

OCTOBER 3, 2021



GENEVA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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

October 3, 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: God whose face shines over all the earth,

People: over believers of every people in every nation,

Leader: fill your good creation with exaltation and joy as we worship you today.

People: Your beloved children praise you, Three in One, One in Three,

Leader: gathering with expectation at the table where you nourish us,

People: gathering with expectation at the table where you are our eternal host.

All: We lift our voices with Christians around the world to proclaim: Jesus Christ is Lord!

Bread of the World in mercy broken,
Wine of the soul in mercy shed,
By Whom the words of life were spoken,
And in Whose death our sins are dead.

Look on the heart by sorrow broken;
Look on the tears by sinners shed;
And be Your feast to use the token
That by Your grace our souls are fed!

Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, One in Three;
Christ above me, Christ beneath me,
Christ within me, Three in one.

Call to Confession

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

Lord of Life, you created us with a peaceful word and set us in this world to be people of peace. But we love war, we love strife, we love conflict. Even when we claim otherwise, we live as people who accept these atrocities as all too normal. Whether we acknowledge it or not, we derive benefit from the sinful exploitation of fellow humans.

Oh God, help us to be peacemakers. Cleanse us from the rank growth that chokes our hearts and separates us from you and our siblings. Lead us back into Jesus' way and show us that you are the God of Patience as we come to you in this time of prayer...

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)*

God of the Ages, let your Spirit of Wisdom inspire us this morning as we approach your Living Word. Assist us in the receiving and interpreting of scripture so that we may live boldly as those entrusted with Jesus' Gospel. Amen.

First Gospel Reading

Matthew 28:16-20

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

Second Gospel Reading

Luke 22:14-20

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Pop Quiz: How Many Sacraments Are There?"

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

"My Wordless Prayer"
(See Pg. 8 for words)

Craig Courtney

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


“Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken”

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LORD'S SUPPER


Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken 498

Capo 3: (D) F (Bm) Dm (G) B \flat



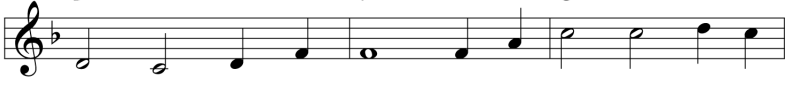
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2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a qui - et
3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in faith we
4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us in your

(D) F (Bm) Dm



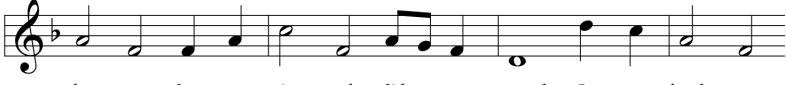
le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of Life from heav - en, was their
room one night. In the bread and wine you gave them, Christ, you
gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the a - ges: "I am
name to share bread for which the mil - lions hun - ger, words that

(G) B \flat (D) F (A) C




food for - ev - er - more.
came as Light from Light. By your bod - y bro - ken
with you; do not fear!"
tell your love and care.

(Bm) Dm (F \sharp m) Am (Bm) Dm (G) B \flat (A) C (D) F



for us, by your wine of life out-poured, Je - sus, feed a -

(Bm) Dm (G) B \flat (D) F



gain your peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

The first two stanzas of this text deal with events in the past (the feeding of the multitude and the Last Supper) and the final two with events in the present. The recurring last four lines of each stanza serve as an affirmation of Christ's continuing presence at all times.

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MUSIC: *The Sacred Harp*, 1844; harm. James H. Wood, 1958
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BEACH SPRING
8.7.8.7.D

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

About the Music...

Our opening hymn tune you may recognize. We usually sing it to the text "Morning Has Broken", but Mark Hayes has taken this familiar tune and adapted text from Reginald Heber (verse 1&2) and St. Patrick's Breastplate (verse 3). There is also a Pennywhistle part written! Quite unique for published music.

