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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 a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

People: Worship the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

Leader: Know that the LORD is God. It is God that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

People: Enter the LORD's gates with thanksgiving. Give thanks to God, bless his name.

Leader: For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

– Psalm 100

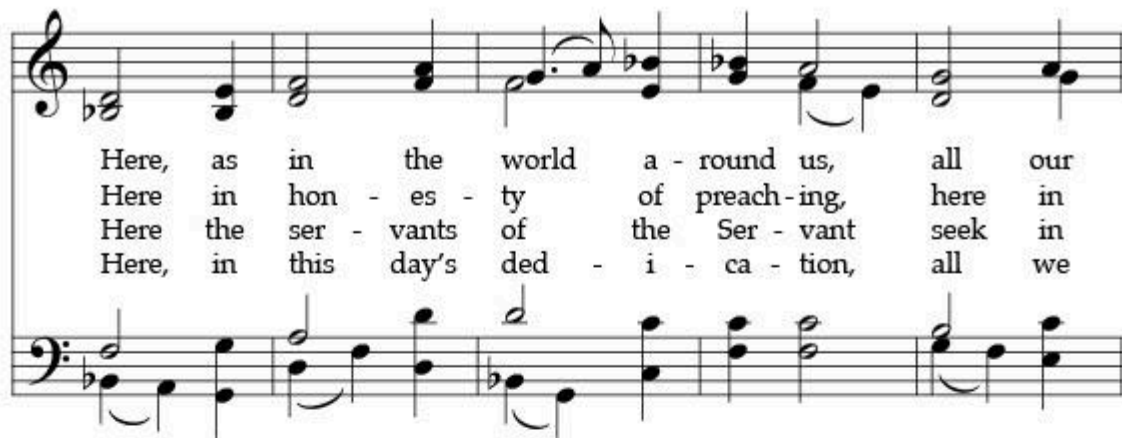
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God Is Here!

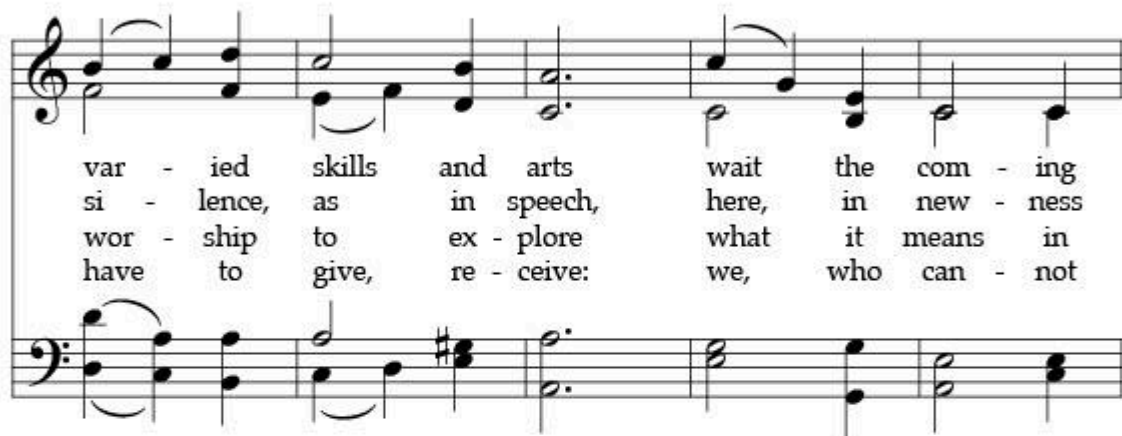
1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an

of - fer praise and prayer, may we find in
 life - long need of grace; here are ta - ble,
 Shep - herd's flock and fold; here as bread and
 age of change and doubt keep us faith - ful

full - er mea - sure what it is in Christ we share.
 font, and pul - pit; here the cross has cen - tral place.
 wine are tak - en, Christ sus - tains us as of old.
 to the gos - pel; help us work your pur - pose out.



Here, as in the world a - round us, all our
 Here in hon - es - ty of preach - ing, here in
 Here the ser - vants of the Ser - vant seek in
 Here, in this day's ded - i - ca - tion, all we



var - ied skills and arts wait the com - ing
 si - lence, as in speech, here, in new - ness
 wor - ship to ex - plore what it means in
 have to give, re - ceive: we, who can - not



of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

Call to Confession

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

Eternal God, in every generation you have raised up believers to cherish your Name and your ways. We confess to treating both lightly and with little regard in day to day living.

Holy One, in your mercy forgive us and rekindle a love for rightly approaching your throne. For rightly addressing you with reverence. For rightly obeying your word and trusting your sovereignty. Lord, cleanse us and reorient the affections of our hearts so that we may love and serve you faithfully...

