

**March 5, 2025**



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## **Get Prepared For Communion When Worshiping online!**

Today we will be sharing the sacrament of The Lord's Supper during worship. Here's how it will work and how you can prepare if you are worshiping with us online:

- **Gather your own communion elements from around your home.** Jesus chose common foods of his day for the first communion: bread and "fruit of the vine." What common starch do you have available? In countries around the world, the commonly available starch may be tortillas or rice, so those are used. What beverage feels right for you to use? Not everyone has juice in the home, so you might need to be creative.
- **Please:** in preparing for communion and choosing your elements, do so thoughtfully and with reverence for the sacrament we will share.
- **Our blended community of online and in person worshipers is gathered together in holy space and on holy ground.** The liturgy and prayers will serve to consecrate all of our elements into one common meal at the Lord's Table.

It is a joy to share the Lord's Supper together – let us gather in remembrance of Jesus who is the Eternal Host at this table.

With Grace and Peace,  
**Pastor Patrick**

# Geneva Presbyterian Church

March 5, 2025

Ash Wednesday

7:00pm

*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

### Welcome to the Worship of God

#### Call to Worship:

*-- From John 3:17 and Psalm 46:1 – 3*

Leader: God sent Christ into the world not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

**People: God's love endures forever.**

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, a present help in trouble.

**People: God's love endures forever.**

Leader: Therefore, we will not fear though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though the waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

**People: Glory, hallelujah, God's love endures forever.**

### Opening Song

**"Sign Us with Ashes"**

**#433**

*(lyrics on next page)*

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433

# Sign Us with Ashes

Capo 3: (G) (D) (Em) (Bm) (Am7)  
 Refrain B<sup>b</sup> F Gm Dm Cm7

*All*

Sign us with ash - es, mer - ci - ful God, chil - dren of  
 dust, as to dust we re - turn. Sign us with ash - es,  
 mer - ci - ful God. Mark us and make us your own. *Fine*

(D) (G) (C)  
 F B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup>

*Leader or All*

- 1 Sure - ly, you a - lone can save us. You pay our
- 2 Sure - ly, you a - lone up - hold us. You give us
- 3 Sure - ly, you a - lone can heal us. Yours is the
- 4 Sure - ly, you a - lone can free us. You break the
- 5 Sure - ly, you a - lone re - fine us. You give us
- 6 Sure - ly, you a - lone re - deem us. You fill our

(G) (D) (G) (D)  
 B<sup>b</sup> F B<sup>b</sup> F

price with pre - cious blood. Reach - ing through your  
 strength for all our needs. Shield - ing with a  
 will to make us whole. Sooth - ing with a  
 bonds of guilt and sin. Brac - ing, till we  
 grace for lives made new, forg - ing, through your  
 dust with ho - ly breath. Burst - ing from the

(G) (C) (G) (Dsus) (D)  
 B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> Fsus F

*to Refrain*

great com - pas - sion, you lift up your peo - ple with love.  
 fa - ther's fa - vor, you bless us with par - don and peace.  
 moth - er's kind - ness, the con - trite of heart, you con - sole.  
 walk up - right - ly, you bol - ster our hope once a - gain.  
 fire and ra - diance, a sac - ri - fice wor - thy for you.  
 grave in glo - ry, you rise from the ash - es of death!

## Prayer for Illumination (in unison)

Merciful God, your word is our way of truth and life. Purify our hearts and put your Holy Spirit within us so that we may forever sing your praises, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Responsive Psalter

*Psalm 51:1 – 17*

*(Shared on Screen)*

## Congregational Hymn

**“Bless the Lord, My Soul”**

*Taize*

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

## Scripture Reading

**Joel 2:1-2, 12-17**

## Reflection

*Rev. Patrick McElwaine*

## **Litany of Penitence and Confession**

**Leader:** Holy and merciful God, we confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

**People:** **Have mercy on us, O God.**

**Leader:** We have not loved you with our whole heart, mind, and strength.

**People:** **Have mercy on us, O God.**

**Leader:** We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven. Have mercy on us, O God.

**People:** **We have not listened to your call to serve as Christ served us.**

**Leader:** Have mercy on us, O God.

**People:** **We confess to you, O God, all our past unfaithfulness. Accept our repentance for the wrongs we have done.**

**Leader:** Have mercy on us, O God.

**People:** **For all false judgments, for the ways we treat your good creation, for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,**

**Leader:** Have mercy on us, O God.

**All:** **Restore us, O God of our salvation, and show us your steadfast love. Turn to us in your mercy and redeem us...**

## **Offering Ourselves Back to God and Imposition of Ashes**

## **Offertory Music**

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# Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God 423

(Psalm 51)

Capo 5: (F) (Gsus) (G) (C) (Em7) (F) (A7)  
 B<sup>b</sup> Csus C F Am7 B<sup>b</sup> D7

1 Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God; cre -

ate in me a clean heart, O God; cre -

ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -

new a right spir - it with - in me.

The text here comes from Psalm 51:10-12, three verses that illustrate the pattern of parallels often found in Hebrew poetry. The first verse here centers on positive actions, the second on avoidance of negative actions, and the third on providing an improved spiritual condition.

