

DECEMBER 5, 2021



SECOND SUNDAY
OF
Advent

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

December 5, 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. In person worshippers have the option to sing during worship since we are all wearing masks.

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

We Light the Second Candle of Advent

Wreath Lighting Response

Leader: Come, Word of God, who was present creating at the beginning.

People: **Come, Ruler of the Nations, build your peaceful kingdom here with us as your disciple-helpers.**

JESUS CHRIST: ADVENT

88 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
 4 O come, thou Root of Jes - se, free thine own from



cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
 all things might - i - ly: to us the path of knowl - edge
 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
 Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell thy peo - ple



here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 show; and teach us in her ways to go. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!
 law in cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.
 save and give them vic - tory o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

- 5 O come, thou Key of David, come, and open wide our heavenly home;
 make safe the way that leads on high,
 and close the path to misery.
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
 shall come to thee, O Israel.
- 6 O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
 our spirits by thine advent here;
 disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
 and death's dark shadows put to flight.
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
 shall come to thee, O Israel.

- 7 O come, Desire of nations, bind
 all peoples in one heart and mind;
 bid envy, strife, and discord cease;
 fill the whole world with heaven's peace.
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
 shall come to thee, O Israel.

One stanza of this paraphrase of the great O Antiphons may be sung on each of the last days of Advent as follows:

Dec. 17: O Wisdom (2) Dec. 20: O Key of David (5) Dec. 23: O Emmanuel (1)
 Dec. 18: O Lord of might (3) Dec. 21: O Dayspring (6)
 Dec. 19: O Root of Jesse (4) Dec. 22: O Desire of Nations (7)

These titles of the coming Christ appeared in daily Vesper antiphons sung during the week before Christmas; their roots date at least to the reign of Charlemagne. Both text and tune are the fruit of 19th-century efforts to reclaim Christian treasures from pre-Reformation sources.

TEXT: Latin prose, pre-9th cent.; trans. composite
 MUSIC: Plainsong; adapt. Thomas Helmore, 1852; arr. John Weaver, 1988
 Music Arr. © 1990 John Weaver

VENI EMMANUEL
 LM with refrain

Call to Confession

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

God Of The Present Future, you are coming to be for us the way and the truth and the life. We confess that we have not truly expected your kingdom to be arriving. We accept lies as truth, exploit our neighbors, and are too often the enemies of justice and peace.

God With Us, Emmanuel, have mercy and forgive us of our sinfulness. Awaken our hearts to the ways you are already among us in the “ordinary” stuff of daily life. Show us your grace as we approach you in silent 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 in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done on Earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread, forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from our time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours. Now and forever, Amen.

The Word

Prayer for Illumination *(in unison)*

Holy God, our hope and strength, by the power of your Spirit prepare the way in our hearts for the coming of Christ, so that through him we may see the glory of your promises fulfilled. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 80:1-7

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

Second Scripture Reading

Malachi 3:1-4

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"The Tears John Forgot To Mention"

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

"E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come"

by Paul Manz

Prayer of Dedication

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

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

"On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry"

#96

(lyrics on next page)

96 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -
 2 Then cleansed be ev - ery life from sin; make
 3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our
 4 Stretch forth your hand; our health re - store, and

nounc - es that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
 straight the way for God with - in, and let us all our
 ref - uge and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we
 make us rise to fall no more. O let your face up -

for he brings glad ti - dings of the King of kings!
 hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.
 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.
 on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.

This hymn shows how once-unconnected parts can work together. The text about John the Baptist was written in Latin in the 18th century and translated into English in the 19th century. Similarly, the 17th-century melody was adapted to its present form in the 19th century.

TEXT: Charles Coffin, 1736; trans. John Chandler, 1837, alt.

MUSIC: *Musikalisches Handbuch*, 1690; harm. William Henry Monk, 1847, alt.

WINCHESTER NEW

LM

(alternate tune: PUER NOBIS NASCITUR)

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

About the Music...

Each verse of *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* would have appeared in daily Vesper antiphons and sung during the week before Christmas; their roots date at least to the reign of Charlemagne. Both text and tune are the fruit of 19th-century efforts to reclaim Christian treasures from pre-Reformation sources.

On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cries shows how once-unconnected parts can work together. The text about John the Baptist was written in Latin in the 18th century and translated into English in the 19th century. Similarly, the 17th-century melody was adapted to its present form in the 19th century.



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

Ruth Harris, mother of Jim Harris

Derrick Brown, family of Scott Brown

Healing and Comfort for

Bill Bryan, father of Letitia Denaburg, health concerns;

Barbara and Paul Prosswimmer, health concerns;

Rosie Perthel, health concerns;

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

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 friend, and the helpers at the Interfaith Community for Detained Immigrants in Chicago;

Ken Adams, father of Juliet Hiemberg, 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.



