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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 home at Geneva.

Prelude

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome to the Worship of God

Call to Worship

Leader: Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.

**People: Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all the day long.**

Leader: Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from old.

**People: Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to
your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O
LORD!**

Leader: All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

– Psalm 25:4-7, 10

Opening Hymn

"I Need Thee Every Hour"

I Need Thee Every Hour



1 I need thee ev - ery hour, most gra - cious Lord;
 2 I need thee ev - ery hour; stay thou near by;
 3 I need thee ev - ery hour; in joy or pain;
 4 I need thee ev - ery hour, most Ho - ly One;



no ten - der voice like thine can peace af - ford.
 temp - ta - tions lose their power when thou art nigh.
 come quick - ly, and a - bide, or life is vain.
 O make me Thine in - deed Thou bless - ed Son.

Refrain



I need thee, O I need thee; ev - ery hour I need thee!



O bless me now, my Sa - vior, I come to thee.

Call to Confession

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

Almighty God, you spoke creation into existence in your freely given love. Now fallen and marked by sin, you graciously restore all of life once again through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Light of the World, in your mercy show us your ways with fresh insight. Count us as sheep of your flock worthy of correction and protection. Hear us as we confess our own sinfulness and the sins of this world, seeking the forgiveness you offer...

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

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

love on your peo - ple. Rain down; rain

down; rain down your love, God of life.

The Word

Prayer for Illumination *(in unison)*

May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, our rock and redeemer. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 111

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

Matthew 5:1-12

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

Sermon

“Dissonant Harmony”

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

Prayer of Dedication

The Sending

Closing Hymn

"Blest Are They"

(See Insert)

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

Helen Fink, Carolyn Fink's mother in law;

Tomoko Alexander, mother of Jeff Alexander;

Bobbie Maxwell;

John Wright;

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;

The family of Katie Richards Roome, friend of Letitia Denaburg;

Emmanuel Mbi;

Healing and Comfort for

Rolf Winch, recovering from knee surgery;

Kevin Shaver, health concerns;

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

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: Helene Chimba (2/1); Parker Hart Alexander (2/3); Elyssa Lyn Alexander (2/3); Janelle Thibau (2/14); Curtis Chimba (2/18); Elaine Winch (2/19); Laura Szakos (2/20); Rosie Perthel (2/23); Heinz Nagel (2/23); Margo Hunt (2/24); Thomas Devine (2/25); Ryan Alexander (2/25)

This Week at Geneva

Wednesday, February 5	6:00pm	Adult Bible Study - Online
Sunday, February 9	9:30am	Joyful Noise Worship - In Person
Sunday, February 9	10:30am	Worship - In Person and Online
Wednesday, February 12	6:00pm	Valentine's Day Party

Annual Giving Statements were mailed this week. If you have any questions about your statement, please contact **Ken Denaburg** (Ken@yorkflowers.com) or **Laura Szakos** in the church office (admin@genevapotomac.org)

Geneva February



Neurodiverse Playdate
February 1st, 11-Noon
At "We Rock"



Adult Bible Study
Feb. 5th
6:00 PM



Joyful Noise Service
Feb. 9th
9:30-10 AM



Valentines Day Party
Feb. 12th
6:00 pm



Childrens Chimes
Practice
Feb. 16th & 23rd
Following Worship



Food for the Soul
Feb. 19th & 26th
6pm



PLEASE JOIN OUR



Valentine's *Party*

**FEBRUARY 12
6:00 PM
GENEVA PRESBYTERIAN**

**DINNER, GAMES &
CRAFTS FOR THE
WHOLE FAMILY!**

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Today's Worship Leaders

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

Julie Moloznik, Lector; Kyla Lupo, Zoom Host.

Curtis Chimba and Sheri Sankey, 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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