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November 24, 2024

Christ the King Sunday

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: Siblings in faith, let us worship Christ, the Eternal Word and Son of God.

People: We will honor Christ, God's Sovereign Love given flesh.

Leader: We will serve Christ, our Intercessor and Savior.

People: Christ sits enthroned over creation and will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead.

Leader: Hallelujah! All praise and honor belong to Jesus Christ, our Lord and our King!

Opening Hymn

“Here I Am To Worship”

Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes, let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You
Here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

Call to Confession

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

Almighty God, we acknowledge the Lordship of Christ with our lips but too often fail to honor him with our lives. We worship idols of our own making instead of our servant king. We jostle for position and shoulder aside our neighbors instead of sharing from God's bounty.

God of kindness, forgive us. You know what. You know why. Hear us as we offer the personal prayers of our hearts...

Assurance of Pardon

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be; world without end. Amen. Amen.

Joys and Concerns *(The Virtual 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

(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.

This refrain comes from a longer song based on Psalm 33, but the striking image of God's love falling like rain is not actually present in that psalm. That image may be based on Ezekiel 34:26, where God promises to send showers of blessing upon the people of the covenant.

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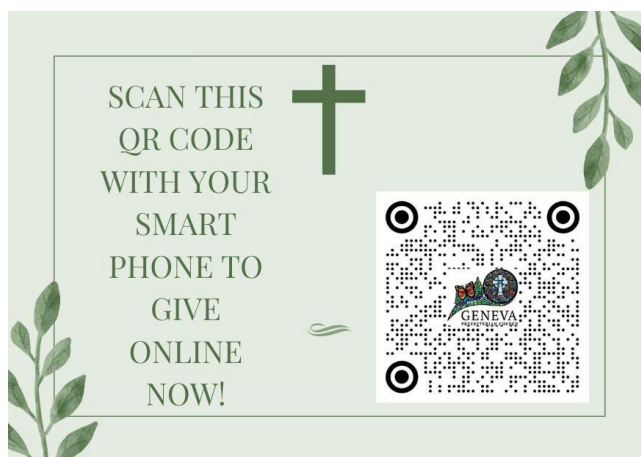
RAIN DOWN
Irregular

Offertory *(Every gift of every size is celebrated and appreciated. You may tithe in person at the offering plate in the back of the sanctuary, through the mail via check, or online via app or the QR code below.)*

Music Offering

“Pater Noster” by Rihards Dubra

(for lyrics, see Pg. 13)



Prayer of Dedication

Children's Sermon

Cali Bronkenma

(Children are welcome to join Ms. Cali downstairs for a shortened Sunday School lesson today)

Doxology

“Give Thanks”

Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son
Repeat.

And now let the weak say, "I am strong"
Let the poor say, "I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us"
Repeat.
Give thanks! (2x only)

A CELEBRATION: CHRIST'S REIGN IN THE SEASONS OF THE CHURCH

(For each season below, we sing the first line in red, then a worship leader will read the dedicated scripture passages, and all will sing the hymn followed by a moment for silent prayer)

Advent

“Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His Throne.”

Luke 1:26-33
Janelle Thibau

ADVENT HYMN

“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

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Hyfrydol

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear Desire of every nation, Joy of every longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King.
Born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit raise us to Thy glorious throne. **Amen.**
(Silent Prayer)

Christmas

“Crown Him the Virgin’s Son, the God incarnate born.”

Isaiah 9:6-7a

Kyla Lupo

CHRISTMAS HYMN

“Joy to the World!”

179 (v. 1, 4)

Joy to the world! The Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
Let ev’ry heart prepare Him room and heav’n and nature sing,
And heav’n and nature sing, and heav’n, and heav’n and nature sing.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness and wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love, and wonders, wonders of His love.
(*Silent Prayer*)

Epiphany

“Crown Him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways.”

Matthew 2:1-6

Mark Allen

EPIPHANY HYMN

“We Three Kings of Orient Are”

#233 (v. 1, 5)

We three kings of Orient are, bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

***Refrain: O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect Light.***

Glorious now behold him arise, King and God and Sacrifice;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Sounds through the earth and skies. ***Refrain.***
(*Silent Prayer*)

Lent

“Crown Him the Lord of love—behold His hands and side.”

John 18:33-38

Janelle Thibau

LENT HYMN

“Were You There?”

