

SEPTEMBER 19, 2021



GENEVA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Rev. Patrick McElwaine, Pastor

Geneva Presbyterian Church

September 19, 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: It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

People: to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night.

Leader: We praise God with music and prayer, instruments and voices, hearts and hands.

People: This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!

GATHERING

400 I Rejoiced When I Heard Them Say

(Psalm 122)



1 I re - joiced when I heard them say: "Let us
 2 Like a tem - ple of u - ni - ty is the
 3 It is faith - ful to Is - rael's law, there to
 4 For the peace of all na - tions, pray: for God's
 5 For the love of my friends and kin I will



go to the house of God." And now our feet are
 cit - y, Je - ru - sa - lem. It is there all tribes will
 praise the name of God. All the judg - ment seats of
 peace with - in your homes. May God's last - ing peace sur -
 bless you with signs of peace. For the love of God's own



stand - ing in your gates, O Je - ru - sa - lem!
 gath - er, all the tribes of the house of God.
 Da - vid were set down in Je - ru - sa - lem.
 round us; may it dwell in Je - ru - sa - lem.
 peo - ple I will la - bor and pray for you.

Refrain



Sha - lom, sha - lom, the peace of God be here.



Sha - lom, sha - lom, God's jus - tice be ev - er near.

Psalm 122 is among the most joyful of the pilgrimage psalms, because it sings of finally reaching Jerusalem, the home of the Temple. This rejoicing spills over into prayers for peace inspired perhaps by the placename Jerusalem, from roots meaning "to establish peace" (*shalom*).

Call to Confession

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

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. Our pompous egos seal us off from our neighbors and blind us to our own shortcomings.

Be patient with us, O Lord. In your great compassion, forgive us of our sin and hear the silent prayers we offer you 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)*

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

Psalm 133

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

New Testament Reading

Galatians 2:11-14

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

Sermon

"Can Agreeing To Disagree Be Biblical?"

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

“Bless the Lord, O My Soul”

Joel Raney

Prayer of Dedication

The Sending

Closing Hymn

“Spirit, Open My Heart”

#692

(See next page for lyrics)

692 Spirit, Open My Heart

Capo 3: (D) (G) (D) (G) (A7)
F B^b F B^b C7

Refrain

Spir - it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of

(Bm) (D/A) (G) (A7) (Bm) (D/A) (Em)
Dm F/C B^b C7 Dm F/C Gm

liv - ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing

(D) (G) (Em7) (D) (G) (D)
F B^b Gm7 F B^b F *Fine*

and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.

(D) (G) (D) (G)
F B^b F B^b

1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's
2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my
3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of

(A7) (Bm) (D/A) (G) (A7)
C7 Dm F/C B^b C7

kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and
goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and
sis - ter, broth - er. In the wel - come of

(Bm) (Em7) (D) (G2) (G)
Dm Gm7 F B^b2 B^b *to Refrain*

fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.
deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.
Christ, may we wel - come one an - oth - er.

The pace and diversity of modern life often hinder us from remaining vulnerable to our emotions and to the humanness of other people. This prayerful text to be open to such joys and pains draws on Ezekiel 11:19 and 36:26 in stanza one and echoes Jeremiah 31:33 in stanza two.

TEXT: Ruth Duck, 1994
MUSIC: Irish melody; arr. Alfred V. Fedak, 2011
Text © 1996 The Pilgrim Press
Music Harm. © 2011 Alfred V. Fedak

WILD MOUNTAIN THYME
Irregular

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

About the Music...

The text of our opening hymn is based on Psalm 122 which is among the most joyful of the pilgrimage psalms, because it sings of finally reaching Jerusalem, the home of the Temple. This rejoicing spills over into prayers for peace inspired perhaps by the placename Jerusalem, from roots meaning “to establish peace” (shalom).

The pace and diversity of modern life often hinder us from remaining vulnerable to our emotions and to the humanness of other people. The prayerful text of our closing hymn encourages us to be open to such joys and pains. They draw on Ezekiel 11:19 and 36:26 in stanza one and echoes Jeremiah 31:33 in stanza two.




