November 8, 2026

GENEVA
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Geneva Presbyterian Church

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November 8, 2026 **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 at home in Geneva.

Prelude

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome to the Worship of God

Call to Worship

Leader: But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel:

People: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

Leader: When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you…

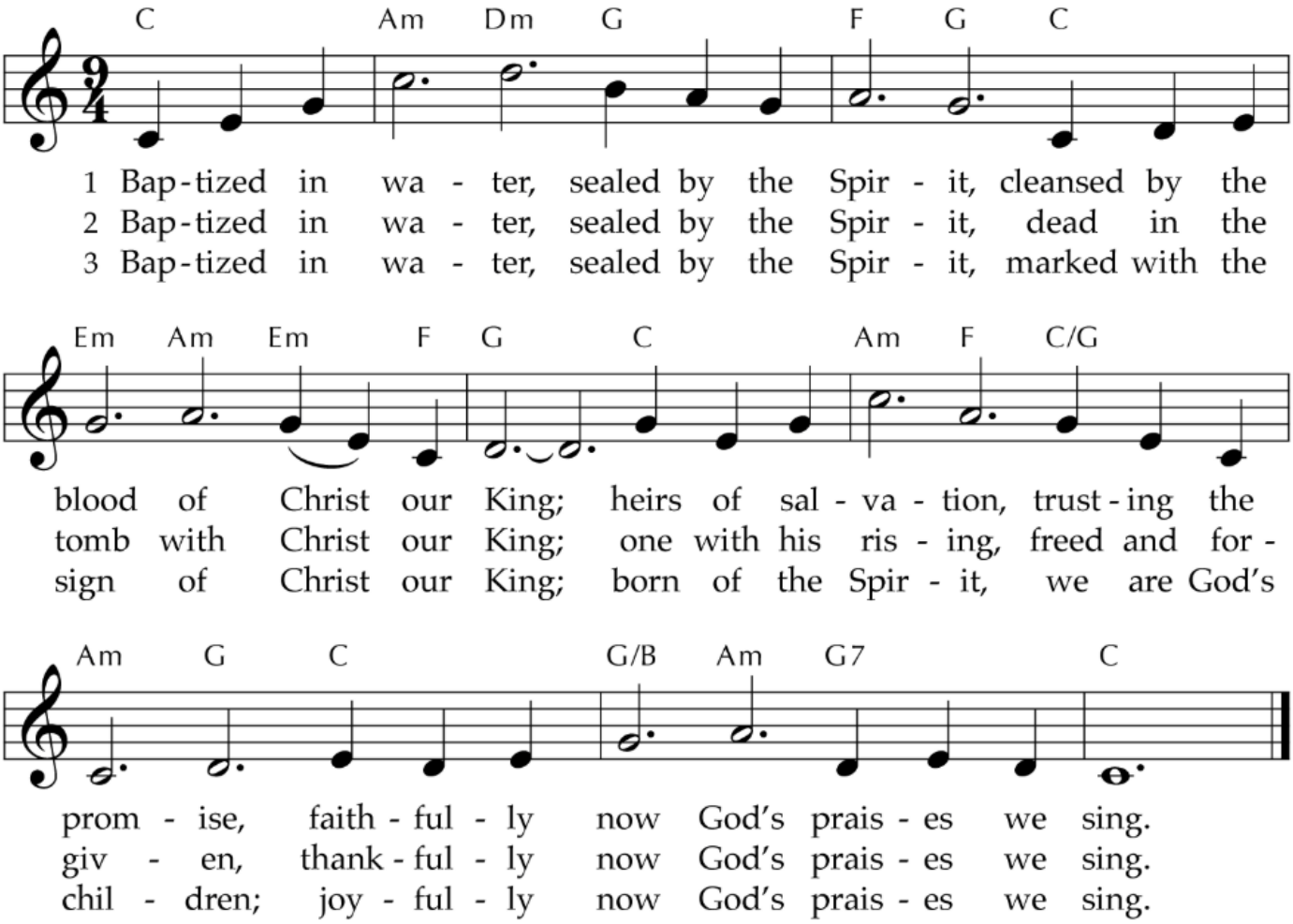
People: For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior."

