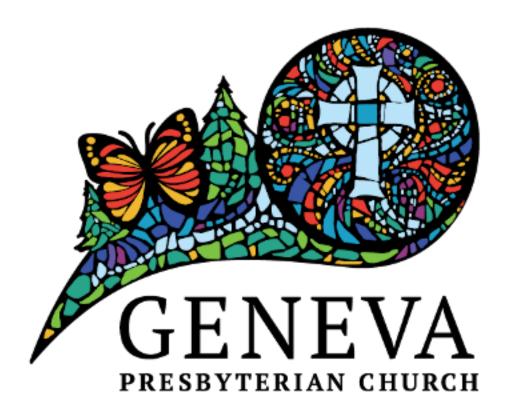
OCTOBER 24, 2021



GENEVA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

11931 Seven Locks Road Potomac, MD 20854 (301) 424-4346 www.genevapotomac.org

Rev. Patrick McElwaine, Pastor

Geneva Presbyterian Church

October 24, 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: Come, you who are weary.

People: Lay down your burdens, for God can carry them.

Leader: Come, you who are joyful.

People: Join in God's praise with the choir of saints.

Leader: Come, you who are doubting.

People: Behold, Jesus is the One who makes us whole.

PRAYER

465 What a Friend We Have in Jesus



This text was written by an Irish-born immigrant to Canada to comfort his mother in Ireland when she was going through a time of special sorrow. The role of prayer as a source of strength and consolation is underscored by its repeated use as a rhyme word in all three stanzas.

TEXT: Joseph Scriven, 1855; Korean trans. The United Methodist Korean Hymnal Committee, 2001 MUSIC: Charles C. Converse, 1868

Korean Trans. © 2001 The United Methodist Publishing House (admin. The Copyright Company)

CONVERSE 8.7.8.7.D

Call to Confession

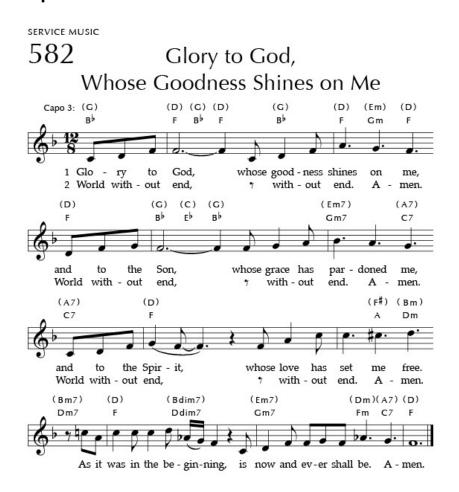
Prayer of Confession (below in unison, then silent personal prayers)

Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us! We go about our lives without paying much attention to the ones who are left out. Forgotten. Sitting in the dust while we rush here and there. The question so rarely forms in our minds: who is being excluded? And why? And how can we repair that breach?

Lord Jesus, help us to comprehend your love and your call with the inward eye of faith. Break through the barriers around our hearts and heal us from the deadly wounds of sin. Forgive us and open to us your way of grace as we offer our personal prayers now...

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Response



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)

Speak to us, Living God, as you have spoken to our ancestors: through the voices of your prophets, the breath of your Spirit, and the life of your Son, so that we may live according to your Word. Amen.

Old Testament Reading Jeremiah 31:7-9

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading Mark 10:46-52

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

Sermon "What Makes Jesus Stop In His Tracks?" Rev. Patrick McElwaine

The Baptism of Michael Christopher Moloznik

Child of Jake and Julie Moloznik

Presentation

Profession of Faith

I believe in God the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

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, he 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.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, 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)

Thanksgiving Over the Water

The Baptism

Welcome

The Thanksgiving

The Offering

Music Offering

Prayer of Dedication

The Sending

Closing Hymn "Men of Faith, Rise Up and Sing"

#319

(See next page for lyrics)

319 Men of Faith, Rise Up and Sing



This praise and worship song comes from Delirious?, an English Christian rock and worship band. Although the style is new, the message is an enduring one: God will provide the strength we need to proclaim the good news of salvation to all parts of the world.

