

JANUARY 24, 2021



GENEVA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Rev. Patrick McElwaine, Pastor

Geneva Presbyterian Church

January 24, 2021

10:30am

The Gathering

(Welcome to Virtual Church with Geneva Presbyterian Church! We are honored to worship together with you today and grateful we can gather in this way as the Body of Christ. There will be opportunities for responsive readings and sharing prayer requests during worship; please mute and unmute yourself as directed by the worship leaders. The same goes for singing hymns: your microphone will be turned off, so make a joyful noise and sing with all your heart!)

Prelude

Welcome to the Worship of God

Silence and Introit

Call to Worship

Leader: From God comes my salvation.

People: For God alone my soul waits in silence.

Leader: God alone is my rock and my salvation.

People: God is my fortress; I shall never be shaken.

Leader: God leads the way and beckons us to follow.

People: We are listening, Lord, speak to us today as we worship your holy name!

Opening Hymn

“For the Healing of the Nations”

#621

For the healing of the nations,
Lord, we pray with one accord,
for a just and equal sharing
of the things that earth affords.
To a life of love in action
help us rise and pledge our word.

Lead us forward into freedom;
from despair your world release,
that, redeemed from war and hatred,
all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness
fear will die and hope increase.

All that kills abundant living,
let it from the earth be banned:

pride of status, race, or schooling,
dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice
may we hallow life's brief span.

You, Creator God, have written
your great name on humankind.
For our growing in your likeness,
bring the life of Christ to mind
that by our response and service
earth its destiny may find.

Call to Confession

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

Forgiving God, we repent of all the times and all the ways we turn from you. You call, but we try not to listen. You show us your path, but we prefer our own way. You invite us into lives of deeper discipleship, but we are afraid to leave the shallows.

O Lord, wash us clean of all that separates us from you. Heal us, mend us, mold us, and lead us back into restored relationship with you, so that being forgiven, we might share your mercy with others. We pray aloud in Jesus' name and now silently in our own hearts...

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, 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*)

God of Revelation, speak to us your Word as we approach scripture. Help us to hear these stories of faith and be inspired to follow Jesus as his faithful disciples. We pray in the power of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

Mark 1:14-20

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Shall I Repeat Myself?"

Rev. Patrick McElwaine

Affirmation of Faith (*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

“Amazing Grace”

arr. Rollo Dilworth

Prayer of Dedication

The Sending

Closing Hymn

“Lord, You Have Come to the lakeshore”

#347

Lord, You have come to the lakeshore
Looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones
You only asked me to follow humbly

O Lord, with Your eyes You have searched me
And while smiling have spoken my name
Now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me
By Your side I will seek other seas

You know so well my possessions
My boat carries no gold and no weapons
You will find there, my nets and labor