– Isaiah 43:1-3

Opening Hymn *(next page)*

BAPTISM

482 Baptized in Water



Call to Confession
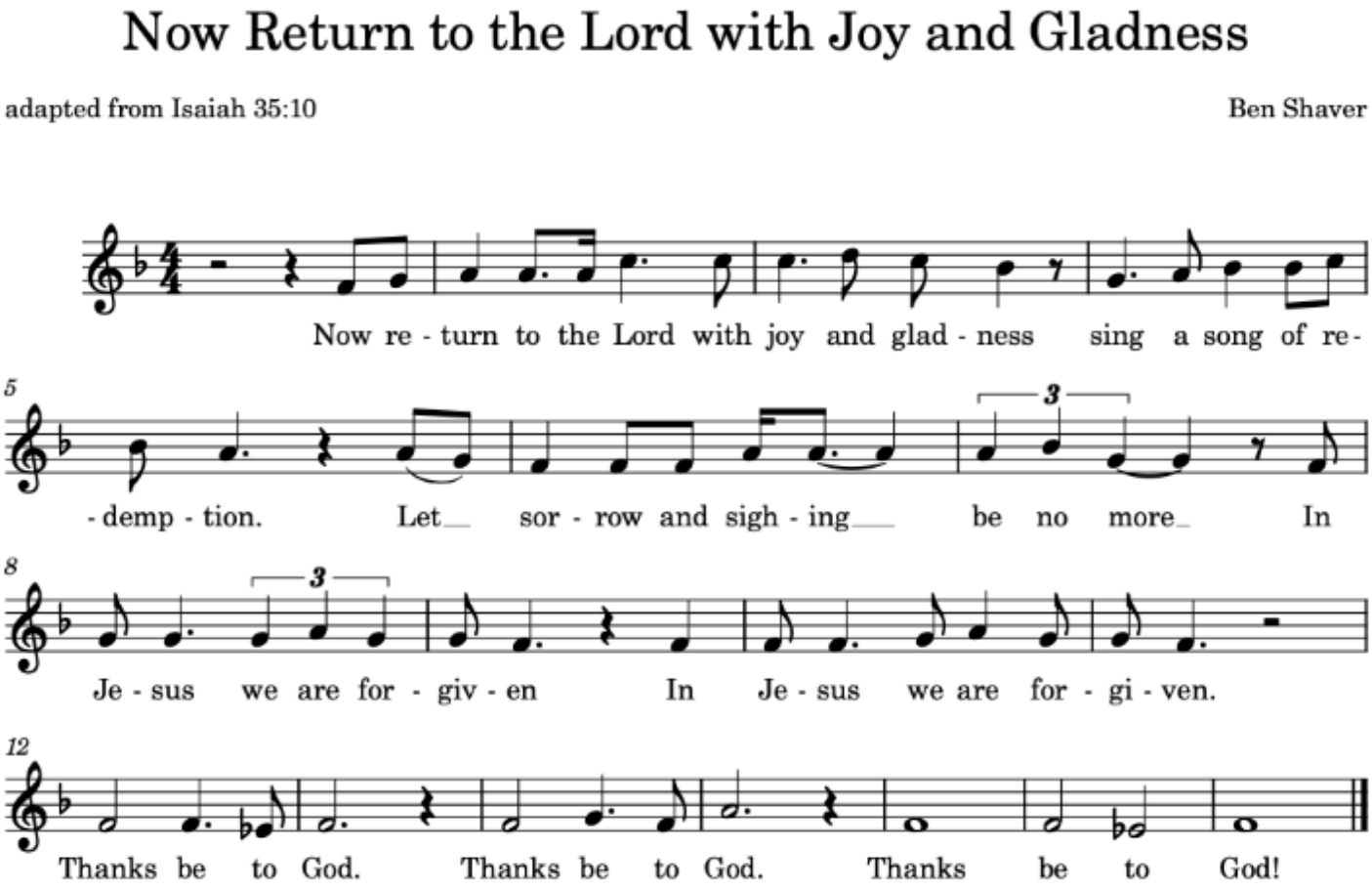
Prayer of Confession *(in unison)*

Blessed Trinity, you call us to be a holy people, for You are holy. You call us to flee from sin, but do we really? In honesty we are far more likely to accept the "halfway done," the "close enough," the "I'll get to that eventually."