3 Rise up,

TEXT and MUSIC: Martin Smith, 1995
Text and Music © 1995 Curious? Music UK (admin. EMICMGPublishing.com)

SMITH 7.7.7.7 with chorus and bridge

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

About the Whisic...

Our opening hymn was written by an Irish-born immigrant to Canada to comfort his mother in Ireland when she was going through a time of special sorrow. The role of prayer as a source of strength and consolation is underscored by its repeated use as a rhyme word in all three stanzas.

Our closing song is a praise and worship song that comes from Delirious?, an English Christian rock and worship band.

Although the style is new, the message is an enduring one:

God will provide the strength we need to proclaim the good news of salvation to all parts of the world.



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

Bonnie Tanner, close friend of Sara and Jim Torrence Ruth Harris, mother of Jim Harris Derrick Brown, family of Scott Brown

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:

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 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	Memorial Service for Jim Torrence – In-Person and Online
Thursday, October 28	7:00pm	Disability Mistry Team Meeting
Sunday, October 31	10:30am	Worship – In-Person and Online
Sunday, October 31	2:00pm	Trunk N Treat

• Covid Remembrance next Sunday

On Sunday, 10/31 we will be having a "Covid Remembrance" during Sunday morning worship service to celebrate loved ones who have died during the pandemic - not specifically due to Covid but during this specific time period. This will be an opportunity for us to communally celebrate and remember in a way that has been difficult or at times not possible during the past 18 months.

If you would like a loved one's name and/or picture included in the worship slideshow, please email or call Melissa in the church office by Thursday, 10/28 (melissa.genevapotomac@gmail.com or 301-424-4346).

• 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.

JOIN US FOR OUR WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY!

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: https://bit.ly/3c3kscZ

Meeting ID: 273 879 363

Password: 978348



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

Singing & Ringing!!!

Refine your skills as a singer to put your car radio to shame

Ring-a-ding-ding like 'Ol Blue Eyes himself!



UPDATE: BOOK CLUB IS CHANGING

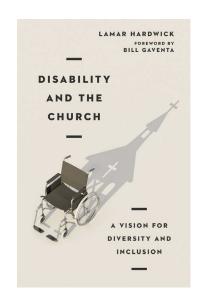
The Geneva Book Club will be moving from Friday evenings to become part of the Disability Ministry Team meetings on the 4th Thursday of the month at 8:00pm. You are invited to join this ministry team in its crucial work and participate in studying this superb book at the same time.

Disability Ministry Team Meeting: 4th Thursdays @ 8:00pm

Join Zoom Meeting: https://bit.ly/3oBecT1

Meeting ID: 852 8461 7873

Passcode: 518105





• 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 PLUST, create an account, and choose Geneva Presbyterian Church (in Potomac) as your home church
- By Mail: checks securely received at:
 11931 Seven Locks Road
 Potomac, MD 20854

• 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

+13126266799,,668560374# US (Chicago)

+16465588656,,668560374# US (New York)

• 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; Mark Allen, 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



Geneva Staff:

Rev. Patrick McElwaine, Pastor, pastor.genevapotomac@gmail.com

Ben Shaver, Music Director, music.genevapotomac@gmail.com

Melissa Cutler, Office Administrator, melissa.genevapotomac@gmail.com

Hymns from <u>Worship & Rejoice</u> by Hope Publishing Company are used with permission through OneLicense.net A-722503, CCLI License #11410910

Geneva Presbyterian Church is granted permission to perform songs within domestic Performing Rights Organizations (ASCAP,BMI and SESAC), as stated in the CCS WORSHIPcast License Terms and Conditions. License #13607

Geneva Presbyterian Church

11931 Seven Locks Road
Potomac, MD 20854
301-424-4346 www.genevapotomac.org