

November 2, 2025



Geneva Presbyterian Church

11931 Seven Locks Road
Potomac, MD 20854
(301) 424-4346
www.genevapotomac.org

Rev. Patrick McElwaine, Pastor

Follow us on Social Media



@genevachurchpotomac on Instagram



@Geneva Presbyterian Church on facebook

Get Prepared For Communion When Worshiping online!

Today we will be sharing the sacrament of The Lord's Supper during worship. Here's how it will work and how you can prepare if you are worshiping with us online:

- **Gather your own communion elements from around your home.** Jesus chose common foods of his day for the first communion: bread and “fruit of the vine.” What common starch do you have available? In countries around the world, the commonly available starch may be tortillas or rice, so those are used. What beverage feels right for you to use? Not everyone has juice in the home, so you might need to be creative.
- **Please:** in preparing for communion and choosing your elements, do so thoughtfully and with reverence for the sacrament we will share.
- **Our blended community of online and in person worshipers is gathered together in holy space and on holy ground.** The liturgy and prayers will serve to consecrate all of our elements into one common meal at the Lord's Table.

It is a joy to share the Lord's Supper together – let us gather in remembrance of Jesus who is the Eternal Host at this table.

With Grace and Peace,
Pastor Patrick

Geneva Presbyterian Church

November 2, 2025

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: O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

People: Sing and give praise to God's name; tell the good news of salvation from day to day.

Leader: The Spirit and the Church say, "Come."

People: The people of the Word say, "Come."

Leader: Let everyone who is thirsty come.

People: Receive the gift of the water of life.

– Psalm 96:12 and Revelation 22:17

Opening Hymn

THE LIFE OF THE NATIONS

We Gather Together 336

1 We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;
2 Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,
3 We all do ex - tol thee, thou lead - er tri - um - phant,

he chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known;
or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing his king - dom di - vine;
and pray that thou still our de - fend - er wilt be.

the wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing.
so from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning;
Let thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion;

Sing prais - es to his name; he for - gets not his own.
thou, Lord, wast at our side; all glo - ry be thine!
thy name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free!

Call to Confession

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

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, do not hide your face from us in displeasure. Do not hand us over to our own sinfulness. Do not allow us to stumble in our wanderings.

Merciful One, receive us with compassion. Deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires. Draw us near to you again in forgiveness. Help us to share with you honestly all that needs confessing as we pray in this silence...

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Response

SERVICE MUSIC

582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)
B $\flat$ F B $\flat$ F B $\flat$ F 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 *(sung on Communion Sundays)*

Our Father, in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as in heav'n. Give us today our daily bread, forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trials and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours. Now and forever. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

COMMUNITY IN CHRIST

Christ, Our Peace 1037

Christ, our peace, you break down the walls that di - vide us;

Christ, our peace, come, make us one bod-y in you.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Christ, Our Peace' from the 'Community in Christ' hymnal, number 1037. The score is written for a two-part setting, likely soprano and alto or tenor and bass. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: 'Christ, our peace, you break down the walls that di - vide us;' and 'Christ, our peace, come, make us one bod-y in you.' The music is simple and hymn-like, with a focus on the lyrics.

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

Luke 15:11-32

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

Children's Sermon

Rev. Patrick McElwaine

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

Second Scripture Reading

Psalm 32

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

Sermon

"The Joy of Forgiveness"

Rev. Patrick McElwaine

Affirmation of Faith

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.



The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

And also with you.

We lift them to the Lord.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Please come forward by the center aisle to receive the communion elements by intinction. You will receive a piece of bread and dip it in the chalice before then returning to your seat. Geneva Presbyterian practices an "open table", meaning that all who come to this meal by faith in Jesus Christ are welcome to participate. A gluten free option is available upon arrival at the Communion Table.