Merciful Lord, convict our hearts of our transgressions. Let us not grow comfortable with sin in our lives, but rather empower us in your Spirit to mortify it completely. Hear our personal prayers of confession and come to our aid now…

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Response
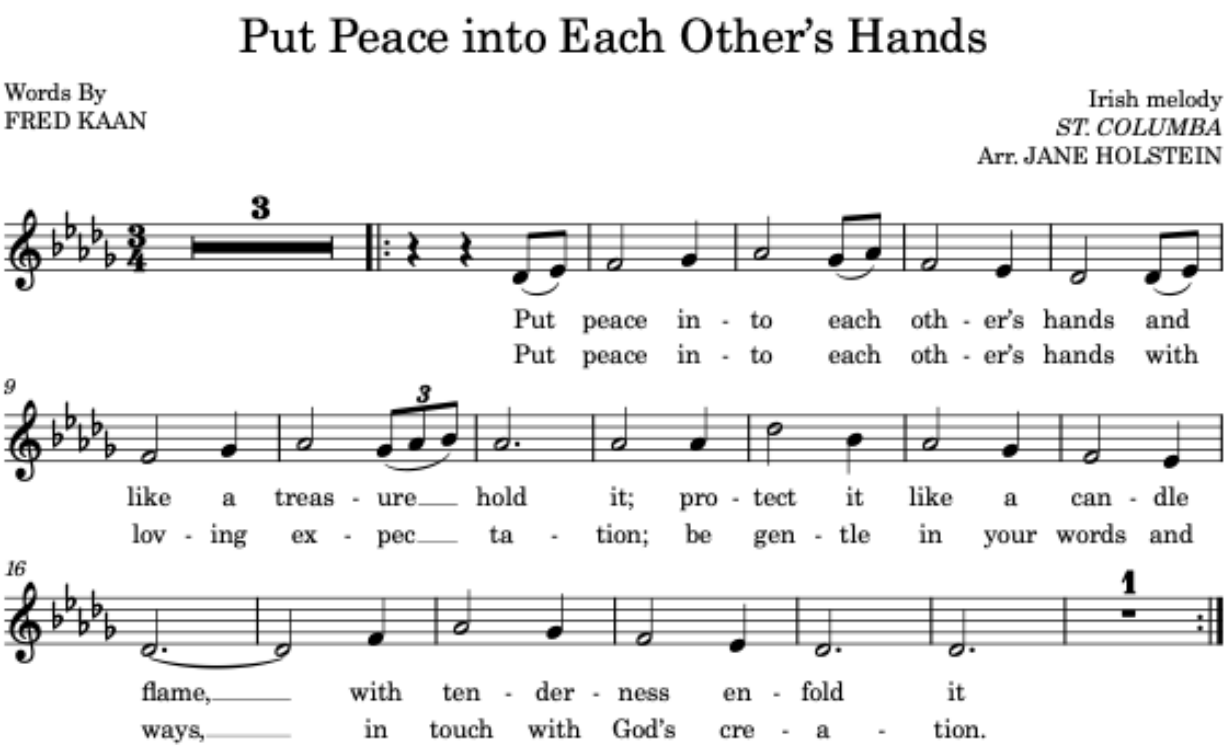


Joys and Concerns *(The Online Church recording is turned off during this portion of the service for - privacy. We will resume recording after the Lord's Prayer.)*

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



The Word

Prayer for Illumination *(in unison)*

Testify to us, O God, by the voice of your Spirit. Put your law in our hearts, write your word in our minds, and show your will in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

First Scripture Reading **Exodus 14:10-18** (page 53 in your pew Bible)

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

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

Second Scripture Reading **1 Corinthians 10:1-4** (page 931 in your pew Bible)

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

Sermon **“Passing Through The Water”** *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 God’s universal, worldwide church of all times and places)*

The Sacrament of Baptism and Welcoming New Member

Presentation *Selena Ritschel*

Profession of Faith

Thanksgiving Over The Water

The Baptism

Welcome

Leader: Congregation, how do we welcome this sister in the faith?

People: With joy and thanksgiving in Christ we welcome you to life and ministry with Geneva Presbyterian Church!

