the Gospel, for the sake of our Lord:

People: we are one Body with many Parts, living, serving, and worshipping!

GATHERING

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God Is Here!

1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an

of - fer praise and prayer, may we find in
 life - long need of grace; here are ta - ble,
 Shep - herd's flock and fold; here as bread and
 age of change and doubt keep us faith - ful

full - er mea - sure what it is in Christ we share.
 font, and pul - pit; here the cross has cen - tral place.
 wine are tak - en, Christ sus - tains us as of old.
 to the gos - pel; help us work your pur - pose out.

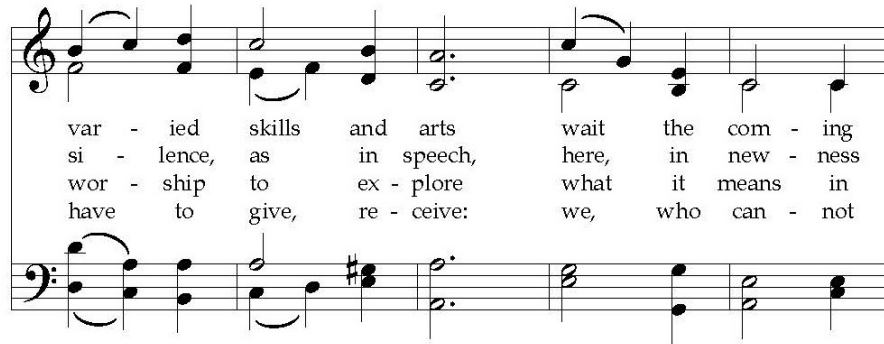
Commissioned for the dedication of a renovated worship space in Austin, Texas, this text is one of the few to devote attention to how customary church features facilitate worship. The tune was composed in wartime Britain to replace a Haydn tune tainted by Nazi associations.

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 MUSIC: Cyril Vincent Taylor, 1941
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 Music © 1942, ren. 1970 Hope Publishing Company

ABBOT'S LEIGH
 8.7.8.7.D



Here, as in the world a - round us, all our
 Here in hon - es - ty of preach - ing, here in
 Here the ser - vants of the Ser - vant seek in
 Here, in this day's ded - i - ca - tion, all we



var - ied skills and arts wait the com - ing
 si - lence, as in speech, here, in new - ness
 wor - ship to ex - plore what it means in
 have to give, re - ceive: we, who can - not



of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

Call to Confession

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

Lord Jesus, you call us to live in a way that is simple but not easy. You call us to lay down our lives so that we can live all the more fully. We understand with our heads, but too often resist with our hearts and souls. We take the easy way instead of your way. We ignore the responsibilities your love demands. We want to sit comfortably on the sidelines rather than wading in with gusto.

Holy One, forgive us and our inconsistent faith. Receive the honest prayers we offer to you in silence...

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)*

God of Mystery, your Word remains shrouded to us without the intervention of your Holy Spirit. Open to us now your way and your will in the reading, hearing, and living of the scriptures. For the sake of Jesus and his Good News we pray; Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 18:13-20

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

Acts 6:1-7

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“What's the Deal With Presbyterians and Committees?”

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

“You Sing Over Me”

Words and Music by Heather Sorenson

Prayer of Dedication

The Sending

Closing Hymn

“Go Forth for God”

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GOING FORTH

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Go Forth for God

1 Go forth for God, go to the world in peace; be of good
2 Go forth for God, go to the world in love; strength - en the
3 Go forth for God, go to the world in strength; hold fast the
4 Go forth for God, go to the world in joy, to serve God's

cour - age, armed with heav - en - ly grace, in God's good Spir - it
faint, give cour - age to the weak; help the af - flict - ed;
good, be ur - gent for the right; ren - der to no one
peo - ple ev - ery day and hour, and serv - ing Christ, our

dai - ly to in - crease, till in the king - dom we see face to
rich - ly from a - bove God's love sup - plies the grace and power we
e - vil; Christ at length shall o - ver - come all dark - ness with his
ev - ery gift em - ploy, re - joic - ing in the Ho - ly Spir - it's

face. Go forth for God, go to the world in peace.
seek. Go forth for God, go to the world in love.
light. Go forth for God, go to the world in strength.
power. Go forth for God, go to the world in joy.

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MUSIC: Genevorn Psalter, 1551; harm. C. Winfred Douglas (1867-1944), alt.
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GENEVA 124
10.10.10.10.10.

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

About the Music...

The composer of our opening hymn, Cyril V. Taylor, composed ABBOT'S LEIGH (the hymn tune) in May of 1941 when he was working for the Religious Broadcasting Department of the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC). The BBC had received complaints about the use of AUSTRIA (tune for the Austrian national hymn) during this time of war, a tune then set to "Glorious Things of You Are Spoken" (506).

"Go Forth for God" is a wonderful parting hymn of encouragement. It exhorts believers to "go forth for God" to the world in peace (st. 1), "in love" (st. 2), "in strength" (st. 3), and "in joy" (st. 4), using phrases from Romans 12:9-21 and 1 Thessalonians 5:13b-22-biblical texts containing Paul's instructions about how Christians should act in the world.

