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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. 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: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

People: Worship the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

Leader: Know that the LORD is God. It is God that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

People: Enter the LORD's gates with thanksgiving. Give thanks to God, bless his name.

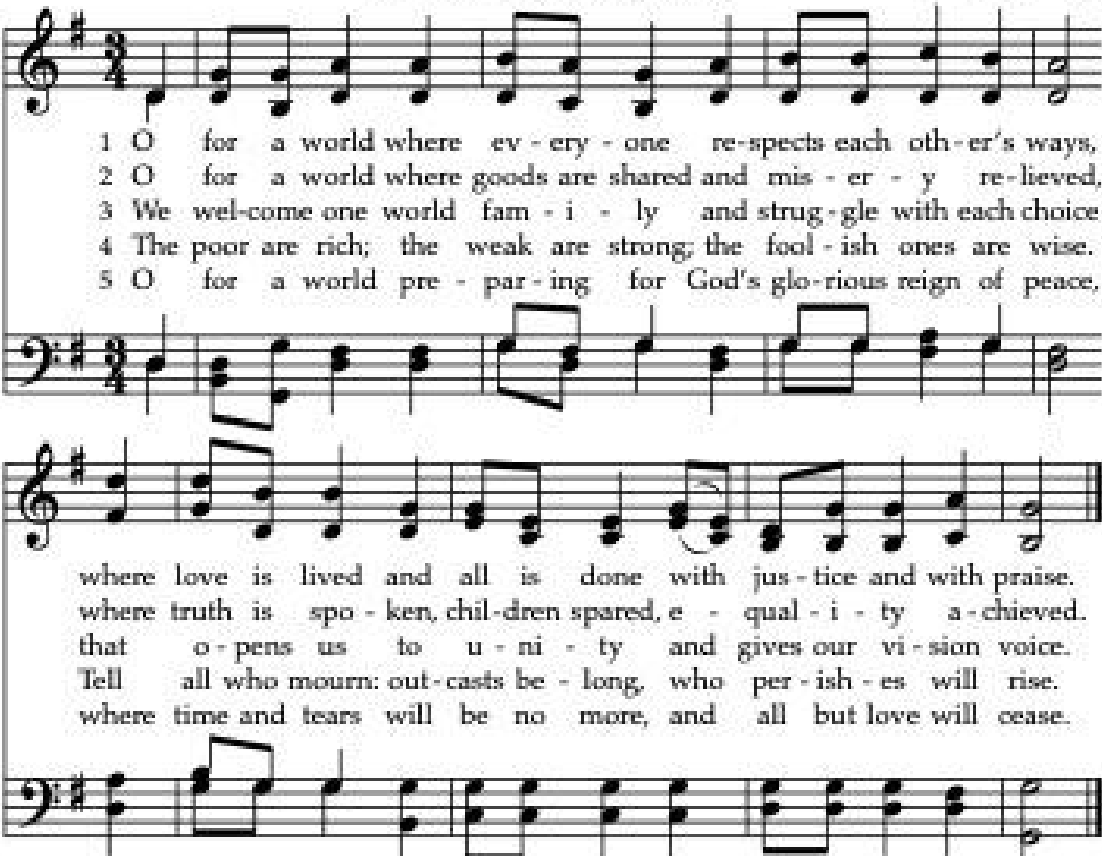
Leader: For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

– Psalm 100

Opening Hymn

"O for a World"

O for a World 372



1 O for a world where ev - ery - one re - spects each oth - er's ways,
2 O for a world where goods are shared and mis - er - y re - lieved,
3 We wel - come one world fam - i - ly and strug - gle with each choice
4 The poor are rich; the weak are strong; the fool - ish ones are wise.
5 O for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo - rious reign of peace,
where love is lived and all is done with jus - tice and with praise.
where truth is spo - ken, chil - dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.
that o - pens us to u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.
Tell all who mourn: out - casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.
where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

Everything longed for in this text is a reminder of how far our present world is from what God wants. Yet this is not just wishful thinking: it is a call to action, a summons to participate in the fulfillment of God's desire for all earth's people to live in radical shalom.

TEXT: Miriam Therese Winter, 1987

MUSIC: Carl Gottlieb Glawe, 1828; arr. Lowell Mason, 1838

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Call to Confession

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

Lord Jesus, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have ignored your grace and followed the empty wisdom of this world.

O God, in your loving-kindness have mercy on us. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. In your path of life, bring us into the full joy of your salvation as we come to you in silent prayer...