"Do this in remembrance of Me." – 1 Cor. 11:24

Closing Hymn

VERSE 1 (Solo)

A thousand generations falling down
in worship
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb
And all who've gone before us and
all who will believe
Will sing the song of ages to the
Lamb

PRE-CHORUS (ALL)

CHORUS (ALL)

VERSE 2 (Choir)

If you've been forgiven and if you've
been redeemed

Sing the song forever to the Lamb
If you walk in freedom and if you
bear His name

Sing the song forever to the Lamb
We'll sing the song forever and
amen

CHORUS (ALL)

PRE-CHORUS (ALL)

CHORUS (ALL)

TAG (Solo)

You will always be, holy, holy forever

Holy Forever

Pre-chorus

Voice

4

Your name is the high - est, Your name is the great - est. Your

V.

name stands a - bove them all. All thrones and do - min - ions, all

7

V.

pow'rs and po - si - tions. Your name stands a - bove them all. And the an - gels cry,

Chorus

10

V.

— Ho - ly! All cre - a - tion cries, Ho - ly! You are lift - ed high,

14

V.

— Ho - - ly Ho - ly for - ev - er! —

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

Tom Maxwell

Paul Quin, husband of Pamela Wilson

Adriana Bockma, friend of Sara Torrence

Richard Torrence, brother-in-law of Sara Torrence

Ron Hauber, friend of Sara Torrence

Joan Snider Voith, sister-in-law of Elaine Winch

Jeanie Voith Bort, Aunt of Elaine (Voith) Winch

Bobbie Maxwell;

John Wright;

Healing and Comfort for

Jeff Norwood, Cancer Treatment, friend of Moloznik family

Sam White, undiagnosed health concerns

Mohammad Pajouhi, uncle to Hamed Moghaddam & brother to Ency Moghaddam,
for healing, wisdom for the doctors, and restoration of his heart;

Rev. Mary Pullen, cancer treatment;

Allyson McElwaine, health concerns;

Mike Sydoriak, health concerns;

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;

Pepe Marin, health concerns;

Nancy Rawson, health concerns;

Rosalie Ruff, health concerns;

Judith Sadler, mother of Tom Sadler, mental illness and PG County guardianship care;

Sandra Kichefski, sister of Sheri Sankey, health concerns;

Annual Congregation Meeting

November 9

Directly after Worship ~ 11:45 AM

**Join us in-person or online
via the worship Zoom link**



Starting this Sunday Geneva is collecting non-perishable food for the Manna Food Center as part of Scouting USAs regional Scouting for food.

No glass items please.

This year, your participation is more important than ever as the food stamp program may halt with the Government shut down.

Food will be collected in the Narthex and Day School through Friday, November 7, 2025.

Geneva Nov



Neurodiverse Playdate
Nov. 1st
11am-Noon



Bible Explorers
Nov. 5th, 12th, & 19th
6:00 PM



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



Thanksgiving
Nov. 27th
Church Office Closed



Hanging of the Greens
Nov. 23
Following Worship



Childrens Chimes
Practice
Nov. 23rd & 30th

bible study is back!

JOIN US WEDNESDAYS

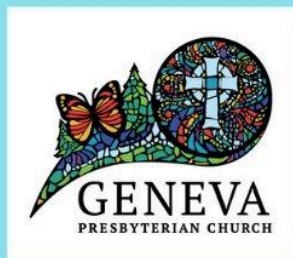
6:00PM ON ZOOM



Dream Small:

The Secret Power of
the Ordinary Christian
Life

better dreams, not bigger



Today's Worship Leaders

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

Julie Moloznik, Lector; Kyla Lupo, Zoom Host

Ken Sprinkle & Sheri Sankey; 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

Geneva Staff:

Rev. Patrick McElwaine, Pastor, pastor.genevapotomac@gmail.com

Ben Shaver, Music Director, music.genevapotomac@gmail.com

Laura Szakos, Church Office Administrator, admin@genevapotomac.org

*Hymns from Worship & Rejoice by Hope Publishing Company are used with permission
through OneLicense.net A-722503, CCLI License #11410910*

Geneva Presbyterian Church is granted permission to perform songs within domestic Performing Rights Organizations (ASCAP, BMI and SESAC), as stated in the CCS WORSHIPcast License Terms and Conditions. License #13607

© 2024 Taylor Agan Publishing, CURB Songs (Admin by Curb Word Music Publishing) Kellie Besch Music, Bridge Worship Music, 2nd Place Publishing (Admin by Essential Music Publishing) Kingly Common Worldwide Publishing, Kingly Common CCLI Song No. 7195920

Geneva Presbyterian Church

11931 Seven Locks Road

Potomac, MD 20854

301-424-4346

www.genevapotomac.org