Isabelle Thibau (12/3); Daniel Ricci (12/3); Carter Harris (12/12);
Ludivine Kom-Liapoe (12/14); Jim Kaufmann (12/16); Brent Davis (12/17)

This Week at Geneva

Thursday, December 2	7:00pm	Meeting – Day School Board
Saturday, December 4	11:00am	Playdate – Disability Ministry Team
Sunday, December 5	10:30am	Worship – In-Person and Online
Sunday, December 5	12:00pm	Advent Event – Craft and Fellowship for All Ages
Wed, December 8	7:00pm	Bible Study
Sunday, December 12	10:30am	Worship – In-Person and Online
Sunday, December 12	12:00pm	Christmas Soup/Chili/Singalong
Wed, December 15	7:00pm	Bible Study

- **Updated COVID Guidelines!**

Session has approved an updated set of COVID Guidelines for Geneva Presbyterian that are in line with changing pandemic guidelines and the needs specific to our congregation. Please review and abide by these guidelines to keep our community safe if you come to Geneva in person.

Update Approved Nov. 22, 2021

1. Masks will be worn inside the church building and social distancing will be practiced. If a person is unable or unwilling to wear a mask, they may join us online for worship at this time.
2. The Pastor and Liturgist may remove their masks while leading worship in the chancel area.
3. The sanctuary will open for worshippers at 10:15.
4. Please enter through the main glass doors on the Seven Locks Rd. side of the building.
5. Check in procedure: all worshippers will provide their name for contact tracing, answer the standard "COVID questions," and have their temperature checked upon arrival. Hand sanitizing stations and masks will be available.
6. 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.
7. Greeters will help with check in and questions. Ushers will guide worshippers to their seats in the sanctuary.
8. Child care is being offered in a downstairs school classroom. Masks are encouraged if a child is able to wear one. An Usher can help guide caregivers and children to the child care space.
9. Individually sealed communion cups will be provided upon arrival for services when we celebrate the Lord's Supper.
10. Offerings and donations may be made online or in the physical offering plate located next to the sanctuary doors.
11. The congregation may sing with masks on.
12. Geneva Day School areas are strictly off limits to maintain safety for students and staff (with the exception of child care during worship).
13. Please obey all posted signs and do your part to keep our community safe!
14. These guidelines apply to everyone equally, regardless of vaccination status.

- **There is Still Time!**

Have you made your 2022 pledge yet? Now is the time and we need your help to make God's plans for our church family in the coming year a reality.

If you plan to submit a pledge indicating your intentions for financial giving in 2022, you may do so, we invite you to submit your pledge information [online through the church website](#) (no personal financial information is gathered), via mail at the church, or by directly contacting Office Administrator Melissa Cutler at melissa.genevapotomac@gmail.com.



One of Geneva's loveliest traditions is the beautiful Advent wreath and candles that we light in anticipation of Christmas and the birth of Jesus. What makes Geneva's Advent wreath so special to all of us is that it is the result of a labor of love for Geneva by faithful members of our congregation.

Dottie Renoe started the tradition and made the Advent wreath and candles for many years. Thereafter, the Geneva Presbyterian Women took on the task of seeing to the beautiful wreath and the Advent candles. In the early 1990s, and for the next 30 or so years,

Doris Murray began making the candles and both Doris and Barbara Prosswimmer took over the making of the wreath by using the juniper bushes growing on the church grounds. In 2005, when the junipers were not as abundant, the church turned to York Flowers to make the wreath, and the task of making the candles was then taken over by Cynthia Kaufmann. In 2015, Ken Denaburg and some of the staff of York Flowers graciously offered to take over the task of making the unique candles. We wish to express our appreciation to Ken and his talented staff for the lovely candles and beautiful heather wreath.

The Advent wreath is a circle symbolizing God's eternal love. The homemade candles range in color from deep purple signifying the kingship or royalty of Christ, and getting successively lighter each week of Advent ending in white on Christmas Eve celebrating the birth of Christ. The paraments are also changed to white on Christmas Eve. White is the symbol of purity, innocence of the soul and the holiness of life. Finally, the wreath is adorned with heather. The heather is appropriate, not only for its color, but it grows in Scotland, which is also the origin of the Presbyterian Church. John Knox brought the teachings of John Calvin to Scotland in 1560.