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Response

“Love the Lord Your God” (*sung twice*)

#62

62 Love the Lord Your God

Capo 4: (C) E (G) B (F) A (C) E

Love the Lord your God with all your heart.

(C) E (G) B (F) A (C) E

Love the Lord your God with all your soul.

(F) A (Dm7) F#m7 (Em7) G#m7 (Am7) C#m7 (Dm7) F#m7 (G) B (C) E

Love the Lord your God with all your mind.

(F) A (Dm7) F#m7 (Em7) G#m7 (Am7) C#m7 (F) A (G) B (C) E

Love the Lord your God with all that you are.

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

“Rain Down”

#48

Rain Down

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Capo 3: (D) (F#7) (Bm) (D7) (G)

F A7 Dm F7 Bb

Rain down; rain down; rain down your

(D/F#) (Em7) (A7) (D) (F#7) (Bm)

F/A Gm7 C7 F A7 Dm

love on your peo - ple. Rain down; rain

(D7) (G) (Em) (A7) (G) (D)

F7 Bb Gm C7 Bb F

down; rain down your love, God of life.

The Word

Prayer for Illumination *(in unison)*

God of new and eternal life, your grace is our daily bread. Nourish us in this reading and proclaiming of scripture so that we may grow in humility, be filled with faith, and follow joyfully where your Holy Spirit leads. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 23

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

Children's Sermon

Cali Bronkema

(Children 5th grade and younger are invited to join Bridges to Worship in the downstairs classroom following the Children's Sermon. Please join NextGen Director Cali Bronkema in the rug area to participate!)

Second Scripture Reading

John 10:1-16

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

Sermon

"The LORD is my Shepherd"

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 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

The Sending

Closing Hymn

"God of Compassion"

God of Compassion, in Mercy 436

Befriend Us

1 God of com - pas - sion, in mer - cy be - friend us,
2 Though we are lost, you have sought us and found us,
3 How shall we stray, with your hand to di - rect us,

giv - er of grace for our needs all - a - vail - ing.
stilled our rude hearts with your word of con - sol - ing.
you who the stars in their cours - es are guid - ing?

Wis - dom and strength for each day ev - er send us,
Wrap now your peace, like a man - tle, a - round us,
What shall we fear, with your power to pro - tect us,

pa - tience un - tir - ing and cour - age un - fail - ing.
guard - ing our thoughts and our pas - sions con - trol - ling.
we who walk forth in your great - ness con - fid - ing?

By ending with questions rather than simple affirmations, this text conveys a strong sense of faith in God's presence and guidance without ignoring how much of the future remains unknown. The confidence of the text is well matched by its sturdy 17th-century French tune.

TEXT: John J. Morant, 1933, alt.

MUSIC: Paris Antiphoner, 1681; harmonized by La Follie's Méthode du plain-chant, 1806

O QUANTA QUALIA
11.11.11.11

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
Helen Fink, Carolyn Fink's mother in law;
Tomoko Alexander, mother of Jeff Alexander;
Bobbie Maxwell;
John Wright;

Andy Sullivan, Friend of the McElwaine Family;
Michelle Wilson (husband, Myles, and son, Holden), friend of Tom Sadler;
Justin Pack, nephew of PJ Davis;
Tina Martin, Sister-in-Law of Ken Sprinkle;
The family of Katie Richards Roome, friend of Letitia Denaburg;
Emmanuel Mbi;

Healing and Comfort for
Kevin Shaver, health concerns;
Rolf Winch, recovering from knee surgery;
Breanne Spriggs, Allyson McElwaine's cousin, recent surgery;
Mike Sydoriak, health concerns;
Eleanor Rassmussen, Allyson McElwaine's aunt, health concerns;
Nancy Morse, health concerns;
Scott Brown, health concerns;
John Hanson, friend of Sara Torrence, health concerns;
Margaret and Don Acton, parents of Amanda White, continued health concerns;
Paul Quin, husband of Pamela Wilson, health concerns;
Rosie Perthel, health concerns;
Pepé Marin, health concerns;
Nancy Rawson, health concerns;
Rosalie Ruff, health concerns;
Dinah Paffrath, aunt of Renee Moloznik, receiving cancer treatments;
Jeff Leicht, Renee Moloznik's brother;
Judith Sadler, mother of Tom Sadler, mental illness and PG County guardianship care;
Leland Perthel, living with Post-Concussion Syndrome;
Sandra Kichefski, sister of Sheri Sankey, health concerns;