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Response **“Love the Lord Your God”** (*sung twice*) **#62**

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

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" (music next page)

#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)

God of new and eternal life, your grace is our daily bread. Nourish us in this reading and proclaiming of scripture so that we may grow in humility, be filled with faith, and follow joyfully where your Holy Spirit leads. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Deuteronomy 6:3-15

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 4:1-11

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

Sermon

"Overcoming Satan's Greatest Weapon"

Rev. Patrick McElwaine



("He Was Tempted", 8inx10in oil painting by Mike Moyers, published: *The Lenten Companion*, Year B - Ascension Press)

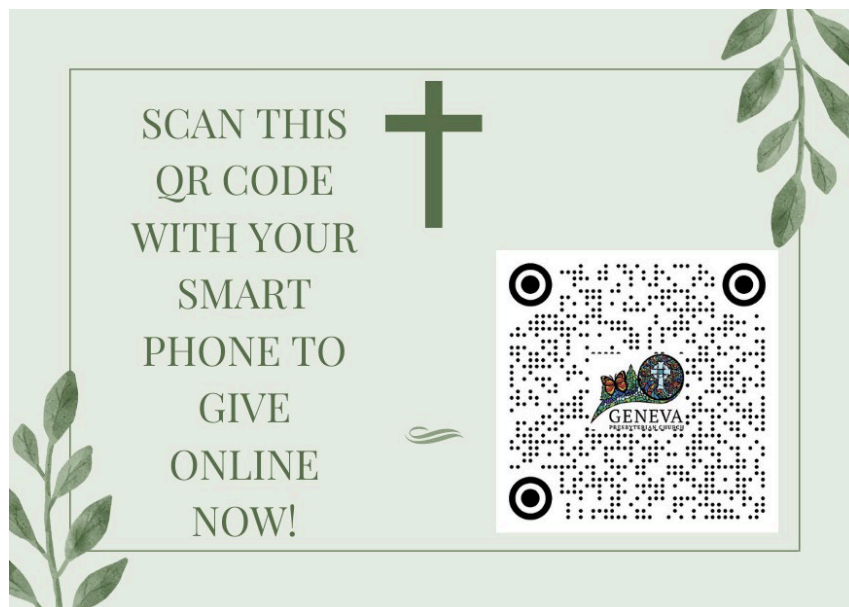
Affirmation of Faith/The Apostles' Creed *(in unison)*

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

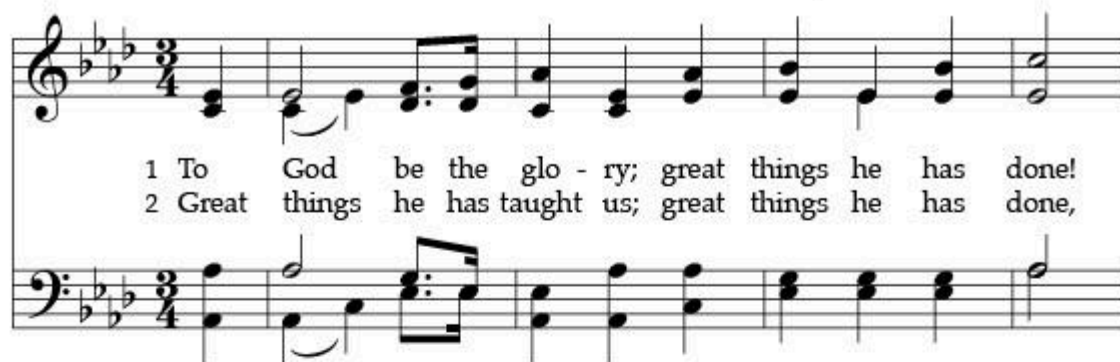
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Closing Hymn

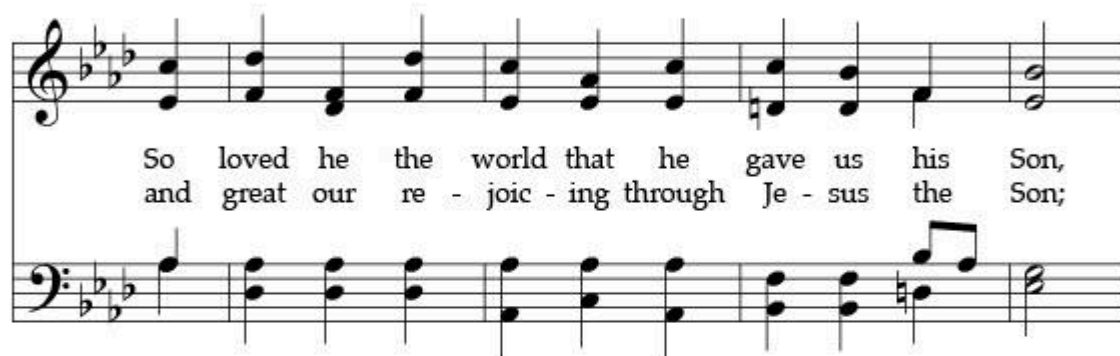
"To God Be The Glory"

