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10:30 am

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

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome to the Worship of God

Call to Worship

Leader: We are here Lord, such as we are, ready to bless others by:

People: Being givers of compassion;

Leader: Being advocates for youth;

People: Being workers for a new world;

Leader: Being friends of the rejected;

People: Being makers of peace;

Leader: Being feeders of the hungry;

People: Being visitors to the sick.

Leader: Here we are Lord, send us! Let us worship God with heart, mind and soul!

Opening Hymn 305

THE CHURCH

305 Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!



1 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
2 Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns su - preme,
3 Let cour - age be our friend; let wis - dom be our guide,
4 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!



For Christ the Lord has led us through the a - ges long!
em - power - ing us to catch the vi - sion, dream the dream!
as we in mis - sion mag - ni - fy the Cru - ci - fied!
For Christ the Lord has tri - umphed o'er the a - ges long!



In bold ac - cord, come cel - e - brate the jour - ney now and praise the Lord!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O God, we know Jesus was sent into this world to carry out a mission of love and that we are called to continue that mission. Yet sometimes, we confess, we neglect that call. We forget that we are blessed to be a blessing. We downplay our ability to make a difference for the better and we display a lack of interest in the plight of others. Forgive us when we regard our outreach as optional and place it somewhere other than at the heart of our faith. Redirect us, we pray, and renew a right spirit within us.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: God is always near to us and extends grace to all. Friends, believe the Good News...

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

Congregational Response

582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Capo 3: (G) B $\flat$ (D) (G) (D) F B $\flat$ F (G) B $\flat$ (D) (Em) F (D) Gm F

1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
2 World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)
F B $\flat$ E $\flat$ B $\flat$ Gm7 C7

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)
C7 F A Dm

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)
Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F

As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

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

48

Rain Down

Capo 3: (D) (F#7) (Bm) (D7) (G)

Rain down; rain down; rain down your
love on your peo - ple. Rain down; rain
down; rain down your love, God of life.

Chords: (D) F, (F#7) A7, (Bm) Dm, (D7) F7, (G) Bb, (D/F#) F/A, (Em7) Gm7, (A7) C7, (D) F, (F#7) A7, (Bm) Dm, (D7) F7, (G) Bb, (Em) Gm, (A7) C7, (G) Bb, (D) F.

The Word

Prayer for Illumination

Eternal and Living God, open our ears and hearts so that we may receive your Word in a powerful way this morning. We pray for the movement of your Spirit here as we center our attention on the Word read and spoken. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Genesis 12:1-2

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

Children's Sermon

Julia Moloznik

(Children 5th grade and younger are invited to join Bridges to Worship in the downstairs classroom following the Children's Sermon)

Second Scripture Reading

II Corinthians 9:6-8

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

Affirmation of Faith (The Apostles’ Creed)

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.

**Prayer of Dedication**

Closing Hymn 69

GOD'S COVENANT WITH ISRAEL

69 I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Here I Am, Lord



1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin - est



made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
 break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

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

Fred Brown, brother of Scott Brown;
Alyssa Kakol, a friend of Sara and Tom Sadler, died tragically in a pedestrian accident;
Rosalie Ruff;
Tom Maxwell;
Paul Quin, husband of Pamela Wilson;
Adriana Bockma, friend of Sara Torrence;
Richard Torrence, brother-in-law of Sara Torrence;

Healing and Comfort for

Cole Marks, friend of Ben Shaver, coma due to automobile accident;
Kyla Lupo, recovering from surgery
Cheryl Reider, sister-in-law and aunt of the Moloznik family,
undergoing treatment after a heart attack;
Aaron Thacker, friend of Ben Shaver, health concerns;
The Khalil family;
Larry Maske, cousin of Ken Sprinkle, cancer
Karen Dove, friend of the McElwaines, health concerns;
Scott Brown, health concerns;
Hamed Moghaddam, health concerns;
Gabrielle Suver, seriously injured in a hit and run bicycle accident;
The Moghaddam family and their business, during a time of discernment and transition;
Jeff Norwood, Cancer Treatment, friend of Moloznik family;
Mohammad Pajouhi, uncle to Hamed Moghaddam & brother to Ency Moghaddam,
for healing, wisdom for the doctors, and restoration of his heart;
Allyson McElwaine, health concerns;
Mike Sydoriak, health concerns;
Nancy Morse, health concerns;
John Hanson, friend of Sara Torrence, health concerns;
Margaret and Don Acton, parents of Amanda White, continued health concerns;
Pepe Marin, health concerns;
Nancy Rawson, health concerns;
Judith Sadler, mother of Tom Sadler, mental illness and PG County guardianship care;
Sandra Kichefski, sister of Sheri Sankey, health concerns;

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Summer



Gospel Concert
June 7th
4:00 PM



Childrens Chimes Practice
Last 2 Sundays each month
During Sunday School



Popsicle Playdate
August 8th
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM



Sunday School will continue
through the summer!
During Worship

Volunteer at Rosie's Farm Sanctuary

10717 Tulip Lane, Potomac, MD 20854



Rosie's Farm Sanctuary cares for rescued farmed animals and providing an idyllic sanctuary for children and families to visit and enjoy the animals and cultivated lavender and seasonal vegetables. We offer educational tours, volunteer and internship opportunities.

What We Do

Rescue

We rescue and rehabilitate farmed animals, providing them with a forever home.

Educate

Rosie's Farm Sanctuary welcomes visitors to spend time on the farm, self-selecting seasonal crops to buy and meeting the animals

Advocate

We aim to be a compassionate voice for animals who often go unseen and unheard.

Volunteer

Rosie's Farm Sanctuary welcomes volunteers to help care for our animals and their home. Volunteer at the Sanctuary on a regular basis and get to know our animal residents while assisting staff with cleaning, feeding, socializing, and enrichment.

For more information visit:

<https://rosiesfarmsanctuary.org/volunteer/>

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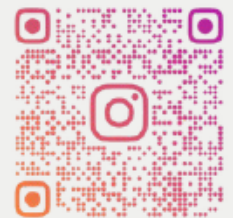
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- Clean out your closet for a cause
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NEW!**



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Today's Worship Leaders

Rev. Carrie Yearick, Ben Shaver, Music Director; Janelle Thibau,
Lector; Kyla Lupo, Zoom Host;
Ken Sprinkle & Curtis Chimba; Audio/Visual

Rev. Carrie Yearick ("Pastor Carrie") has dedicated over 30 years to ministry, excelling in leadership strengths like building and vision casting. She thrives on fostering vibrant connections with God and others, creating impactful programs, and cultivating authentic community. With extensive experience working with youth, young adults, and seniors, Carrie's compassion has touched many lives and families. She holds advanced degrees in Divinity and Theology from Duke Divinity School, and an undergraduate degree in Human Services and Psychology from Wingate University. With a creative spirit, Carrie enjoys baking, volleyball, scrapbooking, and nurturing her big family of seven siblings.

Church Elders	Church Deacons
Ken Sprinkle, Jack Kough, Kyla Lupo, Sheri Sankey, Julie Moloznik, Danielle Smith, and Janelle Thibau	Renee Moloznik, Eve Dailey, Sheena Galliani, Allyson McElwaine, and Carl Perthel

If you have ideas, suggestions, or concerns, please share them with our Church Elders.

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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