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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

“Grazioso”

Arnold Sherman

Chiming of the Hour

Prayer of Adoration

Welcome to the Worship of God

Call to Worship

One Voice: Christ is risen!

Many Voices: Christ is risen indeed!

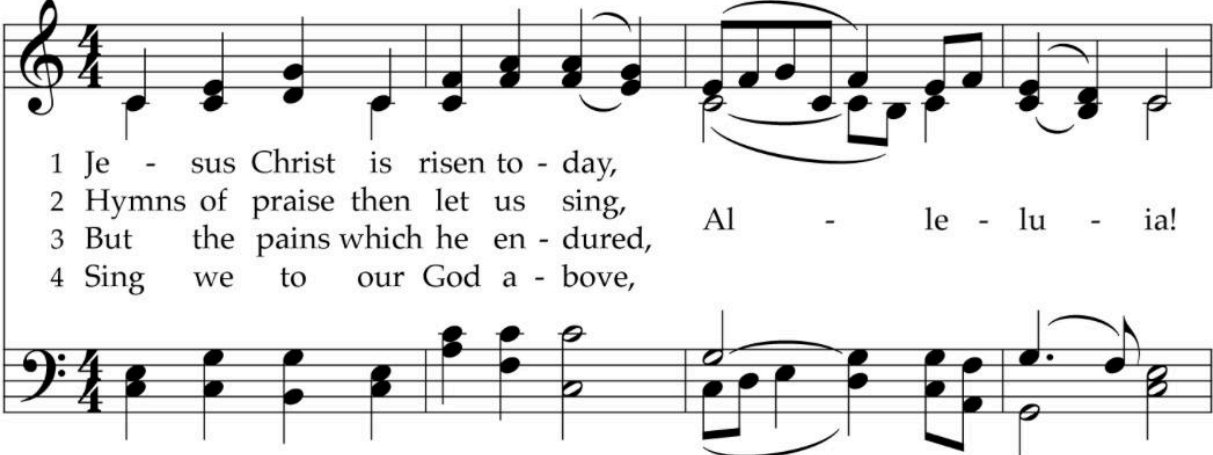
One Voice: Come, see the tomb where he was laid.

Many Voices: Come, touch the stone that was rolled away.

One Voice: Come, hear the story of our risen Lord.

Many Voices: Come, let us worship the Living God!

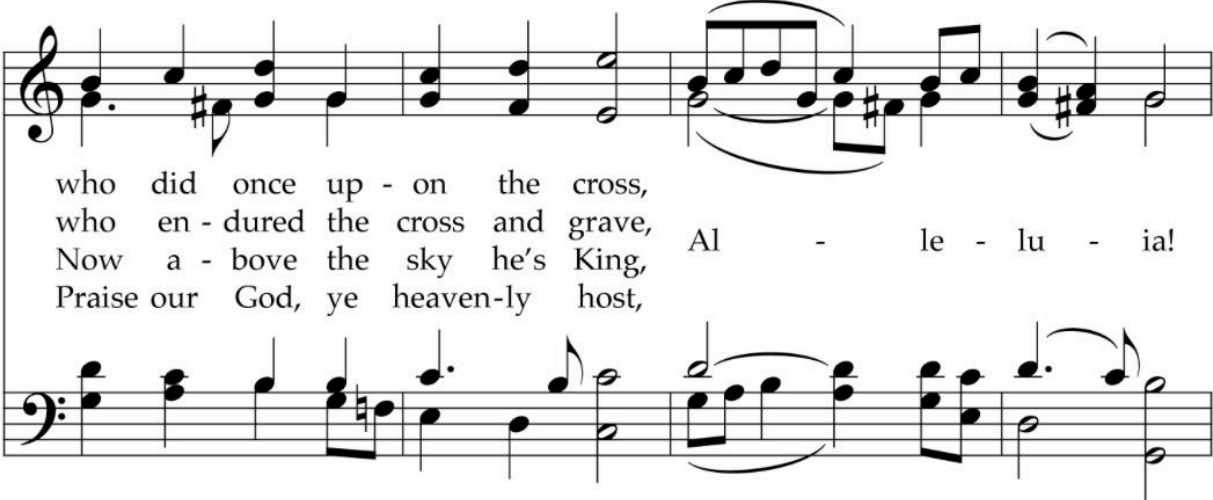
232 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day,
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en - dured,
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove,



