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10:30am

Childcare is available in a downstairs classroom -- please ask an Usher for help.

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. This is your spiritual home -- we encourage you to sing, pray, and be yourself just as God made you in this holy space.

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

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome to the Worship of God

Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus led his disciples out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them.

People: While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven.

Leader: And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

People: We gather in the House of the Lord today as Jesus' disciples – to worship, to sing, and to bless God's holy name.

–Paraphrase of Luke 24: 50-53

Opening Hymn (next page)

JESUS CHRIST: RESURRECTION

Christ Is Alive!

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1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
2 Christ is a - live! No lon - ger bound to dis - tant
3 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where col - or,
4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
this and ev - every age, till earth and sky and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
here and now, and touch - ing ev - every place and time.
loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O merciful God, regard not what we have done against you, but what our blessed Savior, Jesus Christ, has done on our behalf. Let not sin and shortcomings rule our lives, but your grace poured out into vessels of clay.

Turn our hearts and wills heavenward to Jesus who sits enthroned over creation, and receive the prayers of our contrite hearts that we offer now in his holy name...

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Response

Alleluia! 587

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Joys and Concerns *(The Online 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.

Passing of the Peace

Refrain

Be - cause He lives I can face to - mor - row, Be-cause He
lives all fear is gone; Be - cause I know
He holds the fu - ture. And life is worth the liv-ing just be-cause He lives.

The Word

Prayer for Illumination

Blessed Spirit, you blow through this world as you will. Enliven us today with fresh knowledge of your wisdom and ways as we receive God's Word. Nourish our hearts with grace so we stand ready to hear, believe, and obey our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Acts 1:1-11

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

Children's Sermon

Julie Moloznik

(Children 5th grade and younger are invited to join Bridges to Worship in the downstairs classroom following the Children's Sermon)

Second Scripture Reading

Ephesians 1:15-23

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"An Outward Trajectory"

Rev. Patrick McElwaine

Affirmation of Faith (The Apostles' Creed)

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

Beloved, we invite you to join in the ministry of this church with your tithes and offerings. Your gifts may be received in the physical offering plate in the back of the sanctuary or online using the QR code in your bulletin. Let us give generously and joyfully.



Music Offering

Prayer of Dedication

Closing Hymn

GOD'S COVENANT WITH ISRAEL

Make a Joyful Noise to God! 54

(Psalm 66)



1 Make a joy - ful noise to God! All cre - a - tion sings your praise!
2 Come and see what God has done, great the bless-ings to the just:
3 Bless the Lord, our ref - uge sure; let our songs of praise be heard!



Great your won-ders here dis-played, un-ex-celled through-out our days.
walked the cho - sen through the sea, brought their en - e - mies to dust.
By whose jus - tice, we are tried; by whose grace, our guilt de-ferred.



Glo - rious is your sa - cred name, a - ges old, yet still the same.
Let us lift a thank - ful voice for God's mer-cies, and re - joice!
When our life's sure end shall come, bring us to your heaven-ly home.

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers

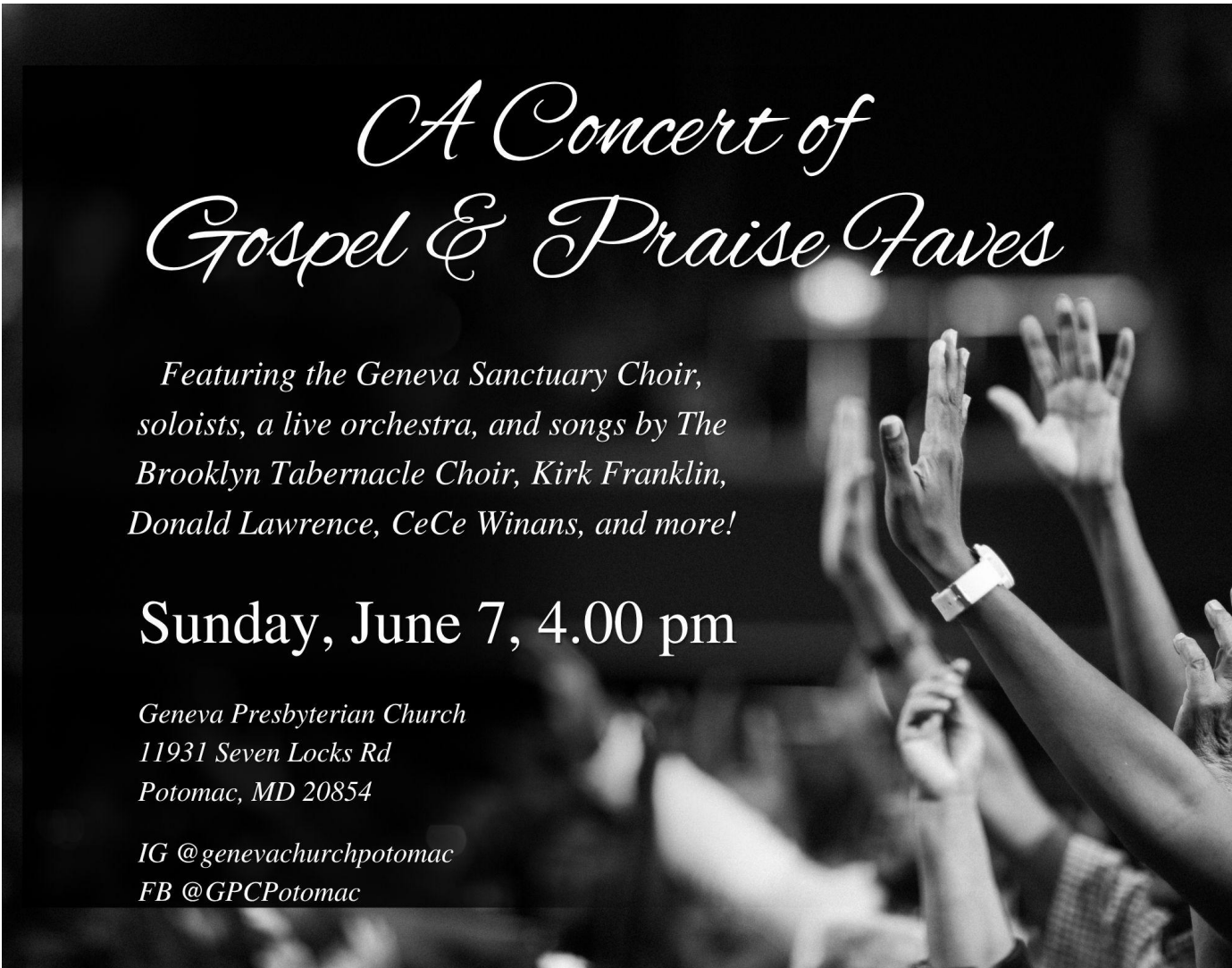
Names in bold are new prayer list additions.
The work, worship, pastor and leadership of Geneva.

