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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

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome to the Worship of God

Call to Worship

Leader: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

People: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!

Leader: For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all the gods.

People: Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

Leader: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

– Psalm 95:1-3, 6-7

My Song Is Love Unknown 209

1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to
 2 He came from heav - en's throne sal - va - tion to be -
 3 Some - times we strew his way, and his sweet prais - es
 4 Un - heed - ing, we will have our dear Lord made a -
 5 Here might I stay and sing, no sto - ry so di -

me, love to the love - less shown that they might love - ly
 stow; the world that was his own would not its Sav - ior
 sing, re - sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to our
 way, a mur - der - er to save, the prince of life to
 vine: nev - er was love, dear King, nev - er was grief like

be. O who am I that for my sake my
 know. But O my Friend, my Friend in - deed, who
 King. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" is all our breath, and
 slay. Yet stead - fast he to suf - fer - ing goes, that
 thine. This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise I

Lord should take frail flesh, and die?
 at my need his life did spend!
 for his death we thirst and cry.
 he his foes from thence might free.
 all my days could glad - ly spend.

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

All-Knowing God, we are people who still love darkness rather than light. We keep shameful deeds secret, but flaunt our acts of virtue. We see ourselves as blameless, but pass judgment on others.

Forgive us, we pray. For when we do not know, and seek not to know. For when we do know, but choose not to act. For when we act, but according to our fallen nature. O Lord, help our profession to match our action, and our believing to match our doing. Enable us to begin anew now as we come to you with contrite hearts...

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Response

“Love the Lord Your God”

#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) A (Dm7) F#m7 (Em7) G#m7 (Am7) C#m7 (Dm7) F#m7 (G) B (C) E

Love the Lord your God with all your mind.

(F) A (Dm7) F#m7 (Em7) G#m7 (Am7) C#m7 (F) A (G) B (C) 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

Rain Down 48

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 of mercy, you promised never to break your covenant with us. Amid all the changing words of our generation, speak your eternal word that does not change. Then may we respond to your gracious promises with faithful and obedient lives; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Mark 15:1-5

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!)

Second Scripture Reading

Mark 15:6-15

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

Sermon

"The son of the Father: But Which One?"

Rev. Patrick McElwaine

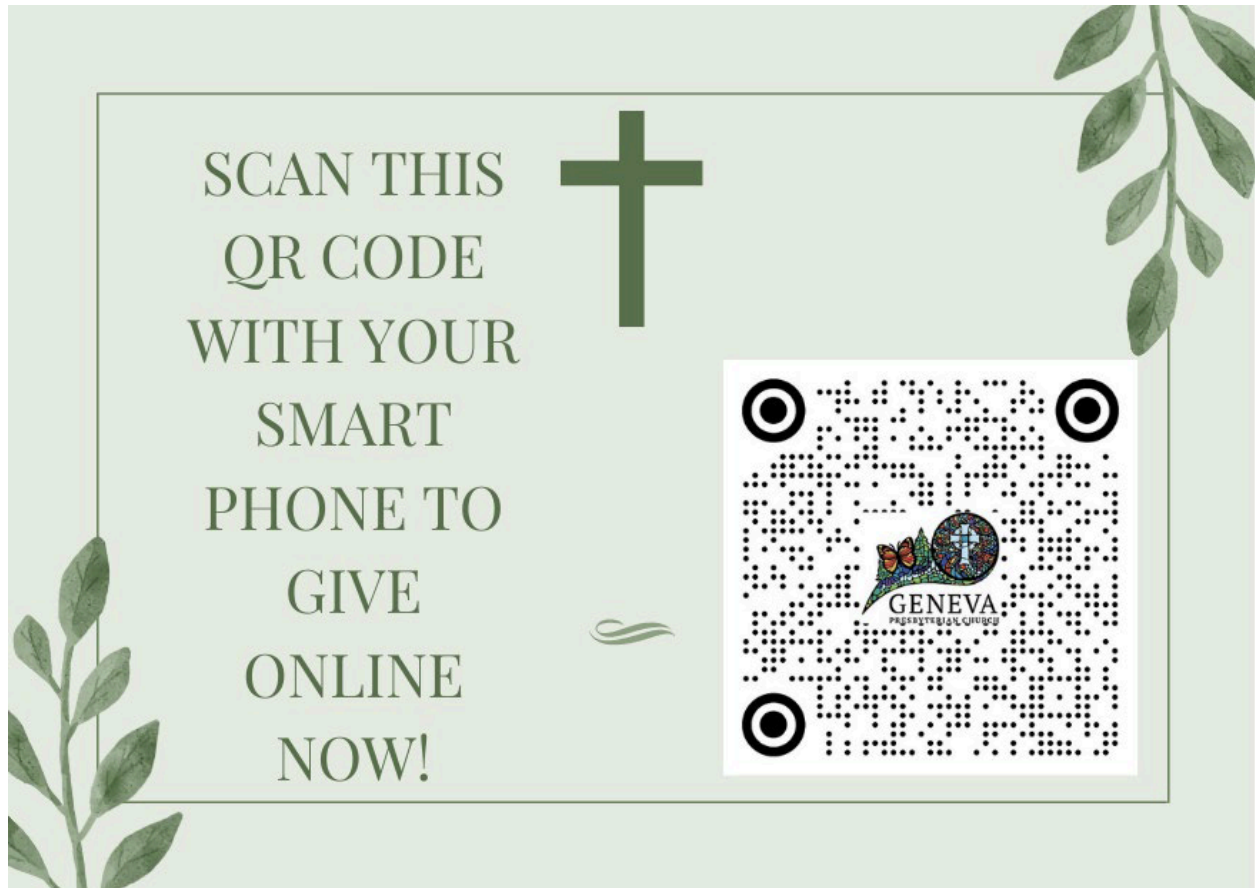
Affirmation of Faith/The Apostles' Creed *(in unison)*