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day,
 un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured.
 praise e - ter - nal as God's love.



who did once up - on the cross,
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Now a - bove the sky he's King,
 Praise our God, ye heaven - ly host,

(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

Passing of the Peace

"Rain Down"

#48

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)*

Holy One, with joy we celebrate the presence of your living Word. Fill our hearts with the good news of eternal life in Christ so that we may live abundantly and share it daily. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 118:14-24

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

Luke 24:1-12

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

Easter Homily

Rev. Patrick McElwaine

Presentation of New Members

Dominick Bonomalo
Jonathan Dail and Kristina Kough
Carolyn Fink
Joe Khalil and Shirin Rajae
Daniela Smith

Affirmation of Faith /The Apostles' Creed (responsively)

Leader: Do you believe in God?

People: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;

Leader: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, our Lord?

People: I believe 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.

Leader: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

People: I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic* church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*meaning God's universal Church

New Members' Profession of Faith

Welcome

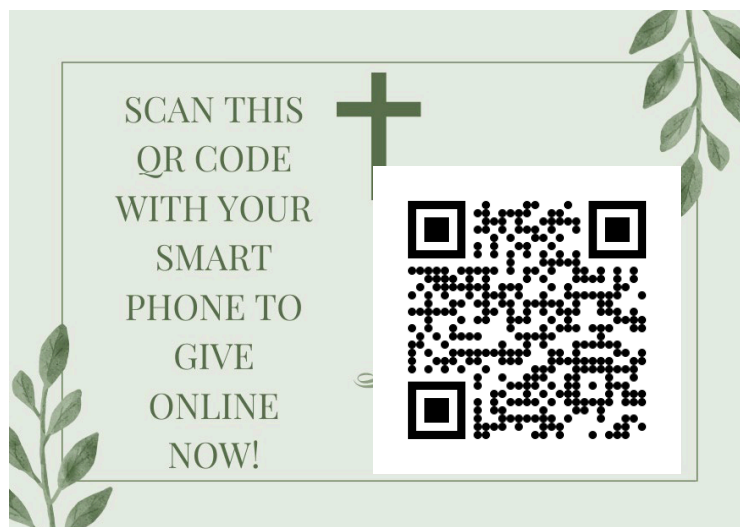
Leader: Geneva Presbyterian Church, how do you welcome these siblings in Christ?

People: With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Jesus Christ, for we are all one in him.

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

TBA

Prayer of Dedication

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

Please come forward by the center aisle to receive the communion elements by intinction. You will receive a piece of bread and dip it in the chalice before then returning to your seat. Geneva Presbyterian practices an "open table", meaning that all who come to this meal by faith in Jesus Christ are welcome to participate. A gluten free option is available upon arrival at the Communion Table.



The Sending

Closing Hymn

**"The Day of Resurrection"
(next page)**

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233 The Day of Resurrection!

1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,
2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right
3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful; let earth its song be - gin;

the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.
the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,
the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in.

From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,
and lis - tening to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,
Let all things seen and un - seen their notes of glad - ness blend,

our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
his own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.
for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end.

Benediction

Postlude

"Gaudeamus!"

Arnold Sherman



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;



Juliet Heimberg

Sara Torrence

In memory of my husband, Jim. And
In memory of other loved ones

Sally Baker

In memory of Jim and Doris Williamson

Ken Sprinkle

Robyn Alexander

In memory of Carl and Tomoko Alexander

Janelle Thibau

To the glory of god

Renee Moloznik

Meghan Michaels

Patrick & Allyson

McElwaine

Continued Healing & Blessings from
Geneva and Ken Denaburg



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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2025

OPERATION RESTORATION

MENDING GOD'S WORLD

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

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

Janelle Thibau, Lector; Kyla Lupo, Zoom Host.

Ken Sprinkle, Thomas 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.

Geneva warmly welcomes all our guests joining us today

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