Comfort for the Family and Friends of

Fred Brown, brother of Scott Brown;
Joe Morman, uncle of Robin Kough;
Alyssa Kakol, a friend of Sara and Tom Sadler, died tragically in a pedestrian accident;
Rosalie Ruff;
Tom Maxwell;
Paul Quin, husband of Pamela Wilson;
Adriana Bockma, friend of Sara Torrence;
Richard Torrence, brother-in-law of Sara Torrence;

Healing and Comfort for

The Khalil family;
Larry Maske, cousin of Ken Sprinkle, cancer
Karen Dove, friend of the McElwaines, health concerns;
Scott Brown, recent hernia surgery;
Hamed Moghaddam, health concerns;
Tim Davidson, brain tumor, uncle of Ben Shaver;
Stacey Mastrian, health concerns, friend and former professor of Ben Shaver;
Gabrielle Suver, seriously injured in a hit and run bicycle accident;
The Moghaddam family and their business, during a time of discernment and transition;
Jeff Norwood, Cancer Treatment, friend of Moloznik family;
Sam White, undiagnosed health concerns;
Mohammad Pajouhi, uncle to Hamed Moghaddam & brother to Ency Moghaddam,
for healing, wisdom for the doctors, and restoration of his heart;
Rev. Mary Pullen, cancer treatment;
Allyson McElwaine, health concerns;
Mike Sydoriak, health concerns;
Kevin Shaver, health concerns;
Bob Daraskevich and his family, friend of Kyla Lupo, undergoing cancer treatment;
Nancy Morse, health concerns;
John Hanson, friend of Sara Torrence, health concerns;
Margaret and Don Acton, parents of Amanda White, continued health concerns;
Pepe Marin, health concerns;
Nancy Rawson, health concerns;
Judith Sadler, mother of Tom Sadler, mental illness and PG County guardianship care;
Sandra Kichefski, sister of Sheri Sankey, health concerns;



A Concert of Gospel & Praise Faves

*Featuring the Geneva Sanctuary Choir,
soloists, a live orchestra, and songs by The
Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir, Kirk Franklin,
Donald Lawrence, CeCe Winans, and more!*

Sunday, June 7, 4.00 pm

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Pastor Patrick on Sabbatical this Summer

After seven years of continuous service in a congregation, the Presbyterian Church (USA) recommends that Pastors take a period of spiritual growth, refreshment, and rest called a sabbatical. This is not a “vacation” per se, but rather a time meant to build up a Pastor and the congregation they serve for healthy long term ministry together.

The Session of Geneva Presbyterian Church and National Capital Presbytery have both approved a time of sabbatical for Pastor Patrick this summer, which will last from **June 1 through August 31**. During this time Pastor Patrick will step away from his normal duties and will be unavailable, but you’ll continue to see Allyson and their kids most Sundays in worship. Patrick himself will be excited to see everyone when he returns on **September 1!**

Church and ministerial needs during this time should be directed to Session and/or the Deacons, and we are delighted to have a full calendar of Pulpit Supply Pastors to help lead worship while Pastor Patrick is away. May God bless each of us and the Geneva Presbyterian Church family in exciting and wonderful ways this summer!

Geneva May



Neurodiverse Playdate
May 2nd
11-Noon



Youth Sunday
May 3rd
10:30-11:45



Joyful Noise Service
May 17th
9:30-10 AM



Adult Bible Study
May 6, 13, 20, 27
6:00 PM



Pentecost Service
May 24th
10:30-11:45



Childrens Chimes Practice
May 24th & 31st
During Sunday School



Church Picnic
May 31st
Following Worship

Today's Worship Leaders

Rev. Patrick McElwaine, *Pastor*; Ben Shaver, *Music Director*;

Rolf Winch, *Lector*; Tom Sadler, *Zoom Host*;

Ken Sprinkle, Curtis Chimba, *Audio/Visual*

Church Elders	Church Deacons
Kyla Lupo, Julie Moloznik, Sheri Sankey, Ken Sprinkle, Janelle Thibau, Daniela Smith, Jack Kough	Eve Dailey, Sheena Galliani, Allyson McElwaine, Carl Perthel, Renee Moloznik

If you have ideas, suggestions, or concerns, please share them with our officers.

Today's flowers are given to the Glory of God by
The Geneva Presbyterian Family.

Geneva warmly welcomes all our guests joining us today

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