The Thanksgiving

Minute for Stewardship *Daniela Smith*

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.
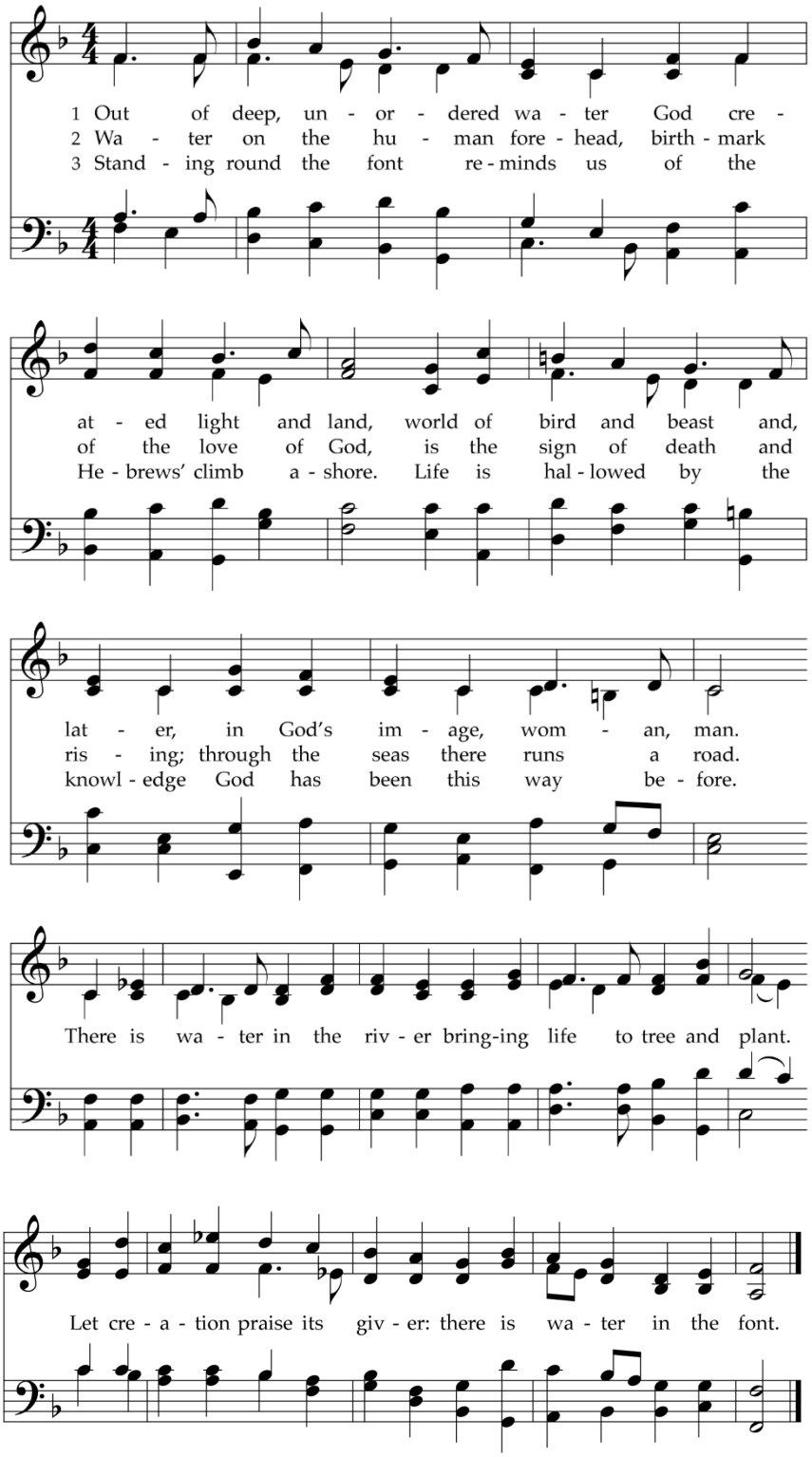


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Prayer of Dedication

Closing Hymn

BAPTISM

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Charge and Benediction

Postlude



Names in bold are new prayer list additions.

The work, worship, pastor and leadership of Geneva.

