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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: LORD, you were favorable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

People: You forgave the iniquity of your people; you covered all their sin.

Leader: You withdrew all your wrath; you turned from your hot anger.

People: Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints.

Leader: Surely God's salvation is near to those who fear him, that glory may dwell in our land.

People: Steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace kiss each other.

– Psalm 85:1-3, 8-10

TRUSTING IN THE PROMISES OF GOD

Trust in God

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(Psalm 125)

1 Trust in God and you will be shel-tered for e - ter - ni - ty;
 2 Lift your eyes to see the hills, through the a - ges stand-ing still,
 3 In the prom-ised, ho - ly land may the wick-ed nev - er stand;

like a moun-tain, strong and sure, by God's grace you will en - dure.
 wrapped a-round the cit - y walls: so our God sur-rounds us all.
 but where good and kind - ness reign, may the peace of God re - main.

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

O Lord our God, you call us to proclaim the gospel, but we shy away when the opportunity arises. You call us to be reconciled to you and one another, but we are content to live in separation. You call us to live standing on the promises you have made, but we place our trust in the illusions of this world.

Draw us near to your heart again and forgive us, O Gracious One, as we approach your throne of mercy in prayer...

Assurance of Pardon

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 *(sung on Communion Sundays)*

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

(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)*

Speak to us, living God, as you have spoken through the ages: by the voices of your prophets, the breath of your Spirit, and the life of your only Son, Jesus Christ our Savior, in whose name we pray. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Daniel 7:13-14

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

Mark 14:53-65

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

Sermon

“The Truth Stands”

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.