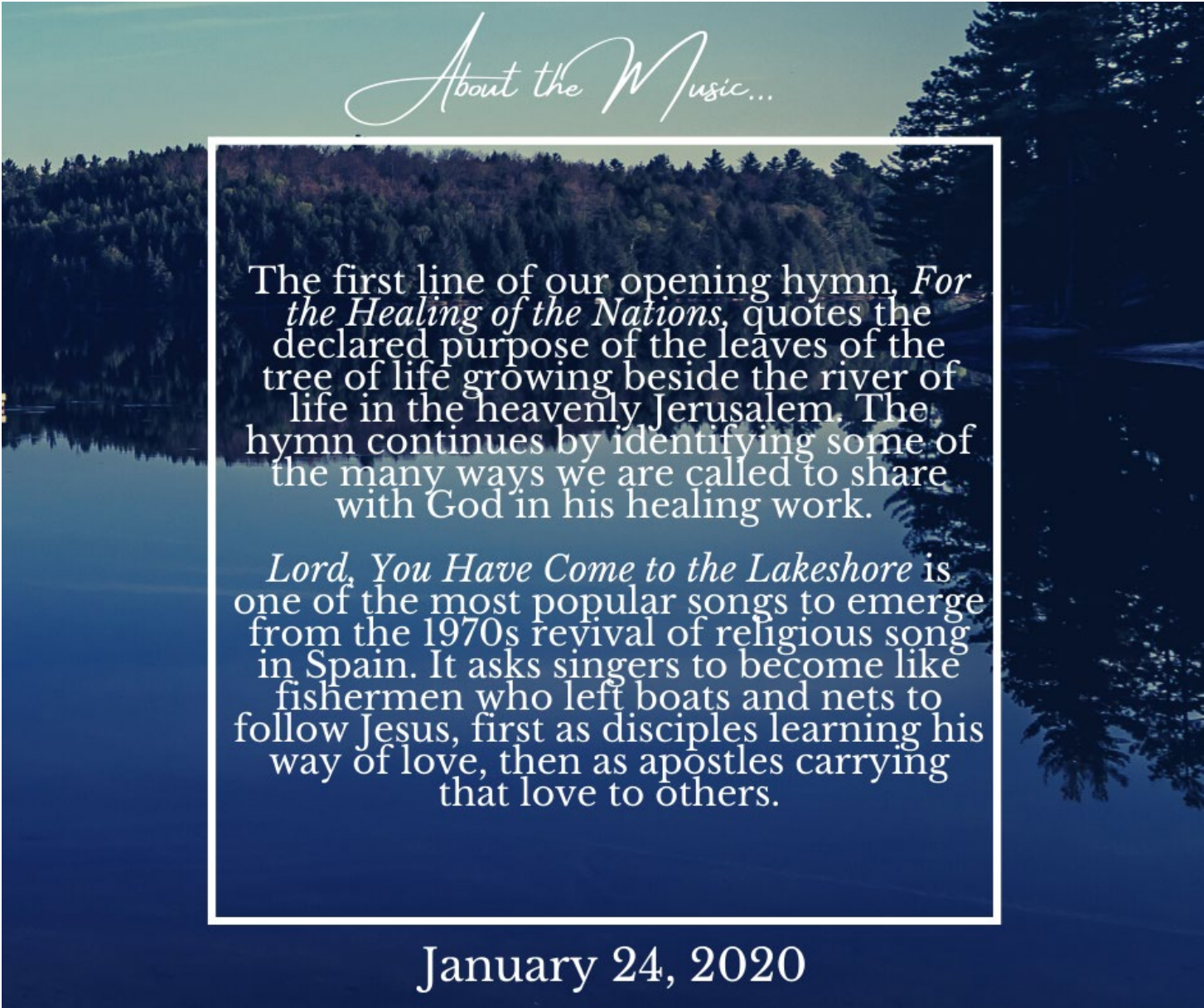
You need my hands full of caring
Through my labors to give others rest
And constant love that keeps on loving

O Lord, with Your eyes You have searched me
And while smiling have spoken my name
Now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me
By Your side I will seek other seas

You, who have fished other oceans
Ever longed for by souls who are waiting
My loving friend, as thus You call me

Charge and Benediction

Postlude



About the Music...

The first line of our opening hymn, *For the Healing of the Nations*, quotes the declared purpose of the leaves of the tree of life growing beside the river of life in the heavenly Jerusalem. The hymn continues by identifying some of the many ways we are called to share with God in his healing work.

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore is one of the most popular songs to emerge from the 1970s revival of religious song in Spain. It asks singers to become like fishermen who left boats and nets to follow Jesus, first as disciples learning his way of love, then as apostles carrying that love to others.

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Names in bold are new prayer list additions.

The work, worship, pastor and leadership of Geneva and of Iglesia de Dios El Nuevo Pacto

Comfort for the Family and Friends of

Crayton Brock, husband of Bobbie Maxwell's cousin, Janice Brock

Jeffrey Remer, brother of Robin Kough;

Maria Lenahan;

Norm Rawson;

Bev Davis;

Henry Haller;

Rodger Lusby;

Susan Burbage, friend of Rhonda and Bob Ricci

Doris Williamson;

Brian, friend of Kyla Lupo;

Josephine Kom, Mother of Flore Kom-Liapoe;

Healing and Comfort for

Janelle Thibau, recovering from COVID-19 at home;

Briana Cochran, cousin of Thibau Family, health concerns;

Rosalie Ruff, health concerns;

Carole Haller, health concerns;

Kristin, a friend in need of prayer

Ellie Croft, friend of Gretchen Winch, health concerns;

Rosie Perthel, health concerns;

Jim Stiles, recovering from COVID-19;

Scott Brown, health concerns;

Daniel Ricci, prayers for job search;

George Ehler, relative of friend of Ken Sprinkle, health concerns;

Letitia Denaburg, knee surgery;

Betty Halls, health concerns;

Alicia, friend of Rhonda Ricci receiving cancer treatment;

Nancy Morse, health concerns;

Lorraine Leicht, Renee Moloznik's mother, health issues;

Dinah Paffrath, aunt of Renee Moloznik, receiving cancer treatments;

Beth, friend of Sara Torrence, metastatic breast cancer;

Carl Perthel, health concerns;

Isabelle Schuessler, friend of Scott Brown, health concerns;

Joanne Elder, friend of Sara and Jim Torrence, cancer;

Adeline Siaka, widow of Emmanuel Siaka;

Mary Bird, aunt of Renee Moloznik, health concerns;

Linda Hanson, friend of Geneva, 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;

Ray Johnson, father of Katie Harris;

