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GENEVA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Rev. Patrick McElwaine, Pastor



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

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

Opening Sentences

September 26, 2021

Gathering Prayer

Rev. Diane Walton Hendricks

Rev. Patrick McElwaine

Opening Hymn

"We Gather Here in Jesus' Name" (See next page for lyrics) #510

Ben Shaver

LORD'S SUPPER



TEXT and MUSIC: Bryan Jeffery Leech, 1984 Text and Music © 1984 Fred Bock Music Co., Inc. COME, SHARE THE LORD Irregular

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

Elder Jan Summers

Merciful and loving God, you have called us to be your people and claimed us for the service of Jesus Christ. We confess that we have not lived up to our calling to proclaim the good news in word and deed. We are quick to speak when we ought to listen and remain silent when it is time to speak. We put too much faith in our own actions and fail to trust the strength of your Spirit.

O God, forgive our foolish and sinful ways. Strengthen us anew to follow Christ's way in the world. By your Holy Spirit, give us the grace we need to be faithful disciples and hear us as we pray in this time of silence...

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Response



The Word

Prayer for Illumination (in unison)

Elder Sheri Sankey

Send us your Holy Spirit, O God, that these words might speak to us as your word, and our lives bear witness to the good news of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Old Testament ReadingPsalm 92:1-2, 12-15This is the Word of the Lord!Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

Luke 12:22-31 This is the Word of the Lord! Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"To the Fullest"

Rev. John Molina-Moore

Music Offering

"For I know the plans I have for you"

David Schwoebel



The Installation

Sentences of Scripture

Rev. Diane Walton Hendricks

Leader: There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

People: There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.

Leader: God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

People: To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

Leader: Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

Statement on Ordination

Profession of Faith

Leader: With the whole church, let us confess our faith. Do you believe in God the Father?

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Leader: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Leader: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church*, the communion ofsaints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the lifeeverlasting. Amen.(*meaning all of God's churches)

Constitutional Questions for the Installed

Constitutional Questions for the Congregation

Prayer of Installation

Declaration of Installation

Welcome

Charge to the Installed

Charge to the Congregation



Rev. Diane Walton Hendricks

Elder Sheri Sankey

Rev. Mary Austin

Rev. John Molina-Moore



DEDICATION AND STEWARDSHIP

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

WILD MOUNTAIN THYME Irregular

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The Thanksgiving

Offering

Rev. Patrick McElwaine

As a sign of unity and connection in the Body of Christ, National Capital Presbytery (NCP) churches take an offering during installation services that is dedicated to the Presbytery's Clergy Crisis Fund (also known as the Ministry Crisis Fund). According to the NCP website, this Fund "exists to help members of the Presbytery with acute, urgent needs...in the form of loans, repayable over time, to enable as many recipients to benefit as possible, but may be forgiven upon request if there is no means to repay over the long term." You may access more information here:

https://thepresbytery.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/1-Ministry-Crisis-Fund.pdf

We invite you to give generously today -- the gifts we gather will provide tangible help to pastors, church employees, and congregations in our area.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Rev. Charles Booker

#79

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

And also with you.

We lift them to the Lord.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Communion Prayer

The Sending

Closing Hymn

"Light Dawns on a Weary World"

(See next page for lyrics)

GOD'S COVENANT WITH ISRAEL



This is a hymn whose tune came first. Upon hearing it, the author recalled the watered garden of Isaiah 58:11, which in turn led to Isaiah 55:12, paraphrased in the refrain. Then came the stanzas, organized around their first two words: Light dawns, Love grows, Hope blooms.

TEXT: Mary Louise Bringle, 2001 MUSIC: William P. Rowan, 2000 Text © 2002 CIA Publications, Inc. Music © 2000 William P. Rowan (admin. GIA Publications, Inc.)

TEMPLE OF PEACE 7.6.6.7.8 with refrain

Charge and Benediction

Rev. Patrick McElwaine

Postlude

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.

• <u>Geneva Is Open For In-Person Worship!</u>

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

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!

<u>Virtual Bible Study: Wednesdays @ 7:00pm</u> Join Zoom Meeting: <u>https://bit.ly/3c3kscZ</u> 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!

<u>Virtual Book Club: Fridays @ 7:00pm</u> Join Zoom Meeting: <u>https://bit.ly/38MRe2c</u> Meeting ID: 835 8706 1676 Passcode: 232149





• <u>Deacon Update</u>

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 AI Ha'esh in Rockville on a Sunday in September.

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.





Masks preferred, Covid best practices in place

Today's Worship Leaders

Thank you to the worship leaders who are joining us from across National Capital Presbytery

Rev. Diane Walton Hendricks.....Pastor, Clifton Presbyterian Church Moderator, National Capital Presbytery Jan Summers......Elder, Darnestown Presbyterian Church Sheri Sankey......Elder, Geneva Presbyterian Church Rev. John Molina-Moore......General Presbyter, National Capital Presbytery Rev. Mary Austin......Pastor, Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church

> Rev. Patrick McElwaine, Pastor: Ben Shaver, Music Director: Tom Sadler, Tech Team Lead; Kyla Lupo, Zoom Host.

Church Elders Jane Campbell, Carl Perthel, Daniel Ricci, Tom Sadler, Sheri Sankey, Amanda White, Elaine Winch

> come Our Church

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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