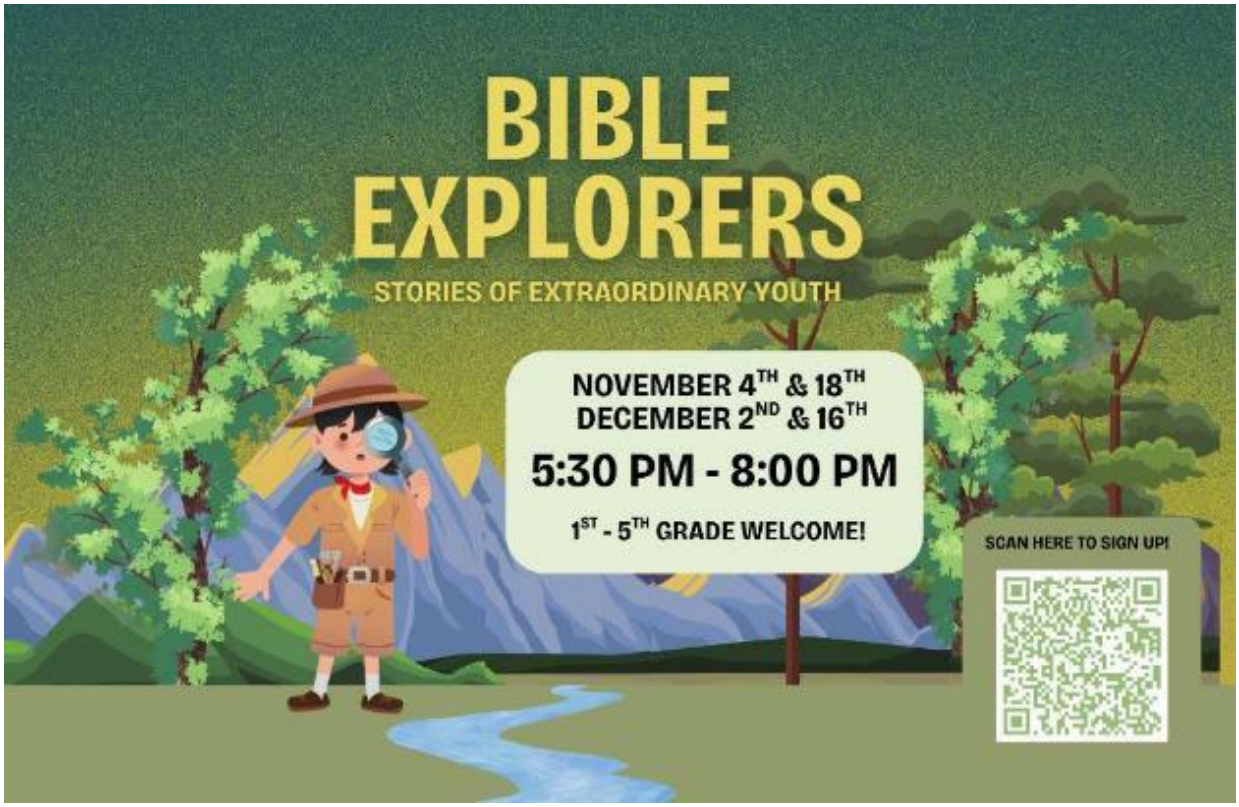
Comfort for the Family and Friends of

Frances Spollen, grandmother of Allyson McElwaine;
Rick Maier, uncle of Allyson McElwaine;
Bob Daraskevich, friend of Kyla Lupo;
Cheryl Reider, sister-in-law and aunt of the Moloznik family;
Rev. Dr. Harold Garman, friend of Sara Torrence;
David Reynolds, friend of Elaine and Rolf Winch;
Debbie Taylor, friend of Elaine and Rolf Winch;

Healing and Comfort for

Stefan Momber, cousin of Rolf Winch, cancer;
Don Fink, husband of Carolyn Fink, following a recent stroke;
Kenneth Weiss, friend of Sara Torrence, health concerns;
Kyla Lupo, recovering from surgery;
Larry Maske, cousin of Ken Sprinkle, cancer;
Karen Dove, friend of the McElwaines, health concerns;
Scott Brown, health concerns;
Hamed Moghaddam, health concerns;
Jeff Norwood, Cancer Treatment, friend of Moloznik family;
Mohammad Pajouhi, uncle to Hamed Moghaddam & brother to Ency Moghaddam, for healing, wisdom for the doctors, and restoration of his heart;
Allyson McElwaine, health concerns;
Mike Sydoriak, health concerns;
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;





Join us for a 4-lesson story series exploring extraordinary youth from the bible with Next Generation Ministries! Dinner will be provided along with fun hands-on activities. Email nextgen@genevapotomac.org if you have any questions.


Stewardship Sunday 11/22
"Sowing Seeds of Faith, Growing God's Future"
Make your pledge today!
https://genevapotomac.org/give/pledge/


HANGING OF THE GREENS
&
POTLUCK
November
22
After Worship
Please bring food to share and holiday cheer!