Samuel Kuate, Flora Kom Liapoe's brother-in-law, recovering from an ischemic stroke;

Sandy Kichefski, sister of Sheri Sankey, health concerns;

Sue, friend of Maria Lenahan, health issues;

Yvonne Bean, mother of Debbie Dunne;

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)

This Week at Geneva

Sunday, January 24	10:30am	Worship – Virtual Church
Wednesday, January 27	7:00pm	Virtual Bible Study
Sunday, January 31	10:30am	Worship – Virtual Church
Wednesday, February 3	7:00pm	Virtual Bible Study
Friday, February 5	7:00pm	Virtual Book Club

- **Support the Geneva Deacon Fund**

Under the onslaught of the COVID pandemic, the Deacons are challenged to sustain and expand our goals and missions. Deacons are the "servants" or "caregivers" of the congregation. People have all kinds of needs - they are recovering from surgery, grieving, lonely, ill, or otherwise in a time where they welcome the ministry of care from our congregation. In a very real way, Deacons are the hands and heart of the Church in our ministry of caring.



The Deacon Funds are used to support individual or families in financial crisis in terms of monetary donations, purchasing food, helping pay medical or household bills. The funds are also used for the items in the goody bags that have been delivered to our members, blessing bags for our homeless neighbors, gift cards to students during final exams, hosting memorial services, hosting Lenten dinners, sending cards and gift baskets to members needing support, and also the supplies needed for our seasonal craft activities.

Our Deacon Fund has been used a great deal during this pandemic and is getting extremely low. Since we have not been in the Sanctuary the past year, there have been limited donations to his fund compared to normal. Therefore, I am asking for your generosity to make a tax-deductible donation to the Geneva Deacons Fund, so our Deacons can continue to support our Geneva family. Your gift in any amount will be greatly appreciated to help our church make a brighter future for our members.

Please go to Online Giving with the GivePlus app to donate, or mail your check to Geneva Presbyterian Church, 11931 Seven Locks Rd. Potomac, MD 20854 (designate your check for Deacon Fund). Thank you in advance for your help and support.

Sincerely,
Renee Moloznik

- **Geneva Book Club**

Geneva Book Club will **NOT** meet in the month of January but will restart on February 4th studying "[For All Who Hunger](#)" by Emily M.D. Scott on Fridays @ 7:00pm.



Church members, guests, and friends are all welcome -- please feel free to share this invitation with anyone you know who is ready to engage in this work of reflection and learning.

Here is the Zoom link (we will use the same for each sessions):

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9506334929?pwd=dy83RFdTUTliZWJ3MFEOSR1ZCtTZz09>

Meeting ID: 950 633 4929

Passcode: 12345

- **Online Giving with the GivePlus (Give+) App**

You can now support God's ministry through Geneva Presbyterian Church with your smartphone, tablet, or computer! Search for and download "GivePlus" (Give+) from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store to get started.



You'll create an account, choose Geneva Presbyterian Church (in Potomac) as your home church, and then you're ready to give in a secure and convenient way!

Here are two resources to help you get set up:

YouTube Video with Instructions

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PAjqUxK8YRk>

GivePlus Website with a FAQ and "How To"

<https://giveplushelp.vancopayments.com/>

I'm excited to expand our opportunities to give and invite you to explore if Online Giving is the right choice for you. No matter how you choose to give, thank you for your financial generosity -- your support is sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ and transforming lives every day.

- **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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- **Virtual Bible Study: Wednesdays @ 7:00pm**

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

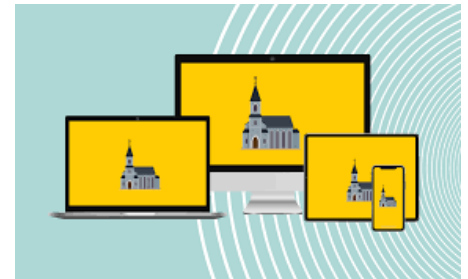
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- **Geneva Worship Videos**

Did you know that Geneva Virtual Church videos are recorded and online? Missed a service? Want to share with a friend? A full recording of worship is just a click away!

[Click HERE to watch our past Virtual Worship services!](#)



Today's Worship Leaders

Rev. Patrick McElwaine, Pastor; Ben Shaver, Music Director;
Jane Campbell, Lector; Tom Sadler, Zoom Host.

Church Elders

Jane Campbell, Jack Kough, Carl Perthel,
Tom Sadler, Sheri Sankey,
Janelle Thibau, Elaine Winch

Church Deacons

Ludivine Kom-Liapoe, Bobbie Maxwell,
Renee Moloznik, Rosie Perthel,
Rhonda Ricci

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



Geneva warmly welcomes all our guests joining us today



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