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November 17, 2024

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

"How Can I Keep from Singing"

Karen Buckwater

Bells of Geneva

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome to the Worship of God

Call to Worship

Leader: I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

People: Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

Leader: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God.

**People: The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.
The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.**

Leader: The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

People: I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

– Psalm 146

410 God Is Calling through the Whisper

1 God is call-ing through the whis-per of the Spir - it's deep-est sighs,
 2 God is call-ing through the voic-es of our neigh-bors' ur-gent prayers,
 3 God is call-ing through the mu-sic of sub-lime and hu-man arts,

through the thrill of sud-den beau-ties that can catch us by sur-prise.
 through their long-ing for re-demp-tion and for res-cue from de-spair.
 through the hymns of earth and an-gels, and the car-ols of our hearts.

Flash of light-ning, crash of thun-der; hush of still-ness, rush of won-der:
 Place of hurt or face of need-ing; stri-dent cry or si-lent plead-ing:
 Lift of joy and gift of sing-ing; days and nights our prais-es bring-ing:

God is call - ing—can you hear? God is call - ing—can you hear?
 God is call - ing—can you hear? God is call - ing—can you hear?
 God is call - ing—and we hear! God is call - ing—and we hear!

Call to Confession

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

Merciful God, forgive our systemic sins, the way we build and support and collaborate with oppression. Open our eyes to the injustice of wealth inequality. Open our hearts to righting our societal wrongs. Help us follow Christ in prioritizing the poor and vulnerable. Help us build your beloved community where all belong, and all may flourish. Amen. Hear now our silent prayers...

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) (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

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)*

Let the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable to you, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer. As we approach your Word, may we be ready to receive the message you intend for us today. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 42:1-5

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!)

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

Sermon

“Praying in All Circumstances”

Rev. Stella Lee

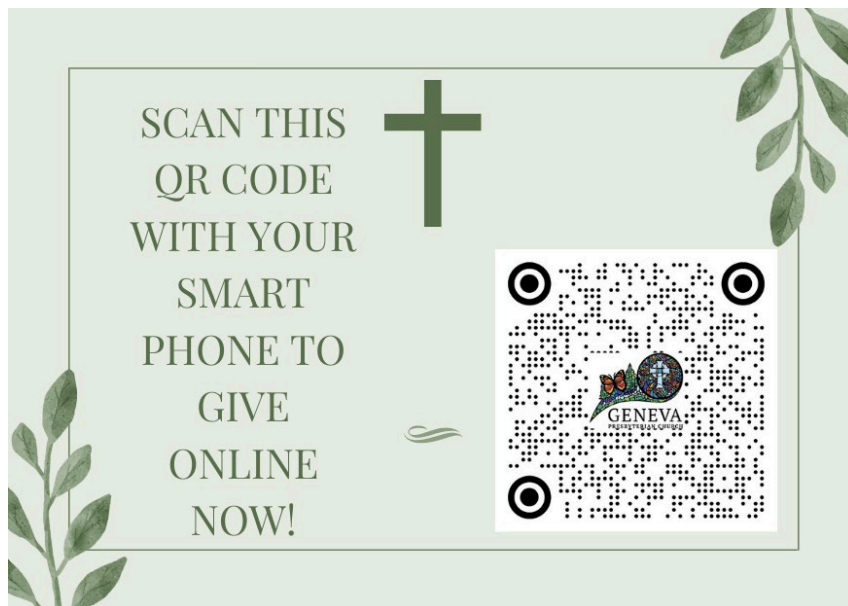
Affirmation of Faith/The Apostles’ Creed *(in unison)*

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

“A New Jerusalem Arise”
(congregation lyrics on page 13)

Kyle Pederson

Prayer of Dedication

The Sending

Closing Hymn

“We Cannot Measure How You Heal”