Geneva Presby November



Bible Explorers
November 4th & 18th
6:00 pm



Blood Drive
@ Beth Sholom Congregation
November 10th
2:00 pm - 7:00 pm



Neurodiverse Playdate
November 14th
11:00 am



Joyful Noise Service
November 22nd
9:30 am



Hanging of the Greens
Potluck
November 22nd
After Service



Children's Chimes Practice
November 22nd & 29th
During Sunday School



Adult Bible Study
Every Wednesday
6:00 PM

Geneva Mission Opportunity of the Month
November 2026

Donate Blood!

Save up to three lives by donating a pint of blood. Blood only lasts about 30 days. There is a constant need for blood to save lives. Blood cannot be manufactured or grown. It only comes from generous donors like you. Blood used for transfusions in hospitals only comes from generous volunteer blood donors. Over 200 units of blood and blood components are required daily to support the diverse communities in our area. 62% of the United States population is eligible to donate blood but only 3% do. Every two seconds someone in the United States needs blood.

Local Red Cross Blood Drives:

Tuesday November 10, 2026, 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Beth Shalom Congregation

Ask About Power Red

11825 Seven Locks Road
Potomac, MD 20854
Co-sponsored by Geneva Presbyterian Church
Register at www.redcrossblood.org enter sponsor code: BETHSHALOM or call 1-800-RED_CROSS

Monday November 30, 2026, 1:30 PM to 6:00 PM

Trinity Lutheran Church

11200 Old Georgetown Road
Rockville, MD 20852
Register at www.redcrossblood.org enter sponsor code: TrinityLutheranNBethesda or call 1-800-RED_CROSS

Primary Blood Donation Centers:

Red Cross Donation Center
11820 Parklawn Drive Suite 510 Rockville, MD 20852 www.redcrossblood.org

National Institutes of Health Donation Center at Fishers Lane
5625 Fishers Ln, Rockville, MD 20852 https://www.cc.nih.gov/bloodbank/appointment

National Institutes of Health
Dept. of Transfusion Medicines, 10 Center Drive Bldg 10 Bethesda, MD 20892
https://www.cc.nih.gov/bloodbank/appointment

INOVA Woodburn Donor Center
3289 Woodburn Road, #010 Annandale, VA 22003 https://www.inovablood.org/

American Red Cross

You may also donate platelets at these centers

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Blood Drive Hosted By:
Beth Sholom Congregation

Abramson Room
11825 Seven Locks Road
Potomac, MD 20854

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Co-Sponsor: Geneva Presbyterian Church

Register online at www.redcrossblood.org and
enter Sponsor Code: BETHSHOLOM or call 1-800-RED-CROSS
to schedule an appointment.
Make a POWER RED donation
if you are O-, O+, A-, B-
blood type. Remember to bring a photo ID, eat a healthy breakfast/lunch and
drink plenty of water before you donate.

Contact Kenneth Sprinkle at kens@infoservinc.com or
Brian Foont at foont@comcast.net for more information.

Scan to be directed to RapidPass®

Come to give blood Oct. 19-Nov. 22 for a $10 Amazon Gift Card by email PLUS earn 200 bonus points toward exclusive Donor Rewards! See rcblood.org/Maze for details.

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CHRISTMAS AT GENEVA

A SEASON OF WORSHIP, FELLOWSHIP, AND COMMUNITY



HANGING OF THE GREENS & POTLUCK

Decorate the church for the Christmas season and share a meal together as a church family!

NOVEMBER 22
After Service



SONGS OF THE SEASON

A Christmas concert featuring beloved carols, sacred music, handbells, and special solos.

DECEMBER 13
4:00 PM



CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Share the joy of the season as we bring Christmas cheer to our neighbors through song!

DECEMBER 18
6:00 PM



SNOW MUCH FUN! WINTER CARNIVAL

A free, family-friendly afternoon of games, crafts, and winter fun for all ages!

DECEMBER 19
2:00 PM – 5:00 PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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Today's Worship Leaders

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

Julie Moloznik, *Lector*; Danni Coates, *Next Gen Director;*

Kyla Lupo, *Zoom Host*; Ken Denaburg & Curtis Chumba; *Audio/Visual*

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

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.
Should you wish to donate flowers for a future worship service, please contact the Church Office Administrator. The fee is $50.00.

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