

OCTOBER 17, 2021



GENEVA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Rev. Patrick McElwaine, Pastor

Geneva Presbyterian Church

October 17, 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: O come, let us sing to the Lord and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!

People: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving, singing joyful songs of praise.

Leader: Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker

People: For the Lord is our God and we are the people of God's pasture, the flock under God's care.

CREATION AND PROVIDENCE

32 I Sing the Mighty Power of God

1 I sing the might-y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,
 2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.
 3 There's not a plant or flower be-low but makes thy glo-ries known.

that spread the flow-ing seas a-broad and built the loft-y
 God formed the crea-tures through the Word, and then pro-nounced them
 And clouds a-rise, and tem-pests blow, by or-der from thy

skies. I sing the wis-dom that or-dained the sun to rule the day.
 good. Lord, how thy won-ders are dis-played, wher-e'er I turn my eye,
 throne, while all that bor-rows life from thee is ev-er in thy care,

The moon shines full at God's com-mand, and all the stars o-bey.
 if I sur-vey the ground I tread, or gaze up-on the sky!
 and ev-ery-where that we can be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

With minimal revision this text brings together six of the eight four-line stanzas in an 18th-century hymn written for children and originally headed “Praise for Creation and Providence.” The anonymous German tune provides a fitting sense of breadth and wonder.

TEXT: Isaac Watts, 1715, alt.

MUSIC: *Gesangbuch der Herzogl. Wirtembergischen Katholischen Hofkapelle*, 1784; alt. 1868

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

Merciful God, you forgive all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy.

You instruct us to clothe ourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. You also ask us to clothe ourselves in love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Nevertheless, we fail to extend kindness to others, whether in our thoughts, our words, or our deeds. We take offense easily and are quick to judge others in our own understanding and selfishness. We fail to embrace others in your loving-kindness. 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^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)*

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 106:1-6

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

New Testament Reading

Matthew 22:1-14

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

Sermon

"The Invitation of Jesus"

Rev. Stella Lee

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

"You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd"

#274

(See next page for lyrics)

You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd 274

Capo 5: (Am) (F) (C) (Em) (Am) (A7)
 Dm B^b F Am Dm D7

1 You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shep-herd. You, Lord, are both
 2 Clothed in light up - on the moun-tain, stripped of might up -
 3 You, who walk each day be - side us, sit in pow - er
 4 Wor - thy is our earth - ly Je - sus! Wor - thy is our

(Dm) (G) (C) (F) (Em) (Dm) (Am)
 Gm C F B^b Am Gm Dm

prince and slave. You, peace-mak - er and sword-bring - er
 on the cross, shin - ing in e - ter - nal glo - ry,
 at God's side. You, who preach a way that's nar - row,
 cos - mic Christ! Wor - thy your de - feat and vic - tory;

(B^b) (F) (E) (A/C#) (Dm)
 E^b B^b A D/F# Gm

of the way you took and gave. You, the ev - er - last - ing
 beg-gared by a sol - dier's toss, you, the ev - er - last - ing
 have a love that reach - es wide. You, the ev - er - last - ing
 wor - thy still your peace and strife. You, the ev - er - last - ing

(Am) (G) (Am) (Dm) (Em) (Am)
 Dm C Dm Gm Am Dm

in - stant; you, whom we both scorn and crave.
 in - stant; you who are both gift and cost.
 in - stant; you, who are our pil - grim guide.
 in - stant; you, who are our death and life.

When it was first published, the author called this text "Christus Paradox," because so many attributes of Christ stand in tension with each other. Mindful of the works of Soren Kierkegaard, she drafted it on a commuter bus after "a particularly bad day" of prison ministry.

TEXT: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1984
 MUSIC: French melody, 17th cent.
 Text © 1991 GIA Publications, Inc.

PICARDY
 8.7.8.7.8.7
 (alternate harmonization, 347)

Charge and Benediction

Postlude



About the Music...