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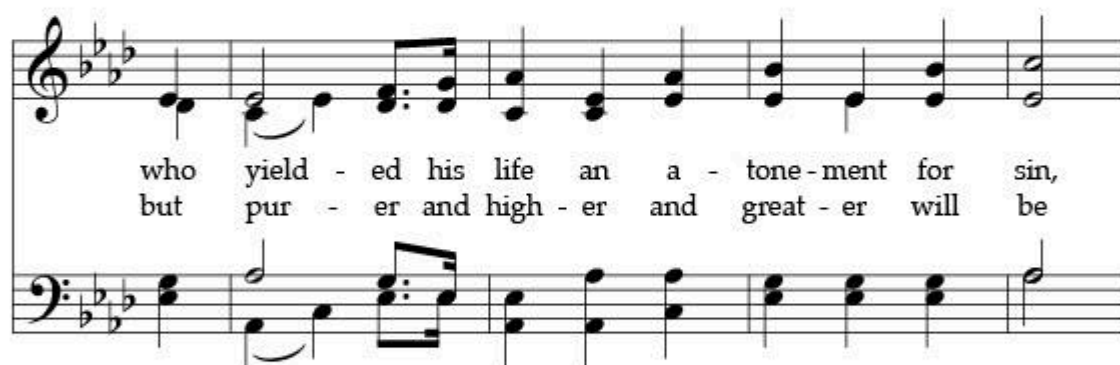
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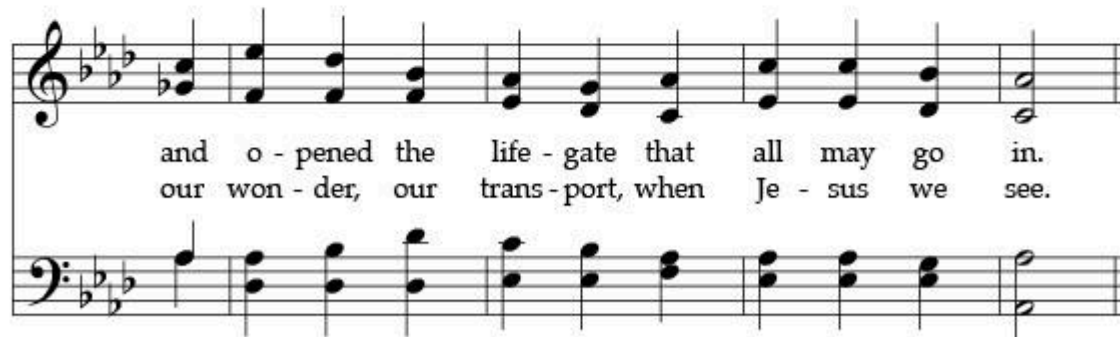
1 To God be the glo - ry; great things he has done!
2 Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,



So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
and great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son;



who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin,
but pur - er and high - er and great - er will be



and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

Refrain

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,

and give him the glory: great things he has done!

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

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;

Helen Fink, Carolyn Fink's mother in law, health concerns;

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: Sheena Galliani (1/5); Jacquelyn Kough (1/6);
Rosalie Ruff (1/8); Allyson McElwaine (1/14); Sara Torrence (1/17);
Amanda White (1/18); Terry Shima (1/20); Malachi McElwaine (1/23);
Ruth Nunn (1/28)

This Week at Geneva

Wednesday, January 22	6:00pm	Adult Bible Study - Online
Sunday, January 26	10:30am	Worship - In Person and Online
Sunday, January 26	11:45am	Annual Congregational Meeting
Monday, January 27	7:00pm	Meeting - Session
Wednesday, January 29	6:00pm	Adult Bible Study - Online

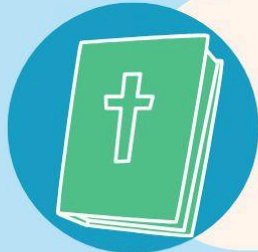
THIS SUNDAY @ 11:45! Annual Congregational Meeting

**Join us in person or online; check your email for the Annual Report electronically,
we will also have hardcopies available in person.**

Geneva January



Neurodiverse Playdate
January 4th, 11-Noon
At "We Rock"



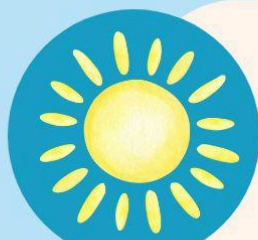
Adult Bible Study
Jan. 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th
6pm



Joyful Noise Service
Jan. 12th, 9:30-10 AM



Childrens Chimes
Practice
Jan. 19th & 26th
Following Worship



Summer Camp
Interest Meeting
Jan. 26th
Following Worship

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

Today's Worship Leaders

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

Alice Franks, 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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