#283 (v. 1, 3)

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?
(*Silent Prayer*)

Easter

“Crown Him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o’er the grave.”

1 Corinthians 15:20-22

Kyla Lupo

EASTER HYMN

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

288 (v. 1, 4)

Easter Hymn

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
All creation join to say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!
(Silent Prayer)

Pentecost

“Crown Him the Lord of Heaven, enthroned in worlds above.”

Acts 5:27-32

Mark Allen

PENTECOST HYMN

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

#319 (v. 1, 2)

Lord, the light of Your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness shining;
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us,
set us free by the truth You now bring us;
Shine on me, shine on me.

Refrain: Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory.

Blaze, Spirit, blaze; set our hearts on fire.

Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy.

Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,
from the shadows into Your radiance;
By the blood I may enter Your brightness;
search me, try me, consume all my darkness;
Shine on me, shine on me. ***(Refrain)***
(Silent Prayer)

Life In The Kingdom

“Crown Him the Lord of years, the potentate of time.”

Revelation 7:9-12
Rev. Patrick McElwaine

CORONATION HYMN

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

#317 (v. 1, 4)

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne;
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own:
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him Who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of life, who triumphed o’er the grave,
Who rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save;
To Thee be endless praise, for Thou for us hast died.
Be Thou, O Lord, through endless days adored and magnified!

Amen!

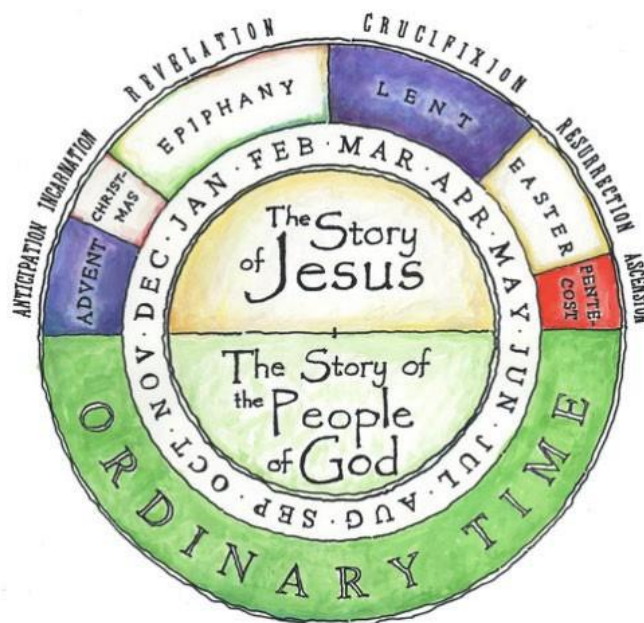
(Silent Prayer)

Closing Prayer

Benediction

Rev. Patrick McElwaine

Postlude



The Christian Calendar

Christ's Time for the Church

ADVENT

Advent is a season of preparation for the coming of Christ: preparation to celebrate Jesus' birth at Christmas, to receive faithfully the risen Christ who comes to us in Word and Spirit, and to await with hope Christ's coming in final victory. The word Advent comes from the Latin *adventus*, which means "coming."

Dates of the Season: Advent is the four weeks, including Sundays, before Christmas Day.

Colors for the Season: The colors are purple or blue. Purple symbolizes both penitence and royalty, blue is the color of hope.

CHRISTMAS SEASON

Christmas Season is the time of celebration, thanksgiving, and praise for God present with us in Jesus Christ. The name comes from the first service of the season, Christ Mass. Christmas Day was first celebrated on December 25 in Rome sometime between 336 and 354 C.E. A pagan winter solstice festival, the birthday of the unconquered sun, was already celebrated on December 25. Christians adopted that date to celebrate the birth of the Son of God. Christians have often adapted and transformed the customs of the world around them.

Dates of the Season: Christmas Season begins with Christmas Eve or Christmas Day and continues through the Day of Epiphany, January 6.

Colors of the Season: White and gold.

EPIPHANY

The word Epiphany is from the Greek word *epiphaneia*, which means "manifestation." On the Day of Epiphany, January 6, we celebrate Christ's being revealed to the world and the visit of the wise men, the first Gentiles to whom he was made known. Scripture doesn't say how many wise men came to Bethlehem. At various times tradition has set the number from two to twelve. However, because three gifts are mentioned today, we usually think of three wise men or Magi.

