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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: Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

**People: One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare
your mighty acts.**

Leader: All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your saints shall bless
you.

**People: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures
throughout all generations.**

-- Psalm 145:3-4, 10&13

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Great Are You, Lord

Great Is the Lord

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Great are you, Lord: you are ho-ly and just; by your pow-er we trust in your

love. Great are you, Lord: you are faith-ful and true; by your

mer-cy you prove you are love. Great are you, Lord, and

wor-thy of glo-ry! Great are you, Lord, and wor-thy of praise.

Great are you, Lord. We lift up our voice; we lift up our voice:

great are you, Lord! Great are you, Lord!

Call to Confession

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

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.

O Lord, have mercy upon us. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O Gracious One, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life for the glory of your holy name. Hear us with patience as we pray in this silence...

Assurance of Pardon

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

62 Love the Lord Your God

Capo 4: (C) (G) (F) (C)
E B A E

Love the Lord your God with all your heart.

(C) (G) (F) (C)
E B A 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

Passing of the Peace

"Rain Down"

#48

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Rain Down

Capo 3: (D) F (F#7) A7 (Bm) Dm (D7) F7 (G) Bb

Rain down; rain down; rain down your

(D/F#) F/A (Em7) Gm7 (A7) C7 (D) F (F#7) A7 (Bm) Dm

love on your peo - ple. Rain down; rain

(D7) F7 (G) Bb (Em) Gm (A7) C7 (G) Bb (D) F

down; rain down your love, God of life.

The Word

Prayer for Illumination *(in unison)*

God Most High, in you are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Open our eyes that we may see the wonders of your Word. Give us grace to clearly understand and joyfully live what you teach us today. In Christ's most holy name we pray. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

Children's Sermon

Julie 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

John 21:1-14

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"More than Breakfast"

Rev. Patrick McElwaine

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.



O Holy City, Seen of John 374

1 O ho - ly cit - y, seen of John, where Christ, the
 2 O shame to us who rest con - tent while lust and
 3 Give us, O God, the strength to build the cit - y
 4 Al - read - y in the mind of God that cit - y

Lamb, does reign, with - in whose four-square walls shall come no
 greed for gain in street and shop and ten - e - ment wring
 that has stood too long a dream; whose laws are love, whose
 ris - es fair. Lo, how its splen - dor chal - len - ges the

night, nor need, nor pain, and where the tears are
 gold from hu - man pain, and bit - ter lips in
 ways are ser - vant - hood, and where the sun that
 souls that great - ly dare, and bids us seize the

wiped from eyes that shall not weep a - gain!
 deep de - spair cry, "Christ has died in vain!"
 shines be - comes your grace for hu - man good.
 whole of life and build its glo - ry there.

Unlike texts that treat the heavenly Jerusalem as a goal for the life to come, this hymn regards John's vision as a challenge to work here and now for the accomplishment of God's purposes on earth. The shape note tune provides an effective setting for this stirring text.

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

Joe Khalil's uncle, Paul;
Bobbie Maxwell;
John Wright;
Helen Fink, Carolyn Fink's mother in law;
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 and the 3,400 Forest Service employees fired
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;

Celebration

SUNDAY

AT GENEVA PRES

JUNE 1ST

**WORSHIP FOLLOWED BY OUR
"WELCOME SUMMER BBQ"**

Join us for a
worship service
created by our
kids Sunday
School class!
We'll explore
their favorite
Bible stories
together.

**Celebrate our
Graduates!**



Pop Up Bible Study!

Join us for a few weeks of "pop-up" Bible Study before summer arrives, select Wednesdays @ 6:00pm using our normal Zoom link (emailed day-of). We'll wrap up both Pastor Patrick's 2 Corinthians series and Carolyn Fink's Horizons series -- hope to see you there!

5/14 -- 2 Corinthians 12

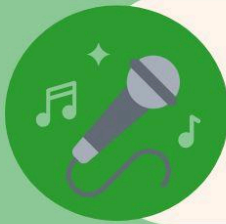
5/21 -- 2 Corinthians 13

5/28 -- Horizons

Geneva May



Neurodiverse Playdate
May 3rd, 11-Noon
Geneva Playground



Spirituals Concert
May 11th
3pm



Joyful Noise Service
May 18th
9:30-10 AM



Childrens Chimes
Practice
May 20 & 27th



Church Picnic
June 1st
Following Worship

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;

Mark Allen, Lector; Kyla Lupo, Zoom Host

Ken Denaburg and 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

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