With minimal revision, the text of our opening hymn brings together six of the eight four-line stanzas in an 18th-century hymn written for children and originally headed “Praise for Creation and Providence.” The anonymous German tune provides a fitting sense of breadth and wonder.

When the text of our closing hymn was first published, the author called it “Christus Paradox,” because so many attributes of Christ stand in tension with each other. Mindful of the works of Søren Kierkegaard, she drafted it on a commuter bus after “a particularly bad day” of prison ministry.


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.



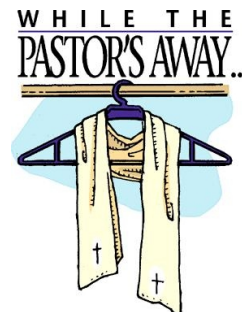
Amanda Devine (10/6); Brendan Davis (10/8); Matt Kough (10/10);
Bobbie Maxwell (10/11); Eric Thibau (10/12); Jeremy Devine (10/15);
Jack Kough (10/16); Pete Nunn (10/16); Letitia Denaburg (10/18);
Patsy Wright (10/23); Erland Higinbotham (10/29)

This Week at Geneva

Sunday, October 17	10:30am	Worship – In-Person and Online
Tuesday, October 18	7:00pm	Executive Meeting
Wednesday, October 19	7:00pm	Deacon Meeting
Wednesday, October 20	7:00pm	Bible Study
Saturday, October 23	11:00am	Choir – Rehearsal
Saturday, October 23	1:00pm	Handbell – Rehearsal
Saturday, October 23	5:30pm	Firepit Sing-Along
Sunday, October 24	10:30am	Worship – In-Person and Online
Sunday, October 24	2:00pm	Funeral Service for Jim Torrance – In-Person and Online

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.



- **Thank you Stella Lee for filling in While Patrick is away!**

I've been serving as a staff chaplain at UVA Haymarket and Prince William Medical Center, VA since December last year. Before starting on the chaplaincy, I served for the First Presbyterian Church of Annandale as a Director of Family Ministries for five years. I was ordained onto the hospital chaplaincy early this year by the National Capital Presbytery. I am a graduate of Union Presbyterian Seminary, MDIV. I was born and raised in South Korea, where my family lives. I came to the United States to study in seminary in 2012. Outside the ministry, I like to enjoy being in nature, doing yoga and Zumba, and spending time with friends like my family here. I like to start my day with morning devotionals and prayer to feed the hospital community every day.



- **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



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**

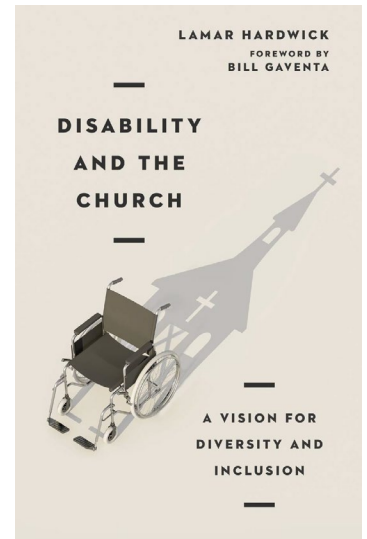
The Geneva Book Club will be moving from Friday evenings to become part of the Disability Ministry Team meetings on the 4th Thursday of the month at 8:00pm. You are invited to join this ministry team in its crucial work and participate in studying this superb book at the same time.

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)



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.

TRUNK N TREAT AND FALL CRAFTS!

Sunday, October 31 2:00 – 4:00 PM

Along the Geneva Day School entrance
Geneva and Geneva Day School Community
and friends

DON'T MISS IT!!

decorate your car trunk with candy for our Trick or Treaters

Allyson McElwaine, asmcelwaine@gmail.com,
if you will have a decorated trunk.

Renee Moloznik, rmoloz@hotmail.com,
if you are interested in helping with the fall crafts.





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;
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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