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: Helene Chimba (2/1); Parker Hart Alexander (2/3); Elyssa Lyn Alexander (2/3); Janelle Thibau (2/14); Curtis Chimba (2/18); Elaine Winch (2/19); Laura Szakos (2/20); Rosie Perthel (2/23); Heinz Nagel (2/23); Margo Hunt (2/24); Thomas Devine (2/25); Ryan Alexander (2/25)

This Week at Geneva

Sunday, February 23	10:30am	Worship - In Person and Online
Monday, February 24	7:00pm	Meeting - Session
Wednesday, February 26	6:00pm	Food for the Soul - Host Homes
Saturday, March 1	11:00am	Neurodiverse Playdate - We Rock the Spectrum
Sunday, March 2	10:30am	Worship - Communion Sunday



MID-DAY ASHES

*Ash
Wednesday*



March 5th
Drop by: 12–2pm
Pastor Patrick’s Office
Geneva Presbyterian

Geneva February



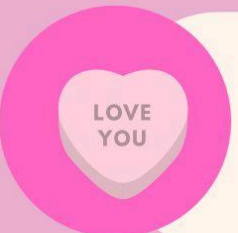
Neurodiverse Playdate
February 1st, 11-Noon
At "We Rock"



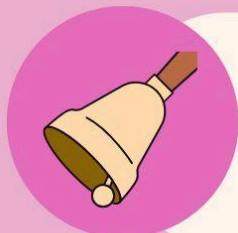
Adult Bible Study
Feb. 5th
6:00 PM



Joyful Noise Service
Feb. 9th
9:30-10 AM



Valentines Day Party
Feb. 12th
6:00 pm



Childrens Chimes
Practice
Feb. 16th & 23rd
Following Worship



Food for the Soul
Feb. 19th & 26th
6pm

Geneva March



Neurodiverse Playdate
March 1st, 11-Noon
At Geneva



Ash Wednesday
Mid-day Ashes: 12-2
Dinner: 6:00
Service: 7:00



Joyful Noise Service
March 9th
9:30-10 AM



Bible Explorers
March 12, 19, 26
6:00 pm



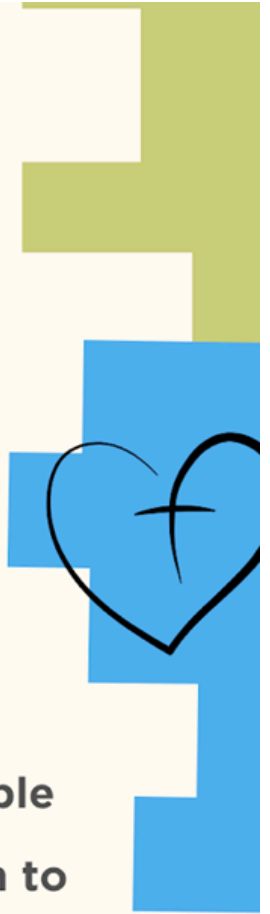
Childrens Chimes
Practice
March 23rd & 30th
During Sunday School



Lent Ecumenical Supper
@ Geneva
March 26th, 6:30 pm



Geneva's Bible Explorers



WHAT IS IT?

A Time For:

- Diving deeper into Bible stories
- Starting to relate faith to their lives
- Intergenerational learning
- Dinner together!

WHEN IS IT?

- Mar. 12th
- Mar. 19th
- Mar. 26th
- April 2nd
- April 9th
- April 30th
(Celebration Day!)

WHO IS IT FOR?

- Kids who are developmentally at the 1st grade reading level (or higher)
- Adult volunteers who want to share their favorite Bible story



To Sign Up: Email Ms.Cali by Mar.6th

Today's Worship Leaders

Rev. Patrick McElwaine, Pastor; Bobby McCoy, Substitute Music Director;
Jane Campbell, Lector; Kyla Lupo, Zoom Host.
Curtis Chimba and Ken Denaburg, Audio/Visual

Church Elders	Church Deacons
Kyla Lupo, Julie Moloznik, Tom Sadler, Sheri Sankey, Ken Sprinkle, Amanda White, Elaine Winch	Eve Dailey, Sheena Galliani, Allyson McElwaine, Carl Perthel, Janelle Thibau

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 Geneva Presbyterian Family.

Geneva warmly welcomes all our guests joining us today

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