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.



Music Offering

Prayer of Dedication

The Sending

Closing Hymn

“Here I Am Lord” (*music next page*)

#69

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

Eric Maul, friend of Ben Shaver
Michelle Wilson (husband, Myles, and son, Holden), friend of Tom Sadler
Isabelle Schuessler, friend of Scott Brown;
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, upcoming surgery;
Andy Sullivan, Friend of the McElwaine Family, receiving end of life care;
Kevin Shaver, health concerns;
John Wright, 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;
Daniel Adkins, nephew of Kyla and Vince Lupo, health concerns;
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: Leland Perthel (10/2); Ken Denaburg (10/4); Ed Devine (10/5);
Amanda Devine (10/6); Brendan Davis (10/8); Matt Kough (10/10);
Bobbie Maxwell (10/11); Eric Thibau (10/12); Jeremy Devine (10/15);
Jack Kough (10/16); Pete Nunn (10/16); Letitia Denaburg (10/18);
Patsy Wright (10/23)

This Week at Geneva

Wednesday, October 2	6:00pm	Bible Study - Online
Thursday, October 3	11:00am	Neurodiverse Playdate
Saturday, October 5	11:00am	Neurodiverse Playdate
Sunday, October 6	10:30am	Worship - In Person and Online
Tuesday, October 8	10:00am	Deacons - Meeting
Wednesday, October 9	5:30pm	Food for the Soul - Host Homes

Geneva October



Neurodiverse Playdate
Oct. 3rd, 5th & 18th
11am-Noon



Food for The Soul
Oct. 9th, 16th & 23rd
6:00 PM



Joyful Noise Service
Oct. 12th, 9:30-10 AM



Trunk N' Treat
Oct. 27th
2:00 PM



Adult Bible Study
Oct. 2nd & 30th
6pm



Childrens Chimes
Practice
Oct. 20th & 27th
Following Worship



Bible Explorers
Oct. 30th
6-7 PM

FOOD FOR THE SOUL OCTOBER 2024

Childcare dropoff: 5:30

Dinner begins: 6:00

- October 9th
- October 16th
- October 23rd



If you are willing to host or attend any of these dinners, please signup by emailing Cali or filling out a form at church. Deadline to signup is October 4th!



Geneva's Bible Explorers

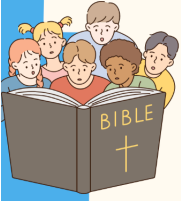
WHAT IS IT?

A Time For:

- Diving deeper into Bible stories
- Start relating faith to their lives
- Intergenerational learning
- Dinner together!

WHEN IS IT?

- Oct. 30th
- Nov. 13th
- Nov. 20th
- Dec. 11th
- Dec. 18th



WHO IS IT FOR?

- Kids who are developmentally at the 1st grade reading level (or higher)
- Adult volunteers who want to share their favorite bible story

To Sign Up: Email Ms.Cali by Oct. 20th.

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COMPUTER OR MAIL!

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- **Online** - using this link -
<https://genevapotomac.org/give/online-giving/>
- **By App:** download **Vanco Mobile** , create an account, Invitation code for Geneva Presbyterian Church (Potomac, MD): **3DS2A8**
- **By Mail:** checks securely received at :
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Today's Worship Leaders

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

Jane Campbell, 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, 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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