# **DECEMBER 5, 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

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

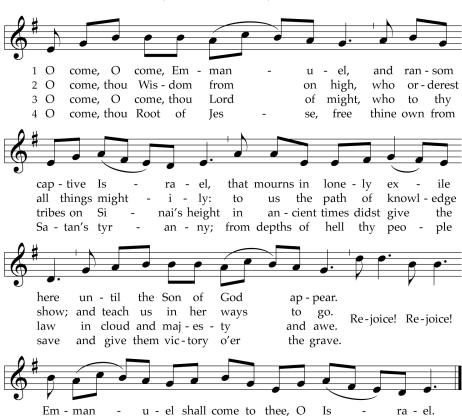
## **Wreath Lighting Response**

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



- 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.

  Rejoicel Rejoicel Emmanuel
  - 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)

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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.

#### **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.

(\*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



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**





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	<b>Meeting</b> – 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
Wed, December 8 Sunday, December 12	7:00pm 10:30am	Bible Study  Worship – In-Person and Online
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## 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

- 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.

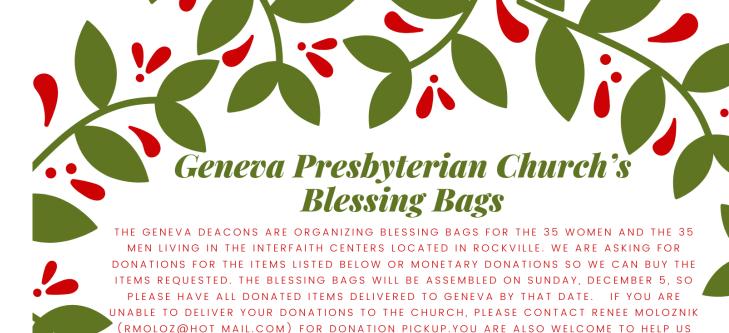


One of Geneva's loveliest traditions is the beautiful Advent wreath and candles that we light in anticipation of Christmas and the birth of Jesus. What makes Geneva's Advent wreath so special to all of us is that it is the result of a labor of love for Geneva by faithful members of our congregation.

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.



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Wish List

ASSEMBLE THE BLESSING BAGS ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5 AT 12:00 PM AT GENEVA

Women's Center Wish List:

Chapstick Scarf Winter Hat Pens Make up Bag

Hair ties

Men's Center Wish List: Socks Wash cloths Shaving Cream

Year-Round Wish List Shampoo/Conditioner Hairbrushes Hand Sanitizer Sleeping Masks Bleach Nail Polish Gloves Coloring Book Color Pencils Blanket Barrettes

Razors Soap Lotion

Body Wash Floss Lysol Wipes Hand Soap Comet Nail File Socks Activity Book Reusable water bottle Hair Products Card games

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

Deodorant Tissues Lysol Spray Socks Windex

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



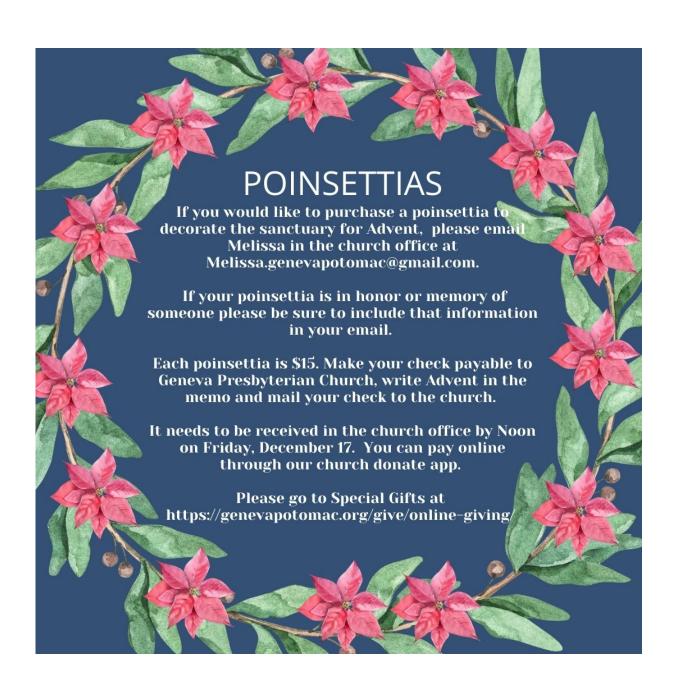


# • <u>SAVE THE DATE - Geneva Christmas Soup/Chili/Singalong - Sunday,</u> <u>December 12 at 12:00 PM.</u>

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.

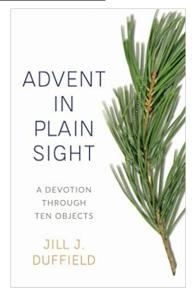
Topic: Geneva Christmas Singalong Zoom Meeting Time: Dec 12, 2021 12:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)





# • 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!

<u>Virtual Bible Study: Wednesdays @ 7:00pm</u> Join Zoom Meeting: <a href="https://bit.ly/3c3kscZ">https://bit.ly/3c3kscZ</a>

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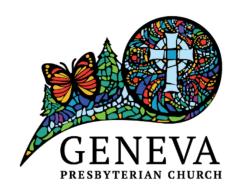
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# • Worship Flowers

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 <u>SignUp Genius</u> (online payment available) or contact Melissa in the church office at <u>Melissa.genevapotomac@gmail.com</u> 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 <u>https://genevapotomac.org/give/online-giving/</u>
- **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: <a href="https://bit.ly/2SL4E76">https://bit.ly/2SL4E76</a>

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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