GENEVAN 124, the closing hymn's tune name, was first published in the 1551 edition of the Genevan Psalter. Dale Grotenhuis harmonized the tune in 1985. One of the best known from the Genevan Psalter, the tune is published in most North American hymnals.

 IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers

Names in bold are new prayer list additions.
The work, worship, pastor and leadership of Geneva.

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

Healing and Comfort for

Carole Haller, who is a patient receiving cancer care at Shady Grove Hospital;

Pepe Marin, Jane Campbell's husband, and his continued treatment for cancer;

Jack, friend of Kyla and Vince Lupo

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

Diane Skinner, Allyson McElwaine's mom, shoulder surgery

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: 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 11	11:00am	Choir – Rehearsal
Saturday, September 11	1:00pm	Handbell – Rehearsal
Sunday, September 12	10:30am	Worship – In-Person and Online
Wednesday, Sept. 15	7:00pm	Bible Study
Sunday, September 19	10:30am	Worship – In-Person and Online

- **Return to In-Person Worship: THIS Sunday, September 12 @ 10:30am!**

We have finished 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 THIS 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.

- **Geneva COVID Guidelines**

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.

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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



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

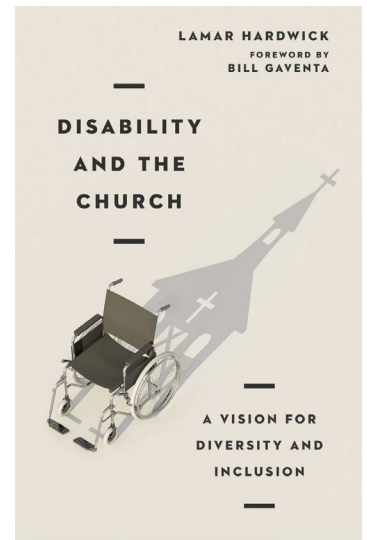
Wednesday Bible Study returns weekly @ 7:00pm starting September 15. We can't wait to see you as we dive into scripture and life together!



Virtual Bible Study: Wednesdays @ 7:00pm
Join Zoom Meeting: <https://bit.ly/3c3kscZ>
Meeting ID: 273 879 363
Password: 978348

- **BOOK CLUB RETURNS SEPTEMBER 24TH!**

Jessie Ricci will be facilitating the Geneva Book Club on Zoom. It will be a four week long series on *Disability and the Church: A Vision for Diversity and Inclusion* by Lamar Hardwick. Now that we've spent some time hearing the perspectives of people with disabilities, what does the Bible actually say about disability? If you're curious, [here is the link to purchase it!](#) We will discuss the foreword, introduction, and chapters one and two at the first meeting. Hope to see you there!



Virtual Book Club: Fridays @ 7:00pm

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://bit.ly/38MRe2c>

Meeting ID: 835 8706 1676

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Being Presbyterian 201 Sermon Series



September 12 - What's the Deal With

Presbyterians and Committees?

September 19 - Can Agreeing To Disagree Be

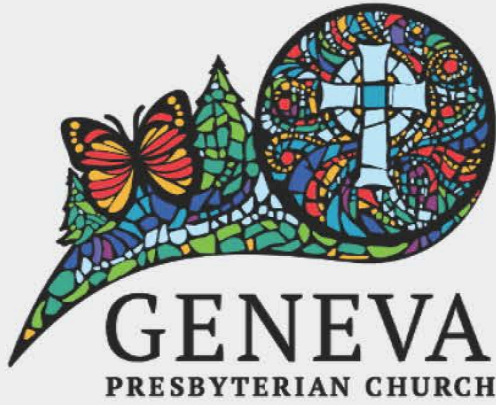
Biblical?

September 26 - "Connectional" Means More Than

"Congenial"

October 3 - Pop Quiz: How Many

Sacraments Are There?



National Capital Presbytery and the Session of Geneva Presbyterian Church invite you to a worship service celebrating the Installation of:

Rev. Patrick McElwaine
as Pastor of
Geneva Presbyterian Church



09/26/2021
@4PM

In-person and via Zoom

11931 Seven Locks Rd,
Potomac, MD 20854

Reception will follow. Masks Required.

Meeting ID: 668 560 374
Password: 240543

- **Deacon Update**

The Deacons are planning several special events in the coming months. Please put these dates and times on your calendar!

- 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.

Please let me know if you have any prayer requests or suggestions for the Deacons.

Take care and stay safe and strong.

Renee Moloznik (rmoloz@hotmail.com)

- **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.

What is Per Capita?



The 2021 Per Capita giving amount is **\$42.67** per person in the Geneva church family.

Per Capita giving is vital to the functioning of all levels of Presbyterian Church (USA) leadership - Presbytery, Synod, General Assembly, even local congregations!



Please consider paying your share of Geneva Presbyterian's Per Capita amount today: via app, online, or to the church office.

- **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; 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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