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

Jim Torrence, health concerns;

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;

Diane Skinner, Allyson McElwaine's mom, shoulder surgery

Jack, friend of Kyla and Vince Lupo
Ginny Berte, Bobbie Maxwell's daughter in law's mother
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;

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 18	11:00am	Choir – Rehearsal
Saturday, September 18	1:00pm	Handbell – Rehearsal
Sunday, September 19	10:30am	Worship – In-Person and Online
Monday, September 20	7:30pm	Meeting – Executive Committee
Tuesday, September 21	7:30pm	Meeting – Deacons
Wednesday, Sept. 22	7:00pm	Bible Study
Thursday, September 23	7:30pm	Meeting – Disability Ministry Team
Friday, September 24	7:00pm	Book Club
Sunday, September 26	10:30am	Worship – In-Person and Online
Sunday, September 26	4:00pm	Installation Celebration- In-Person and Online

- **Geneva Is Open For In-Person Worship!**

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

We have reopened 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.



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 IS BACK!**

Geneva Bible Study has resumed meeting via Zoom, weekly on Wednesdays @ 7:00pm. The first six weeks we'll cover "6 key themes you need to know from Exodus." We can't wait to see you as we dive into scripture and life together!



Virtual Bible Study: Wednesdays @ 7:00pm

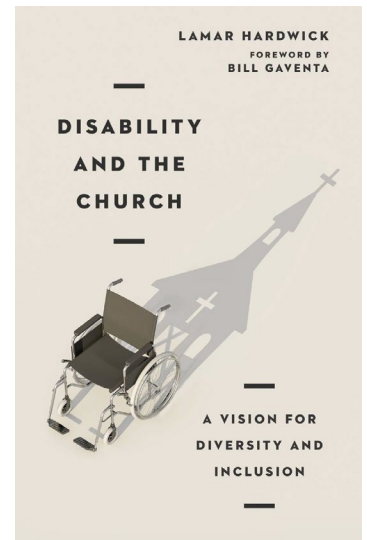
Join Zoom Meeting: <https://bit.ly/3c3kscZ>

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

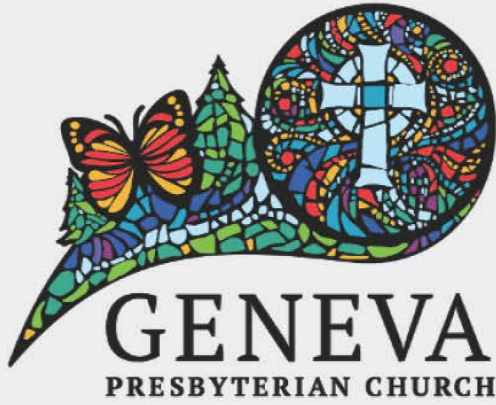
Biblical?

September 26 - "Connectional" Means More Than

"Congenial"

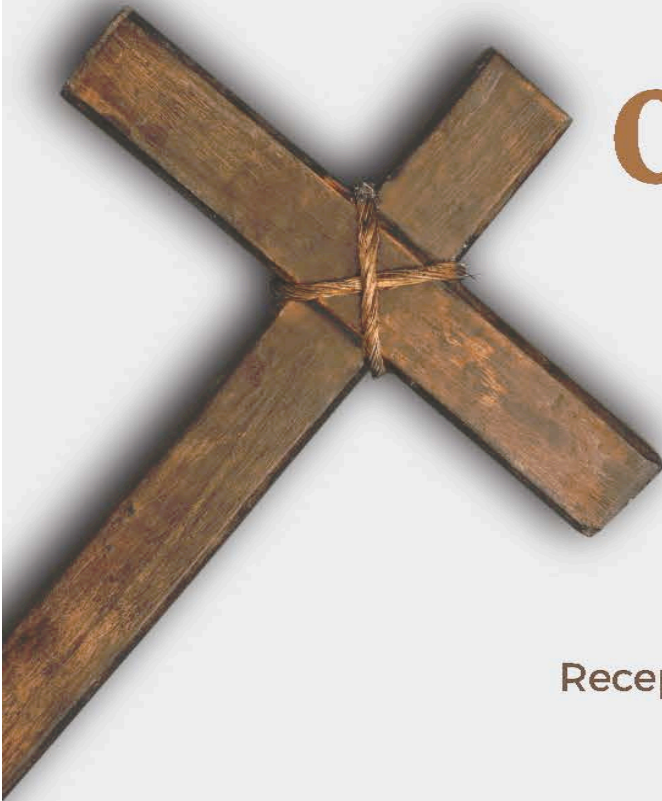
October 3 - Pop Quiz: How Many

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

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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;
Daniel Ricci, 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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