#797

797 We Cannot Measure How You Heal

1 We can - not mea - sure how you heal or
2 The pain that will not go a - way, or the
3 So some have come who need your help and

an - swer ev - ery suf - ferer's prayer, yet
guilt that clings from things long past, yet the
some have come to make a - mends, as

we be - lieve your grace re - sponds where
fear of what the fu - ture holds, are
hands which shaped and saved the world are

faith and doubt u - nite to care. Your
pres - ent as if meant to last. But
pres - ent in the touch of friends. Lord,

hands, though blood - ied on the cross, sur -
pres - ent too is love which tends the
let your Spir - it meet us here to

vive to hold and heal and warn, to
hurt we nev - er hoped to find, the
mend the bod - y, mind, and soul, to

car - ry all through death to life and
pri - vate ag - o - nies in - side, the
dis - en - tan - gle peace from pain, and

cra - dle chil - dren yet un - born.
mem - o - ries that haunt the mind.
make your bro - ken peo - ple whole.

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

"For the Beauty of the Earth" *Bells of Geneva*

Arnold B. Sherman

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 13	6:00pm	Adult Bible Study - Online
Wednesday, November 13	6:00pm	Bible Explorers
Sunday, November 17	9:30am	Pancake Breakfast - Before worship
Sunday, November 17	10:30am	Worship - In Person and Online
Tuesday, November 19	12:00pm	Executive Committee - Meeting
Wednesday, November 20	6:00pm	Adult Bible Study - Online
Wednesday, November 20	6:00pm	Bible Explorers

Pastor's Away

Pastor Patrick will be away for Continuing Education starting Monday, November 11 and return to work on Monday, November 18. If you have a pastoral need during this time, please contact your Geneva Presbyterian Deacon.



Thank you Stella Lee for filling in While Patrick is away!

Stella is a board-certified chaplain and ordained minister in PCUSA. Stella is a member of the National Capital Presbytery and serves as a pulpit supply pastor in DMV area. Stella is working for hospice in Maryland. She is a graduate of Union Presbyterian Seminary, M.Div. in Richmond. She was born and raised in South Korea. Outside the ministry, she likes to enjoy hiking and spending time with friends.



Join us before worship for a:

Pancake Breakfast

**Nov. 17th
9:30-10:30AM**



"AND HOW CAN ANYONE PREACH UNLESS
THEY ARE SENT? AS IT IS WRITTEN: HOW
BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET OF THOSE WHO
BRING GOOD NEWS!"
ROMANS 10:15 (NIV)

YOU ARE INVITED IN PRESENCE AND PRAYER
TO JOYFULLY CELEBRATE
THE INSTALLATION SERVICE OF

REV. DR. EMMANUEL A. MBI

AS HEAD PASTOR OF
THE UNITED CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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1 PM

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Commissioned by the Chancel Choir of First United Methodist Church in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, in honor of Roy and Doris Luken and dedicated to the faithful who came before us and those who will come after us.

Congregation

A New Jerusalem Arise

*Text inspired by Isaiah 65:17-19,
Isaiah 43:19 and Revelation 21:1-27*

KYLE PEDERSON
Edited by DAN FORREST

Please sing when directed.

The musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef, with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The score consists of eight lines of music. The first line begins with a rest for one measure, followed by the lyrics 'A new Je - ru - sa - lem a - rise, -'. The second line continues with 'A new cre - a - tion come a - live; -'. The third line has 'In - to the dawn - ing af - ter dark, -'. The fourth line features a long note with a slur, followed by 'a - rise! -' and then a repeat of 'A - rise! -'. The fifth line repeats the first line's melody and lyrics. The sixth line repeats the second line's melody and lyrics. The seventh line repeats the third line's melody and lyrics. The eighth line repeats the fourth line's melody and lyrics, ending with a double bar line.

A new Je - ru - sa - lem a - rise, -

A new cre - a - tion come a - live; -

In - to the dawn - ing af - ter dark, -

a - rise! - A - rise! -

A new Je - ru - sa - lem a - rise, -

A new cre - a - tion come a - live; -

In - to the dawn - ing af - ter dark, -

a - rise! -

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

Today's Worship Leaders

Rev. Stella Lee, Pulpit Supply; Ben Shaver, Music Director;

Jane Campbell, Lector; Kyla Lupo, Zoom Host.

Ken Denaburg and Ken Sprinkle, 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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