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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 at home at Geneva.

Prelude

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome to the Worship of God

Call to Worship

Leader: I will give you thanks with all my heart;

People: I will sing your praise before the heavenly beings.

**I will bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name
for your constant love and truth.**

Leader: You have exalted your name and your promise above everything else.

People: On the day I called, you answered me; you increased strength within me.

When God Restored Our Common Life

(Psalm 126)

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1 When God re - stored our com - mon life, our hope, our lib - er -
2 We went forth weep - ing, sow - ing seeds in hard, un - yield - ing
3 Great lib - er - at - ing God, we pray for all who are op -



ty, at first it seemed a pass - ing dream, a
soil; with laugh - ing hearts we car - ry home the
pressed. May those who long for what is right with



wak - ing fan - ta - sy; a shock of joy swept
fruit of all our toil. We praise the One who
jus - tice now be blest. We pray for those who



o - ver us, for we had wept so long; the
gave the growth, with voic - es full and strong. The
mourn this day, and all who suf - fer wrong; may



seeds we wa - tered once with tears sprang up in - to a song.
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Prayer of Confession *(below in unison, then silent personal prayers)*

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Response **“Love the Lord Your God”** *(sung twice)* **#62**

62 Love the Lord Your God

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

Love the Lord your God with all your heart.

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

Love the Lord your God with all your soul.

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

Love the Lord your God with all your mind.

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

Rain Down 48

Capo 3: (D) (F#7) (Bm) (D7) (G)
F A7 Dm F7 Bb

Rain down; rain down; rain down your
love on your peo - ple. Rain down; rain
down; rain down your love, God of life.

The Word

Prayer for Illumination *(in unison)*

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Ephesians 4:11-12

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. Please join NextGen Director Cali Bronkema in the rug area to participate!)

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 18:19-20

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

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**“Fight the Good Fight”****#846**

Fight the Good Fight

846

1 Fight the good fight with all thy might.
 2 Run the straight race through God's good grace;
 3 Cast care a - side; lean on thy guide.
 4 Faint not nor fear: God's arms are near.

Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right.
 lift up thine eyes, and seek Christ's face.
 God's bound-less mer - cy will pro - vide.
 God chang - eth not, and thou art dear.

Lay hold on life, and it shall be
 Life with its way be - fore us lies;
 Trust, and thy trust - ing soul shall prove
 On - ly be - lieve, and thou shalt see

thy joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.
 Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.
 Christ is its life, and Christ its love.
 that Christ is all in all to thee.

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

Bobbie Maxwell;

John Wright;

Joe Khalil's uncle, Paul;

Helen Fink, Carolyn Fink's mother in law;

Tomoko Alexander, mother of Jeff Alexander;

Andy Sullivan, Friend of the McElwaine Family;

Michelle Wilson (husband, Myles, and son, Holden), friend of Tom Sadler;

Justin Pack, nephew of PJ Davis;

Vince Lupo's family member, Uncle Lawrence Lupo;

Tina Martin, Sister-in-Law of Ken Sprinkle;

Healing and Comfort for

Allyson McElwaine, health concerns;

Mike Sydoriak, health concerns;

Brian Rasmussen, Allyson McElwaine's uncle, hip surgery;

Victoria Winch and the 3,400 Forest Service employees fired

Kevin Shaver, health concerns;

Bob Daraskevich and his family, friend of Kyla Lupo undergoing cancer treatment;

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;

Pepe 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;

2025 CHURCHES OF SEVEN LOCKS:

Lenten Bible study

Theme: Our Christian Values / Pillars of Faith

3/12 - Emmanuel Lutheran

3/19 - St. James Episcopal: Love

3/26 - Geneva Presbyterian: Hospitality

4/2 - Seven Locks Baptist: Scripture Study

4/9 - TBD

Schedule

6:30pm | Meal

7:00-8:00pm | Program

We hope to see you there!



Holy Week at Geneva Presbyterian

APRIL 13TH (PALM SUNDAY)

10:30: WORSHIP

11:45: EGG STUFFING

APRIL 17 (MAUNDY THURSDAY)

6:00 POTLUCK DINNER

7:00 SERVICE

APRIL 18 (GOOD FRIDAY)

NOON: WORSHIP (ZOOM)

APRIL 20 (EASTER SUNDAY)

10:00 EASTER EGG HUNT

10:30 SERVICE

11:45: CRAFTS

Geneva April



Neurodiverse Playdate
April 5th, 11-Noon
At Geneva



Bible Explorers
April 2, 9 & 30
6:00 pm



Joyful Noise Service
April 13th
9:30-10 AM



Childrens Chimes
Practice
April 6&13
During Sunday School



Maundy Thursday
Dinner: 6:00
Service: 7:00
Good Friday: Noon, online



Easter
Egg Hunt: 10:00
Worship: 10:30
Crafts: Following Worship

Best Easter Wishes!



Would you like to purchase an Easter lily to decorate the sanctuary on Easter Sunday?

Each lily is \$16.50. To order, please email admin@genevapotomac.org by noon on April 16th. . If your lily is in honor or memory of someone please be sure to include that information in your email.

To pay for your lily, you can make a check payable to Geneva Presbyterian Church, write Easter lily in the memo and mail your check to the church. Alternatively you may pay online, by going to Special Gifts at <https://genevapotomac.org/give/online-giving/>

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2025



WITH BRADLEY HILLS & GENEVA PRESBYTERIAN

WHAT?

Join us for a week of music, games, crafts and faith formation! Your kids have been given the power to feed, heal, forgive, pray, and rest—essential tools to help repair all that has gone wrong in the world. We'll learn more about our mending powers together!

WHEN?

August 18-22nd

9am - Noon

Optional Extended Day:

Monday-Thursday

12-2:30pm

WHERE?

Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church
6601 Bradley Blvd
Bethesda, MD

QUESTIONS?

Email Rosanna at Bradley Hills or Cali at Geneva:

Rosanna@bradleyhillchurch.org

nextgen.genevapotomac@gmail.com

HOW MUCH?

Register by May 31st: \$65/child

Register by June 30th: \$80/child

Register by Aug. 3rd: \$95/child

To access early bird rates, use the discount codes provided on the registration form

Extended Day: additional \$40/child
Scholarships are available for any family who needs one.

FOR WHOM?

This program is for children ages 4 years old (as of 9/1/25) through rising 5th graders. 6th - 12th graders are welcome as volunteers (reach out for a volunteer registration form).

REGISTER HERE:



Today's Worship Leaders

Ken Sprinkle, Elder; Ben Shaver, Music Director;

Julie Moloznik, Lector; Kyla Lupo, Zoom Host.

Ken Denaburg, Curtis Chimba, 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
in memory of John Wright by the Wright family.**

Geneva warmly welcomes all our guests joining us today

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