Celebration of Epiphany: When January 6 falls on a weekday, churches that do not have services on the 6th may celebrate Epiphany on the following Sunday.

Colors for Epiphany: White and gold.

LENT

Lent is a season of preparation for the celebration of Easter. The word Lent comes from the Anglo-Saxon *lencten*, which means "spring," the time of the lengthening of days. At first Lent was a time to prepare new converts for baptism on Easter Eve. Eventually, Lent became a time of reflection and self-examination for all Christians.

Days of Lent: Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on the Saturday before Easter. Lent lasts forty days, not counting Sundays. Sundays aren't counted because Sunday always celebrates Jesus' victory over sin and death.

The Color for Lent: Purple, a royal color that also signifies penitence and preparation.

GOOD FRIDAY

In Old English usage *good* meant “of God.” Good Friday is God’s Friday: Jesus’ death shows God’s salvation.

The Date of Good Friday: Good Friday is the Friday before Easter.

Colors for Good Friday: The worship space is either void of decoration and color, or black is used.

THE EASTER SEASON

The Easter Season, also known as the Great Fifty Days, begins at sunset on Easter Eve and continues through the Day of Pentecost. At this season we celebrate with joy Christ’s resurrection and ascension and the giving of the Holy Spirit on the first Easter (John 20:22-23) and on the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2).

Date of Easter: Easter Sunday is the first Sunday after the full moon that occurs on or next after March 21, the spring equinox. Easter can be any time from March 22 through April 25. The date may differ in Orthodox Churches.

Colors of the Easter Season: White and gold.

PENTECOST

Pentecost, the fiftieth day after Easter, comes from the Greek word for fiftieth, *pentekoste*. Greek-speaking Jews called the Jewish Feast of Weeks the Day of Pentecost. Acts tells how the anxious and fearful disciples, who had gathered on the Day of Pentecost, were filled with the Holy Spirit and thereafter preached boldly the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Date of Pentecost: The fiftieth day after Easter.

Colors for Pentecost: Red or red on white. Red, the color of fire, represents the Holy Spirit.

SEASON OF PENTECOST

The Season of Pentecost, called Ordinary Time, is a period of growth. Churches emphasize Jesus’ teachings about the kingdom of God. They engage issues of daily life and concerns of the community, nation, and world. The Season comes after we have remembered Christ’s sacrifice on Good Friday and celebrated his resurrection on Easter and the gift of the Holy Spirit at Easter and Pentecost.

Dates of the Season: From the day after Pentecost through the Saturday before the first Sunday in Advent.

Colors for the Season: The basic color is green symbolizing growth in Christ. White is used on Trinity Sunday, All Saints Day, and Christ the King Sunday.

CHRIST THE KING

This last Sunday of the Christian Year celebrates the coming reign of Jesus Christ.

Date of the Season: The Sunday before the Season of Advent begins, and the last Sunday of the Season of Pentecost.

Colors for the Season: Gold and white.

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

John Wright;

Eric Maul, friend of Ben Shaver;

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

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;

Robert Owers, friend of Sara Torrence;

Tim Butcher, friend of Sara Torrence;

Emmanuel Mbi;

Healing and Comfort for

Breanne Spriggs, Allyson McElwaine's cousin, recent surgery;

Andy Sullivan, Friend of the McElwaine Family, receiving end of life care;

Kevin Shaver, 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;

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: Jim Harris (11/3); Scott Harris (11/11); Patrick McElwaine (11/13);
 Ginny Wilson (11/15); Ruth Allenspach (11/16); Mark Allen (11/16);
 Fiona Galliani (11/18); Robin Kough (11/19);
 Mae Lin Cheong (11/21); Fred Allenspach (11/26)

This Week at Geneva

Wednesday, November 20	6:00pm	Bible Explorers
Wednesday, November 20	6:00pm	Bible Study - Online
Sunday, November 24	10:30am	Worship – In-Person and Online
<i>Christ the King Sunday</i>		
Sunday, November 24	11:30am	Hanging of the Greens
Monday, November 25	7:00pm	Session Meeting – Online
Thursday and Friday, November 28 & 29		Thanksgiving – Church Office Closed
Sunday, December 1	10:30am	Worship – In-Person and Online

First Sunday of Advent

**Today's offertory is an a cappella setting of the Lord's Prayer.
Rihards Dubra has set text in Latin.**

**PATER NOSTER, qui es in caelis,
sanctificetur nomen tuum.**

Adveniat regnum tuum.