Geneva Presbyterian Church's Blessing Bags

THE GENEVA DEACONS ARE ORGANIZING BLESSING BAGS FOR THE 35 WOMEN AND THE 35 MEN LIVING IN THE INTERFAITH CENTERS LOCATED IN ROCKVILLE. WE ARE ASKING FOR DONATIONS FOR THE ITEMS LISTED BELOW OR MONETARY DONATIONS SO WE CAN BUY THE ITEMS REQUESTED. THE BLESSING BAGS WILL BE ASSEMBLED ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, SO PLEASE HAVE ALL DONATED ITEMS DELIVERED TO GENEVA BY THAT DATE. IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO DELIVER YOUR DONATIONS TO THE CHURCH, PLEASE CONTACT RENEE MOLOZNIK (RMOLOZ@HOT MAIL.COM) FOR DONATION PICKUP. YOU ARE ALSO WELCOME TO HELP US ASSEMBLE THE BLESSING BAGS ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5 AT 12:00 PM AT GENEVA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 11931 SEVEN LOCKS RD, POTOMAC, MD 20854.

Wish List

Women's Center Wish List:

Chapstick
Scarf
Winter Hat
Pens
Make up Bag
Hair ties

Nail Polish
Gloves
Coloring Book
Color Pencils
Blanket
Barrettes

Nail File
Socks
Activity Book
Reusable water bottle
Hair Products
Card games

Men's Center Wish List:

Socks
Wash cloths
Shaving Cream

Razors
Soap
Lotion

Underwear
Sweatshirts sizes L - 4XL
Sweatpants sizes L - 4XL

Year-Round Wish List

Shampoo/Conditioner
Hairbrushes
Hand Sanitizer
Sleeping Masks
Bleach

Body Wash
Floss
Lysol Wipes
Hand Soap
Comet

Deodorant
Tissues
Lysol Spray
Socks
Windex

Please contact Allyson McElwaine (asmcelwaine@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

CRAFTS FOR CHRISTMAS

GENEVA FAMILY ADVENT EVENT

Christmas Advent Craft Event

Crafts for all ages and abilities!

Make Blessing Bags to be delivered to shelters



Fun Holiday Crafts

Sunday, December 5th
12 – 1:30 PM

Geneva Presbyterian Church
11931 Seven Locks Rd.
Potomac, MD

- **SAVE THE DATE - Geneva Christmas Soup/Chili/Singalong - Sunday, December 12 at 12:00 PM.**

Come feast on assorted soups and chili(s) before our Geneva Singalong with Ben. It will be held after our Sunday service at 12:00 PM. If you are unable to attend in person, we will have a Zoom set up shortly.

Topic: Geneva Christmas Singalong Zoom Meeting
Time: Dec 12, 2021 12:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)





POINSETTIAS

If you would like to purchase a poinsettia to decorate the sanctuary for Advent, please email Melissa in the church office at Melissa.genevapotomac@gmail.com.

If your poinsettia is in honor or memory of someone please be sure to include that information in your email.

Each poinsettia is \$15. Make your check payable to Geneva Presbyterian Church, write Advent in the memo and mail your check to the church.

It needs to be received in the church office by Noon on Friday, December 17. You can pay online through our church donate app.

Please go to Special Gifts at <https://genevapotomac.org/give/online-giving/>

- **Advent Devotional: Advent In Plain Sight by Jill J. Duffield**

This year Geneva will be getting a lot of mileage out of one particularly excellent resource, Jill Duffield's new Advent devotional, "[Advent In Plain Sight: A Devotion Through Ten Objects](#)." We are encouraging every member of our community to purchase a copy of this devotional for personal, daily reflection as we prepare for Christmas. The link above will help you purchase a copy through Amazon; if you need or would like for the church to provide a copy, please contact Pastor Patrick or Melissa in the church office.



In addition to your own personal Advent preparations, we will also use the book as a jumping off point for Wednesday Bible Study sessions and Pastor Patrick's sermons this coming season. We commend this book to you and hope you will join the entire Geneva family as we prepare for Christ's incarnation this season.

With Blessings,

Carl Perthel, Elder for Christian Education
Pastor Patrick

- **JOIN US FOR OUR WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY!**

Now is the perfect time to jump in and connect with this fantastic group that meets every Wednesday @ 7:00pm Eastern for Bible study, prayer, and fellowship. Make Wednesday Bible Study a part of your holiday preparations this Advent season!



Virtual Bible Study: Wednesdays @ 7:00pm

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://bit.ly/3c3kscZ>

Meeting ID: 273 879 363

Password: 978348

- **Worship Flowers**

Would you like to sponsor Geneva's Sunday morning worship flowers to enhance our gift of worship to God? If so, the cost is \$35 per week and the flowers can be dedicated in honor of or memory of a loved one or for another specified reason.

To sponsor our worship flowers for the week, please use our [SignUp Genius](#) (online payment available) or contact Melissa in the church office at Melissa.genevapotomac@gmail.com or (301) 424-4346.



**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 :
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

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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;
Janelle Thibeau, 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.

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God by the entire Geneva Presbyterian family.



Geneva warmly welcomes all our guests joining us today



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