

**JANUARY 9, 2022**



## **GENEVA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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**Rev. Patrick McElwaine, Pastor**

# Geneva Presbyterian Church

January 9, 2022

Baptism of the Lord Sunday

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. 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

### Silence and Introit

### Call to Worship

One Voice: The voice of the Lord is over the waters,

**Many Voices: and in the temple God's people say: Glory!**

One: The heavens opened, the Spirit descended,

**Many: and a voice sounded: This is my Beloved Son.**

One: Do not fear, for the Lord has spoken:

**Many: I have called you by name; you are mine.**

GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

# Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove 279

1 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, heaven - ly Dove,  
 2 In vain we tune our for - mal songs;  
 3 Dear Lord, and shall we ev - er live  
 4 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, heaven - ly Dove,

with all thy quick - ening powers; kin - dle a flame of  
 in vain we strive to rise; ho - san - nas lan - guish  
 at this poor dy - ing rate? Our love so faint, so  
 with all thy quick - ening powers; come, shed a - broad a

sa - cred love in these cold hearts of ours.  
 on our tongues, and our de - vo - tion dies.  
 cold to thee, and thine to us so great!  
 Sav - ior's love, and that shall kin - dle ours.

In contrast with many hymns to the Holy Spirit, this one is notable for being in the plural, a valuable reminder that the Holy Spirit has been bestowed on the whole Church, not just on a few individuals. The tune was composed for “Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee” (no. 629).

TEXT: Isaac Watts, 1707, alt.  
 MUSIC: John Bacchus Dykes, 1866, alt.

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# Call to Confession

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

O God, in the waters of baptism you have cleansed us and claimed us as your own. Forgive us for holding your grace at arm's length in disbelief that it could truly be for us. Forgive us for rejecting your holy name in the misguided ways we treat our neighbors. Forgive us for following paths that lead our hearts away from you.

Forgive us, Lord, and help us live into our baptisms: the joy, the welcome, the new life, all freely offered through Jesus Christ. Fill our hearts with the trust needed to turn to you now in honest confession...

## 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)*

Saving God, source of our calling, your Word is full of power and glory. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us so that we may receive your grace and live as Jesus' disciples. In his name we pray. Amen.

**Old Testament Reading**

**Isaiah 43:1-7**

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God.**

**New Testament Reading**

**Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

**"Crossing Rivers and Walking Through Fire"**

*Rev. Patrick McElwaine*

## **Affirmation of Faith** *(in unison)*

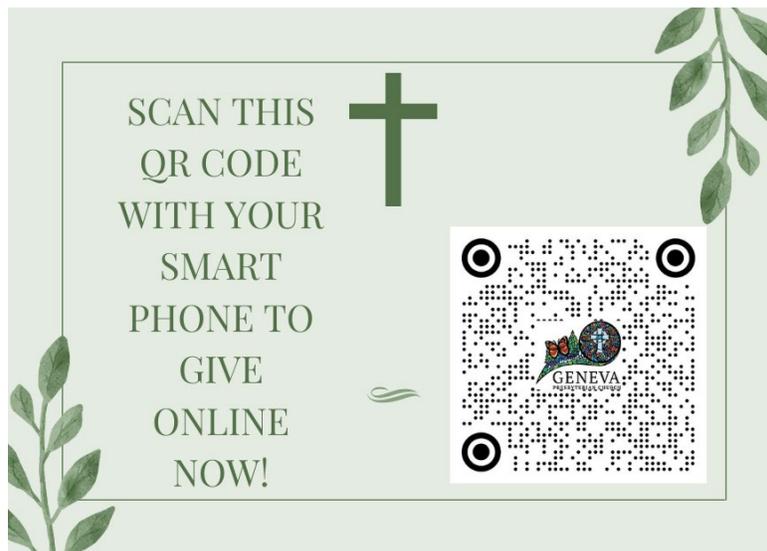
Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God,  
The firstborn of all creation;  
In him all things in heaven and on earth were created,  
things visible and invisible.  
All things have been created through him and for him.  
He himself is before all things,  
And in him all things hold together.  
He is head of the body, the church;  
He is the beginning,  
The firstborn of the dead,  
So that he might come to have first place in everything.  
For in him all fullness of God was pleased to dwell,  
and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things,  
whether on earth or in heaven,  
By making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen

*Col. 1:15-20*

## **2022 Star Words**

# **The Thanksgiving**

## **The Offering**



## **Music Offering**

## **Prayer of Dedication**

# The Sending

Closing Hymn

“Joyful, Joyful We adore Thee”

#611

ADORATION

## 611 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!  
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee; earth and heaven re-flect thy rays;  
3 Mor-tals, join the hap-py cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan.

Hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore thee, o-pening to the sun a-bove.  
stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.  
Love di-vine is reign-ing o'er us, join-ing all in heav-en's plan.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a-way.  
Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, flower-y mead-ow, flash-ing sea,  
Ev-er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic-tors in the midst of strife.

Giv-er of im-mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.  
chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re-joice in thee.  
Joy-ful mu-sic leads us sun-ward in the tri-umph song of life.

This well-known melody was created to provide a choral setting for J. C. F. von Schiller's poem, "An die Freude" (To Joy), as the final movement of the composer's *Ninth Symphony*. The author, a prominent Presbyterian pastor and author, wrote the words with this tune in mind.

TEXT: Henry van Dyke, 1907, alt.  
MUSIC: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824; adapt. Edward Hodges, 1842, alt.

HYMN TO JOY  
8.7.8.7.D

Postlude



The work, worship, pastor and leadership of Geneva.

**Comfort for the Family and Friends of**

**Elaine Brasted;**

**Jim Torrence;**

The family and friends of John McKenna, friend of Jim and Sara Torrence

Ray Johnson, father of Katie Harris;

Ruth Harris, mother of Jim Harris

Derrick Brown, family of Scott Brown

**Healing and Comfort for**

**Carole Haller, health concerns;**

**Ellie Alexander, health concerns;**

Barbara and Paul Prosswimmer, health concerns;

Rosie Perthel, health concerns;

Jan Sengers, colleague of Sara Torrence, health concerns

Earl Baker, friend of Sara and Jim Torrence, health concerns

Bill Bryan, father of Letitia Denaburg, 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;

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.



**Birthdays:** *Sheena Galliani (1/5); Bob Ricci (1/6); Jacquelyn Kough (1/6); Rosalie Ruff (1/8); Allyson McElwaine (1/14); Sara Torrence (1/17); Amanda White (1/18); Terry Shima (1/20); Malachi McElwaine (1/23); Carole Haller (1/25); Eric Winchenbach (1/26); Ruth Nunn (1/28); Ani Cherot (1/30)*

## **This Week at Geneva**

Sunday, January 9	10:30am	<b>Worship</b> – In-Person and Online
Wed, January 12	7:00pm	<b>Bible Study</b>
Sunday, January 16	10:30am	<b>Worship</b> – In-Person and Online

- **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.

- **Thank You!**

Thank you for your generous pledges and contributions to God's ministry in and through Geneva Presbyterian Church! This year many people made pledges, some new folks made a pledge for the first time, and many are continuing their financial giving of all sorts in this new year. God has big plans in store for us in 2022 and your stewardship of time, talent, and treasure is vital to everything we do in Christ's name.



Though our "Open Hearts, Open Minds" 2022 stewardship campaign is over, responding to God's generosity with the fullness of our lives is an everyday thing. Thank you for being such generous, dedicated disciples: together we are transforming lives and sharing God's welcome near and far.

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

Happy New Year! How about this for a new year's resolution (or really just a great thing to do at any time of the year): hop on for Bible Study this coming week!

This dedicated and fun group meets every

Wednesday @ 7:00pm Eastern for scripture study, prayer, and fellowship. You're officially invited and it would be a joy to see you soon!



Virtual Bible Study: Wednesdays @ 7:00pm

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

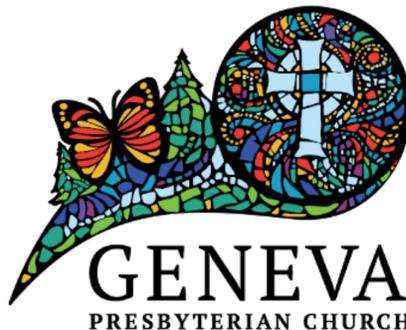
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- **Worship Flowers**

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 [SignUp Genius](#) (online payment available) or contact Melissa in the church office at [Melissa.genevapotomac@gmail.com](mailto:Melissa.genevapotomac@gmail.com) or (301) 424-4346.



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- **By App:** download **GIVE PLUS<sup>+</sup>**, create an account, and choose Geneva Presbyterian Church (in Potomac) as your home church
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- **Virtual Church with Geneva Presbyterian: Sundays @ 10:30am**

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://bit.ly/2SL4E76>

Meeting ID: 668 560 374

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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 Thibau, 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 by Nancy Morse In Memory of My Husband, Russ Morse.



**Geneva warmly welcomes all our guests joining us today**



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