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# The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

## The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

*The Lord be with you.*

*Lift up your hearts.*

*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**And also with you.**

**We lift them to the Lord.**

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## Breaking of the Bread

## Communion of the People

## Communion Prayer



**Verse 1**

Here at the altar where I run to rest  
Where I wait resurrection and the touch of Your breath  
I die now daily because I've learned to live  
In the grace that belongs to all who are born again

**Chorus**

I am cleansed, I am washed, I am sanctified  
I am Holy Ghost filled and water baptized  
I am right with my God for all time  
'Cause Jesus my Savior's alive

**Verse 2**

Here at the table where children are fed  
We are filled with the mercy of the Lamb and the Bread  
I feast now daily because I've learned to live  
In the grace that belongs to all who are born again. **(Chorus)**

**Bridge 1** (*sung 3x*)

Glory, glory  
This is what is called glory  
Glory, glory  
This is what is called glory  
(*last X to Chorus*)

**Tag**

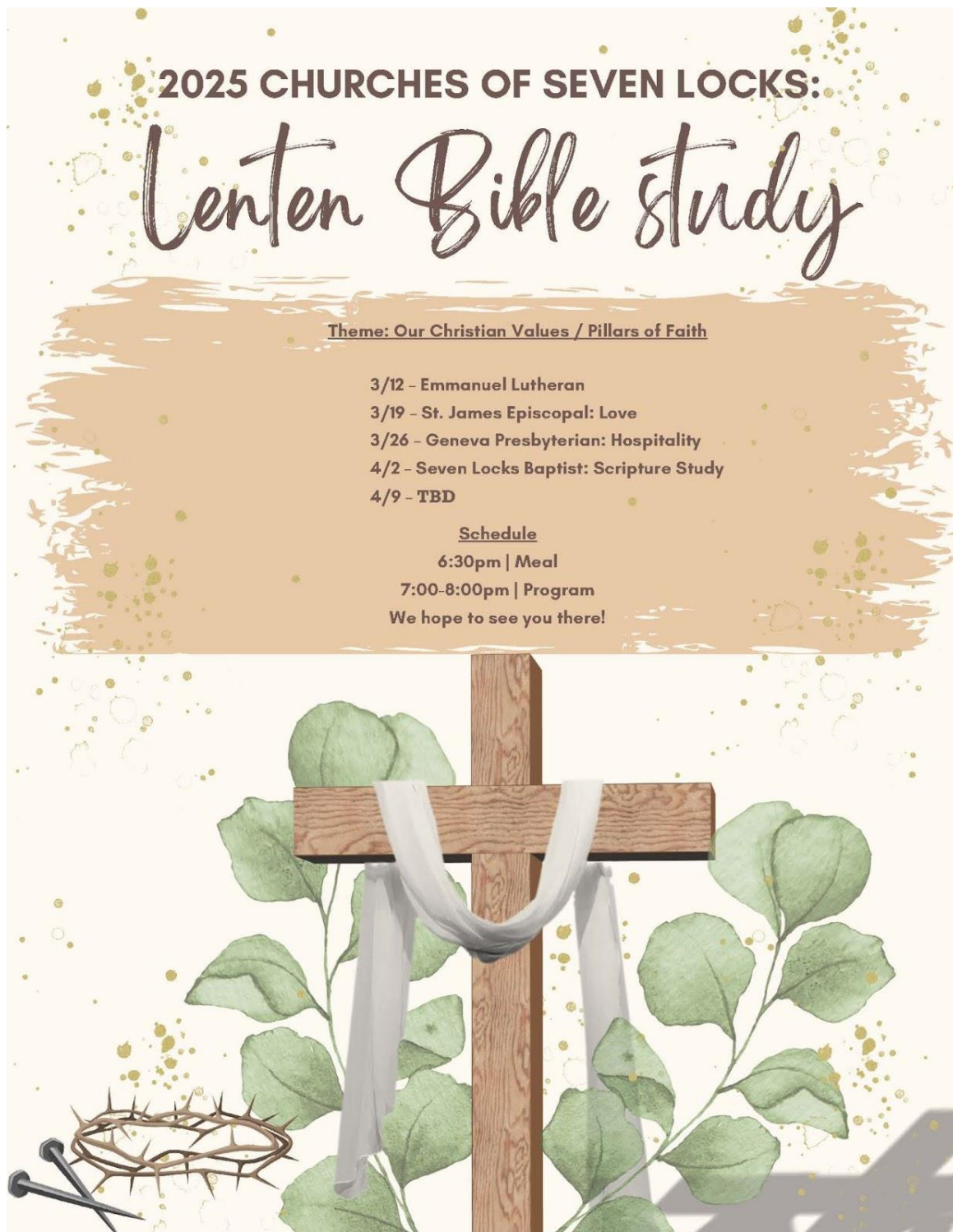
Jesus my Savior  
Jesus my Savior, He's alive

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

- **Ecumenical Lenten Study: Wednesdays in Lent**

The Churches of Seven Locks Road invite you to join us each Wednesday of Lent as we explore the theme “Pillars of Faith: Our Christian Values”. Sometimes we hear this phrase “Christian values” used, but what exactly does that mean? We’ll talk about some key answers to this question together as we prepare for Easter. Location changes weekly, dinner at 6:30, program at 7:00. Geneva's usual Wednesday Bible Study will pause during this time as we gather with our siblings in Christ.



## **Today's Worship Leaders**

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

Rolf Winch, Lector; Tom Sadler, Zoom Host.

Ken Sprinkle and Zach Micheals, Audio/Visual

| <b>Church Elders</b>                                                                          | <b>Church Deacons</b>                                                        |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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 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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