Our musical offering today is a hauntingly reflective piece that I think many can relate to. We, as humans, have been through so much this past year and a half. So much pain, anguish, exhaustion, frustration that I myself no longer have words to utter. How then do we offer up prayers? How then do we find the courage to ask for God's help? How then do we trust that God will see us through and that he hears what we can't seem to say ourselves? The text can be found in your bulletin and it paints this beautiful picture of the Holy Spirit coming and resting its ear upon our hearts to hear those things that we can't manage to say ourselves. Take them directly from our heart and give them to our Father's divine heart.



My Wordless Prayer

My words lie still and lifeless as dust upon the sand,
I can no longer voice one request or one demand.

My cup of tears is empty, I can no longer cry,
My lips have fallen silent, my prayer is but a sigh.

Spirit, come and rest Your ear upon my heart,
O come and hear my wordless prayer,
my silent plea and take them far away from me.

Take them from this heart of mine
to the Father's heart divine.

Speak in tones unknown to man
that God may hear and understand.

My voice is weak from calling to You both night and day.
How long will You be silent? Why do You turn away?

Spirit, come and rest Your ear upon my heart,
O come and hear my wordless prayer,
my silent plea and take them far away from me.

Take them from this heart of mine
to the Father's heart divine.

Speak in tones unknown to man
that God may hear and understand.





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

Comfort for the Family and Friends of

Nina, friend of Sara Sadler

Sissy, grandmother of Ludivine Kom Liapoe's friend, Rhiley Farenthold-Carlson

Rene Hackshaw, friend of Kelvin Turner

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, receiving hospice care;

Carole Haller, health concerns;

Pepe Marin, 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

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: Leland Perthel (10/2); Ken Denaburg (10/4); Ed Devine (10/5); Amanda Devine (10/6); Brendan Davis (10/8); Matt Kough (10/10); Bobbie Maxwell (10/11); Eric Thibau (10/12); Jeremy Devine (10/15); Jack Kough (10/16); Pete Nunn (10/16); Letitia Denaburg (10/18); Patsy Wright (10/23); Erland Higinbotham (10/29)

This Week at Geneva

Friday, October 1	7:00pm	Book Club
Saturday, October 2	11:00am	Neurodiverse Playdate
Saturday, October 2	11:00am	Choir – Rehearsal
Saturday, October 2	1:00pm	Handbell – Rehearsal
Sunday, October 3	10:30am	Worship – In-Person and Online
Wednesday, October 6	7:00pm	Bible Study

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

If you choose to worship in person, please follow the guidelines below to keep our community safe.

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.

- **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!**

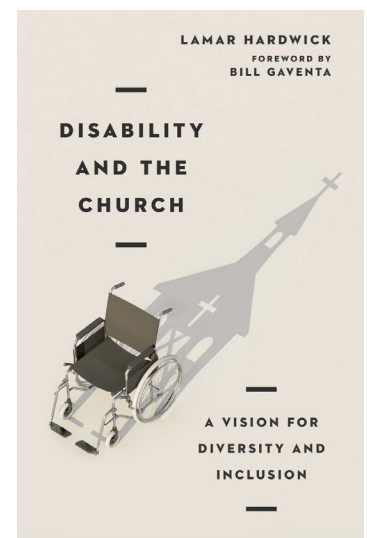
Jessie Ricci will be facilitating the Geneva Book Club on Zoom. It will be a four week long series on *Disability and the Church: A Vision for Diversity and Inclusion* by Lamar Hardwick. Now that we've spent some time hearing the perspectives of people with disabilities, what does the Bible actually 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

Passcode: 232149





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





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?**

• Deacon Update

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

- 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 FIREPIT SING-ALONG

PLEASE BRING A CHAIR, YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS AND YOUR SINGING VOICE!



GENEVA
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Join us for an amazing celebration of singing, s'mores and fun!

Saturday,
October 23, 2021
at 5:30 PM

- **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.

**NEXT+GENERATION
MINISTRIES**

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

One tap mobile

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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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