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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 home at Geneva.

Prelude

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome to the Worship of God

Call to Worship

Leader: You are my witnesses, says the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen,

People: so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he.

Leader: Before me no god was formed, nor shall there be any after me.

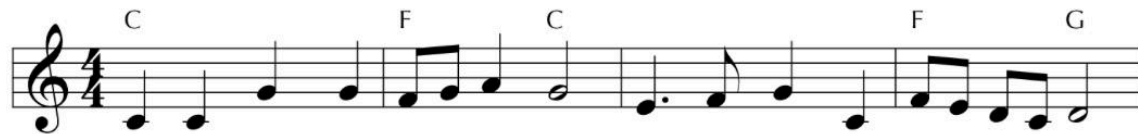
People: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.

Leader: I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

– Isaiah 43:10, 18&19

Opening Hymn

God of Great and God of Small 19



1 God of great and God of small, God of one and God of all,
2 God of land and sky and sea, God of life and des - ti - ny,
3 God of si - lence, God of sound, God by whom the lost are found,
4 God of heaven and God of earth, God of death and God of birth,



God of weak and God of strong, God to whom all things be - long,
God of nev - er - end - ing power, yet be - side me ev - ery hour,
God of day and dark - est night, God whose love turns wrong to right,
God of now and days be - fore, God who reigns for - ev - er - more,

Refrain



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, praise be to your name.

Call to Confession

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

Eternal God, you have revealed yourself to us decisively in the person, work, and word of Jesus – yet we often live as if the Truth were still in question. Somehow malleable. Somehow shaped by our preferences and will.

Lord, forgive us for living in ways that dishonor your name before the world. Forgive us for leaning into our sins with excuses rather than mortifying them in your Spirit. Wash us clean from all that stains and call us back into your ways as we pray in this silence...

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Response

SERVICE MUSIC

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Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)
B^b F B^b F B^b F Gm F

1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
2 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)
F B^b E^b B^b Gm7 C7

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
World with - out end, 7 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, 7 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 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.

Passing of the Peace

Rain Down

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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

The Word

Prayer for Illumination (*in unison*)

Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove: open our ears to the truth of your word, that the testimony of Christ may be strengthened among us and the glad news of deliverance revealed. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 121

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 Cali Bronkema in the rug area to participate!)

Second Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 1:1-11

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“A Familiar City and a Simple Gospel” *Rev. Patrick McElwaine*

Affirmation of Faith/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



Music Offering

Prayer of Dedication

Closing Hymn

Sing a New World into Being

Mary Louise Bringle

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1. Sing a new world in - to be - ing. Sound a bold and hope - ful theme.
2. Sing a new world in - to be - ing where each gen - der class and race
3. Sing a new world in - to be - ing where the home - less find a home.
4. Sing a new world in - to be - ing. Join the an - cient proph - ets' cry

Find a tune for si - lent yearn - ings. Lend your voice and dare to dream:
brings its rain - bow gifts and col - ors to God's lim - it - less em - brace;
where no chil - dren ev - er hun - ger but are filled with God's sha - lom;
for a time of health and plen - ty when all tears have been wiped dry;

dream a church where all who wor - ship find their lives and loves be - long.
where the lines that once di - vi - ded form in - stead the ties that bind.
where all peo - ple work for jus - tice, where all hate and vengeance cease.
when com - pas - sion flows like wa - ters, pour - ing balm for all who grieve.

Sing a new world in - to be - ing. Sing as Christ in - spires your song!
Sing a new world in - to be - ing: risk trans - form - ing heart and mind!
Sing a new world in - to be - ing: raise the har - mo - nies of peace.
Sing a new world in - to be - ing: live the prom - ise you be - lieve!

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Benediction

Postlude



Names in bold are new prayer list additions.
The work, worship, pastor and leadership of Geneva.

Comfort for the Family and Friends of

Jeanie Voith Bort, Aunt of Elaine (Voith) Winch
Joe Khalil's uncle, Paul;
Bobbie Maxwell;
John Wright;
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

Rev. Mary Pullen, cancer treatment
Allyson McElwaine, health concerns;
Mike Sydoriak, health concerns;
Brian Rasmussen, Allyson McElwaine's uncle, hip surgery;
Victoria Winch, traveling mercies;
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;

Geneva Summer



Neurodiverse Playdates

11am-Noon

June 7, July 5,
Aug. 2nd



Summer Splash Days

11am-Noon

June 14, July 26,
Aug. 9th



Bells Concert

June 22nd
3pm



Vacation Bible School

Aug. 18-22nd
Register by Aug. 1st

A Time For Peace

Music of hope and comfort

featuring

The Bells of Geneva

June 22, 2025

3:00 p.m.

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2025 Summer Sermon Series

"TREASURE IN JARS OF CLAY"

Join us as we preach through 2 Corinthians!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2025



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:

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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;

Carl Perthel, Lector; Kyla Lupo, Zoom Host

Ken Sprinkle and Zach Michaels, Audio/Visual

Church Elders	Church Deacons
Kyla Lupo, Julie Moloznik, Tom Sadler, Sheri Sankey, Ken Sprinkle, Elaine Winch, Jack Kough	Eve Dailey, Sheena Galliani, Allyson McElwaine, Carl Perthel, Janelle Thibau, Renee Moloznik

If you have 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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