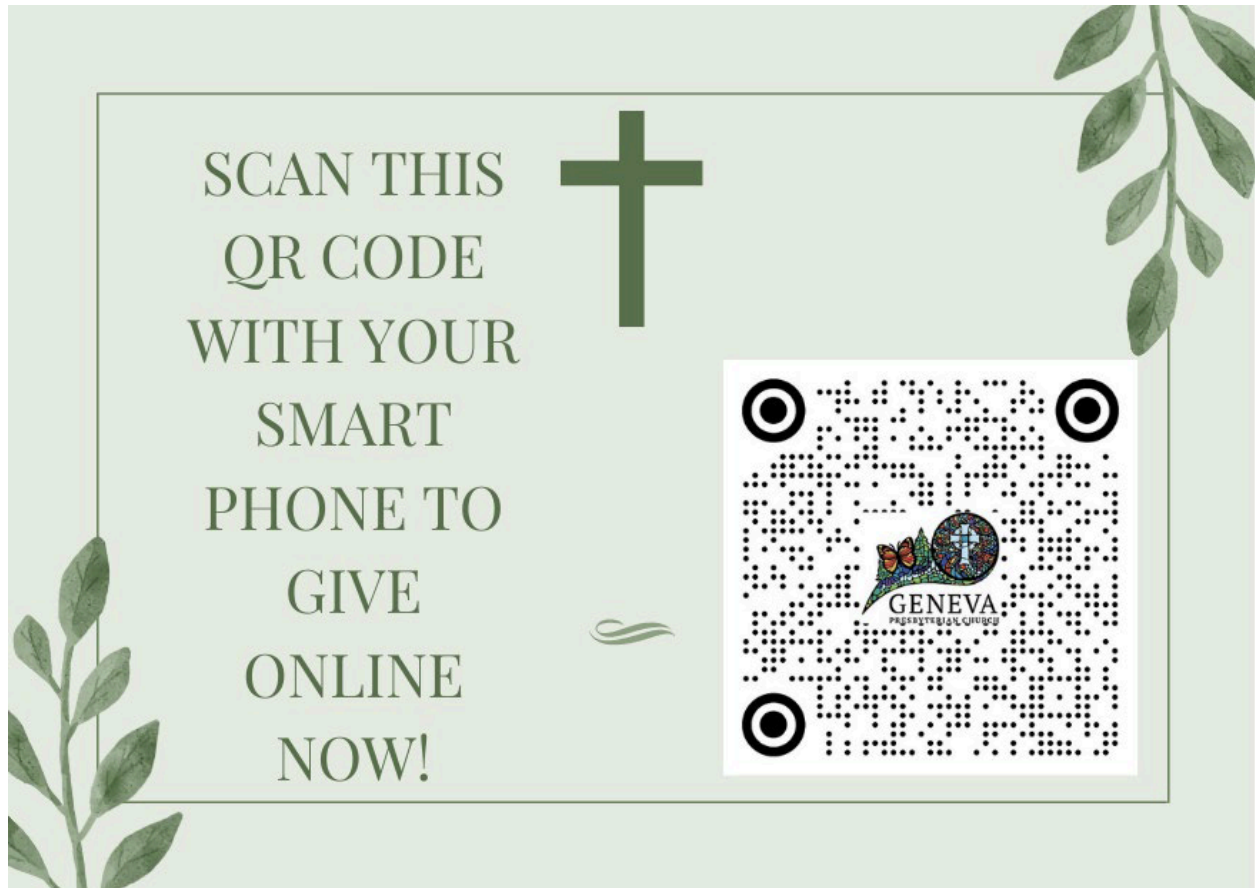
*(*meaning all of God's churches)*



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

"Order My Steps"

arr. Jack Schrader

Prayer of Dedication

The Sending

Closing Hymn

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

#475

BAPTISM

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 475

1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith-er by thy help I'm come;
3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar - rive at home.
Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to thee.

Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a - bove;
Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;

praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un-chang-ing love!
he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter-posed his pre-cious blood.
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

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

Justin Pack, nephew of PJ Davis;
Ben Shaver's friend, Kitt Crescenzo, at the death of her partner Adrian;
Vince Lupo's family member, Uncle Lawrence;
Tina Martin, Sister-in-Law of Ken Sprinkle;
The family of Katie Richards Roome, friend of Letitia Denaburg;
John L. Sever, fellow Rotarian and friend of Sara Torrence and Jim Harris;
Robert Owers, friend of Sara Torrence;
Tim Butcher, friend of Sara Torrence;
Emmanuel Mbi;
Kathy Torrence, niece of Jim and Sara Torrence;
Janet Lupo Neidermuller, sister-in-law of Vince Lupo;

Healing and Comfort for

Felicity Dail, daughter of Jonathan Dail and Kristina Kough, health concerns;
Rolf Winch, surgery;
Kevin Shaver, health concerns;
Ron Dobransky, Friend of the Winch Family, health concerns;
Bud Riley, Rebecca Winch's father-in-law;
John Wright, health concerns;
Mike Sydoriak, health concerns;
Eleanor Rassmussen, Allyson McElwaine's aunt, 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;
Isabelle Schuessler, friend of Scott Brown, health concerns;
Daniel Adkins, nephew of Kyla and Vince Lupo, health concerns;
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: Stella Soh (9/2); Nancy Rawson (9/3); Alex Thibau (9/5);
Sheri Sankey (9/7); Paula PJ Davis (9/17);
Jim Stiles (9/19); Rebecca Winch (9/20); Gretchen Winch (9/20);
Lindsey Moloznik (9/27); Scott Heimberg (9/29)

This Week at Geneva

Saturday, September 7	11:00am	Neurodiverse Playdate
Saturday, September 7	4:00pm	End of Summer/Back to School Concert
Sunday, September 8	9:30am	Worship - Joyful Noise
Sunday, September 8	10:30am	Worship - In Person and Online
Sunday, September 15	10:30am	Worship - In Person and Online
Sunday, September 15		Kickoff Picnic (after worship)

Geneva September



Neurodiverse Playdate
Sept. 7th, 11-Noon



Back to School Concert
Sept. 7th, 4-5:30 PM



Joyful Noise Service
Sept. 8th, 9:30-10 AM



Kickoff Picnic
Sept. 15th
Following Worship



Adult Bible Study
Sept. 18th & 25th, 6pm



Childrens Chimes
Practice
Sept. 22nd & 29
Following Worship

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- **By Mail:** checks securely received at :
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Today's Worship Leaders

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

Carl Perthel, Lector; Tom Sadler, Zoom Host.

Ken Denaburg, Tom Sadler, 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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