Fiat voluntas tua, sicut in caelo et in terra.

**Panem nostrum quotidianum da nobis
hodie, et dimitte nobis debita nostra sicut et
nos dimittimus debitoribus nostris.**

**Et ne nos inducas in tentationem,
sed libera nos a malo. Amen."**

**Our Father, Who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name.**

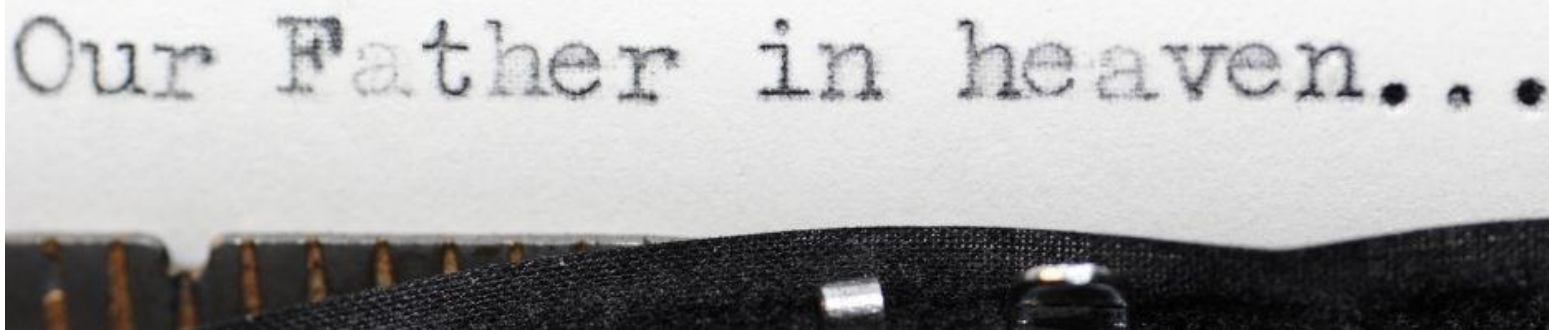
Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

**Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive
those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver
us from evil.**

**For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the
glory forever. Amen.**



Our Father in heaven...

Geneva November



Neurodiverse Playdate

Nov. 2nd, 11am-Noon

Nov. 5th, 1-2pm (We Rock)



Adult Bible Study

Nov. 6th, 13th & 20th

6:00 PM



Joyful Noise Service

Nov. 10th

9:30-10 AM



Bible Explorers

Nov. 13th & 20th

6-7 PM



Pancake Breakfast

Nov. 17th

9:30-10:30 AM



Childrens Chimes Practice

Nov. 17 & 24

Following Worship



Hanging of the Greens

Nov. 24th

Following Worship

Geneva Presby December



Adult Bible Study
Dec. 4th, 11th & 18th
6:00 PM



Neurodiverse Playdate
Dec. 7th 11am-Noon
@ Geneva



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



Bible Explorers
Dec. 11th & 18th
6-7PM



Advent Craft Event
Dec. 15th
Following Worship



Bells Concert
Dec. 15th
5pm



Sing-a-Long & Cookies
Dec. 22nd
Following Worship



Christmas Eve Service
Dec. 24th
5 pm



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POINSETTIAS

If you would like to purchase a poinsettia to decorate the sanctuary for Advent, please email **Laura Szakos** in the church office at admin@genevapotomac.org

If your poinsettia is in honor or memory of someone please be sure to include that information in your email.

Cost: \$15/plant
Deadline: Monday, Dec. 16

Please note your check or cash "Poinsettias" or pay online as a "special gift" below:

<https://genevapotomac.org/give/online-giving/>

Today's Worship Leaders

Rev. Patrick McElwaine, Pastor; Ben Shaver, Music Director;
Janelle Thibau, Lector; Kyla Lupo, Zoom Host.
Curtis Chimba and Tom Sadler, Audio/Visual

Church Elders

Kyla Lupo, Julie Moloznik, Tom Sadler, Sheri Sankey, Ken Sprinkle, Amanda White, Elaine Winch

Church Deacons

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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