

**OCTOBER 10, 2021**



**GENEVA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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**Rev. Patrick McElwaine, Pastor**

# Geneva Presbyterian Church

October 10, 2021

10:30am

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## 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: O Lord, satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,

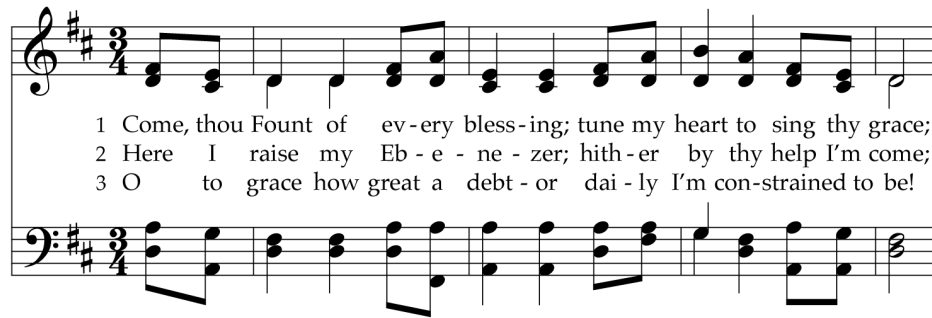
**People: so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.**

Leader: Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,

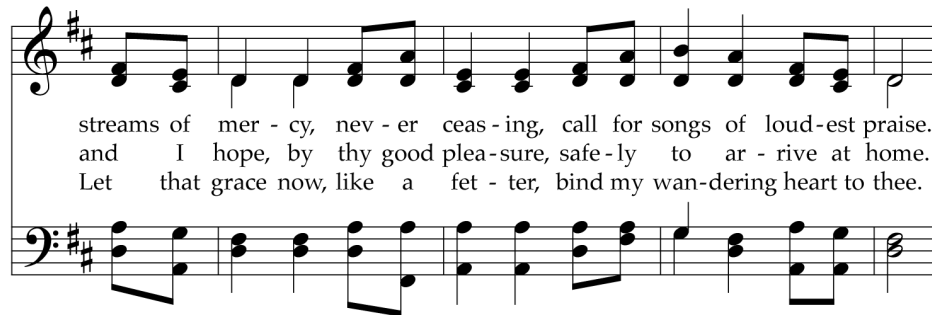
**People: guide us in your ways and lead us into the world as messengers of your love.**

BAPTISM

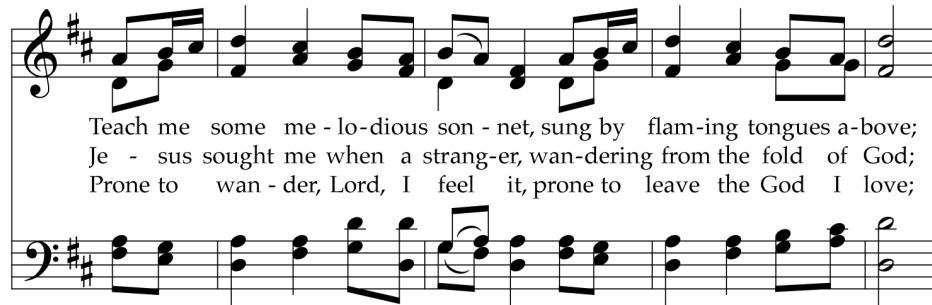
## Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 475



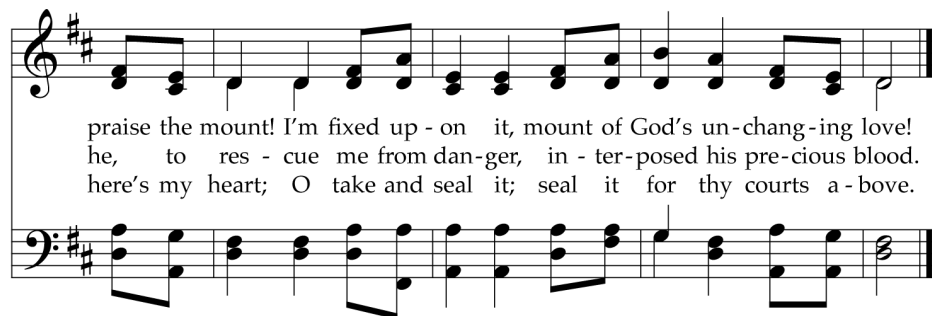
1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
 2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith-er by thy help I'm come;  
 3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.  
 and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar - rive at home.  
 Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to thee.



Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a-bove;  
 Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God;  
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;



praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un-chang-ing love!  
 he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter-posed his pre-cious blood.  
 here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Written for Pentecost by a British Baptist pastor, this text is full of biblical terms like "Ebenezer" (1 Samuel 7:12), Hebrew for "a stone of help" set up to give thanks for God's assistance. The tune name honors hymnal compiler Asahel Nettleton, who probably did not compose it.

TEXT: Robert Robinson, 1758, alt.  
 MUSIC: Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second*, 1813

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

O Lord, you are the maker of justice and the source of righteousness, the one who hears the cries of those who suffer. Forgive us, O God, when we fail to reflect your love:

When we have food and food leftover, yet do not share with those in need; when we have power for good and power for change, yet we use it only for our own self-preservation; when we have the words of the prophets before us, yet we cover our ears lest they make us uncomfortable. Forgive us, O Lord, and teach us to follow in your way...


## 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<sup>b</sup> F B<sup>b</sup> F B<sup>b</sup> 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<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> 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)*

Testify to us, O God, by the voice of your Spirit. Put your law in our hearts, write your word in our minds, and show you will in our lives; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Old Testament Reading**

**Psalm 90:12-17**

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

**New Testament Reading**

**Mark 10:17-31**

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

**Sermon**

**"For You or For Me?"**

*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**

**Prayer of Dedication**

## **The Sending**

**Closing Hymn**

**"Come! Live in the Light"**

**#749**

*(See next page for lyrics)*

# 749 Come! Live in the Light!

## We Are Called

1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the  
 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your  
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that

joy and the love of the Lord! We are called  
 mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called  
 great day when all will be one! God will reign,

to be light for the king - dom, to live in the  
 to be hope for the hope - less so ha - tred and  
 and we'll walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and

free - dom of the cit - y of God.  
 vio - lence will be no more.  
 broth - ers u - nit - ed in love.

*Refrain*

We are called to act with jus - tice; we are called to  
 love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -  
 oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

The thematic and musical center of this hymn on the vocation of all believers is found in the refrain, which is based on the well-known challenge of Micah 6:8, "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

TEXT and MUSIC: David Haas, 1988  
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WE ARE CALLED  
 Irregular

## Charge and Benediction

## Postlude



## *About the Music...*

Written for Pentecost by a British Baptist pastor, this text of our opening hymn is full of biblical terms like “Ebenezer” (1 Samuel 7:12), Hebrew for “a stone of help” set up to give thanks for God’s assistance. The tune name honors hymnal compiler Asahel Nettleton, who probably did not compose it.

The thematic and musical center of our closing hymn on the vocation of all believers is found in the refrain, which is based on the well-known challenge of Micah 6:8, “What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?”



 IN OUR  
*Thoughts and Prayers*

The work, worship, pastor and leadership of Geneva.

**Comfort for the Family and Friends of**

**Jim Torrence;**

**Ray Johnson, father of Katie Harris;**

**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**

**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

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;

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.



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**

Wednesday, October 6	7:00pm	<b>Bible Study</b>
Sunday, October 10	10:30am	<b>Worship</b> – In-Person and Online
Monday, October 11	7:00pm	Columbus/Indigenous Peoples' Day
Monday, October 11	7:00pm	<b>Board Meeting</b> – Day School
Wednesday, October 13	7:00pm	<b>Bible Study</b>

Dear friends,

I am away October 11-17 at a Continuing Education Retreat. I am grateful that Stella Lee, from Union Presbyterian Seminary, a hospital chaplain, and a fantastic preacher will be leading worship and preaching on Sunday, October 17th. If you have a pastoral need during this time please contact your Deacon.



- **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. 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



## 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

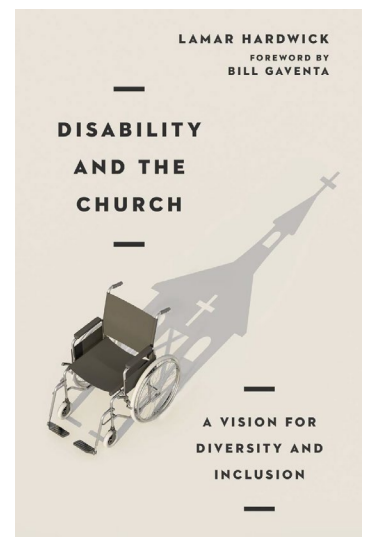
\*Rehearsals are socially distanced and masks required\*



- **UPDATE: BOOK CLUB IS CHANGING**

The Geneva Book Club will be moving from Friday evenings to become part of the Disability Ministry Team meetings on the 4th Thursday of the month at 8:00pm. You are invited to join this ministry team in its crucial work and participate in studying this superb book at the same time.

Disability Ministry Team Meeting: 4th Thursdays @ 8:00pm  
Join Zoom Meeting: <https://bit.ly/3oBecT1>  
Meeting ID: 852 8461 7873  
Passcode: 518105



## • 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](mailto: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.

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.



**PLEASE SUPPORT GOD'S MINISTRY  
THROUGH GENEVA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
WITH YOUR SMARTPHONE, TABLET,  
COMPUTER OR MAIL!**

**Three Ways to Give:**

- **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**

Geneva Presbyterian worship videos are available on our church website the Monday following each service. Please share worship recordings with friends and family and join us for worship later if you couldn't make it live!

[Click HERE to watch our past Virtual Worship services!](#)





## Today's Worship Leaders

Rev. Patrick McElwaine, Pastor; Ben Shaver, Music Director;

Daniel Ricci, Lector; Rolf Winch, 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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