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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: I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.

People: Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on the LORD as long as I live.

Leader: The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;

People: I suffered distress and anguish. Then I called on the name of the LORD.

Leader: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD,

People: I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.

-- Psalm 116:1-4, 13-14

JESUS CHRIST: LIFE

Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days 166

1 Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us did fast and
 2 As you with Sa - tan did con-tend and did the vic-tory
 3 And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through this Pas-sion-
 4 A - bid with us, till when this life of suf - fering shall be

pray, teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.
 win, O give us strength to per - se - vere, in you to con-quer sin.
 tide, yes, ev - er - more, in life and death, O Lord, with us a - bid.
 past, an Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy we may at - tain at last.

Call to Confession

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

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. Lord, forgive us, and unite us again with you and our neighbors. Show us your glory as you hear our prayers and set us free from the sin that clings so closely...

Assurance of Pardon

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

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.

The Word

Prayer for Illumination *(in unison)*

May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight,
O LORD, our rock and redeemer. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 23

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

Matthew 18:10-14

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

Sermon

"The Wanderer Restored"

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

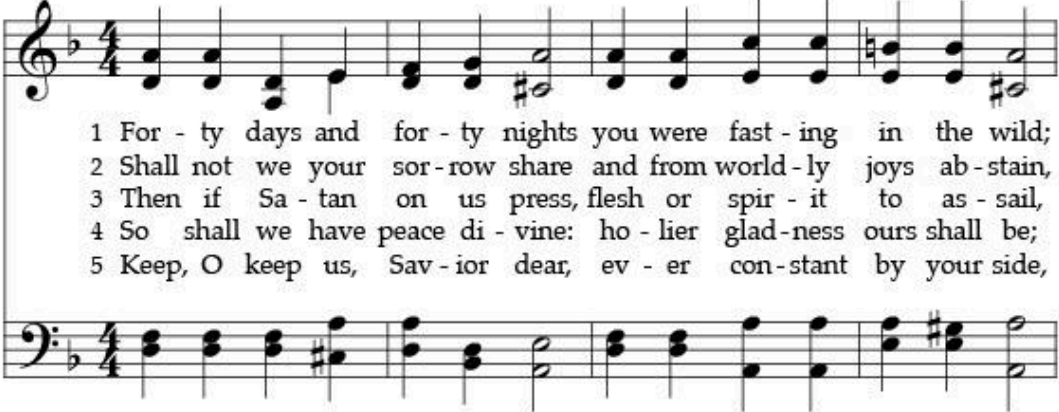
Prayer of Dedication

The Sending

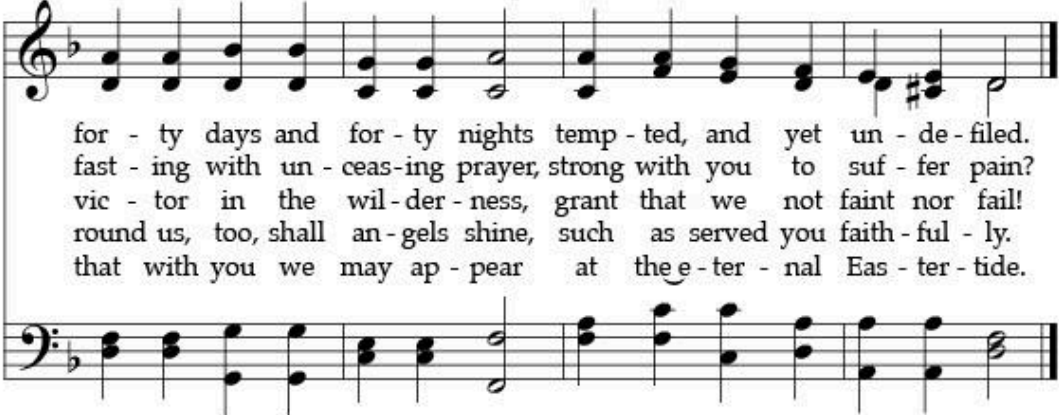
Closing Hymn

"Forty Days and Forty Nights"

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1 For - ty days and for - ty nights you were fast - ing in the wild;
 2 Shall not we your sor - row share and from world - ly joys ab - stain,
 3 Then if Sa - tan on us press, flesh or spir - it to as - sail,
 4 So shall we have peace di - vine: ho - lier glad - ness ours shall be;
 5 Keep, O keep us, Sav - ior dear, ev - er con - stant by your side,



for - ty days and for - ty nights temp - ted, and yet un - de - filed.
 fast - ing with un - ceas - ing prayer, strong with you to suf - fer pain?
 vic - tor in the wil - der - ness, grant that we not faint nor fail!
 round us, too, shall an - gels shine, such as served you faith - ful - ly.
 that with you we may ap - pear at the e - ter - nal Eas - ter - tide.

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
Helen Fink, Carolyn Fink's mother in law;
Tomoko Alexander, mother of Jeff Alexander;
Bobbie Maxwell;
John Wright;

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;
The family of Katie Richards Roome, friend of Letitia Denaburg;
Emmanuel Mbi;

Healing and Comfort for
Victoria Winch and the 3,400 Forest Service employees fired
Kevin Shaver, health concerns;
Breanne Spriggs, Allyson McElwaine's cousin, recent surgery;
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;
Pepé 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;



2025 CHURCHES OF SEVEN LOCKS:

Lenten Bible study

Theme: Our Christian Values / Pillars of Faith

- 3/12 – Emmanuel Lutheran
- 3/19 – St. James Episcopal: Love
- 3/26 – Geneva Presbyterian: Hospitality
- 4/2 – Seven Locks Baptist: Scripture Study
- 4/9 – TBD

Schedule

6:30pm | Meal

7:00-8:00pm | Program

We hope to see you there!

Geneva March



Neurodiverse Playdate
March 1st, 11-Noon
At Geneva



Ash Wednesday
Mid-day Ashes: 12-2
Dinner: 6:00
Service: 7:00



Joyful Noise Service
March 9th
9:30-10 AM



Bible Explorers
March 12, 19, 26
6:00 pm



Childrens Chimes
Practice
March 23rd & 30th
During Sunday School



Lent Ecumenical Supper
@ Geneva
March 26th, 6:30 pm



Geneva's Bible Explorers



WHAT IS IT?

A Time For:

- Diving deeper into Bible stories
- Starting to relate faith to their lives
- Intergenerational learning
- Dinner together!

WHEN IS IT?

- Mar. 12th
- Mar. 19th
- Mar. 26th
- April 2nd
- April 9th
- April 30th
(Celebration Day!)

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 Mar.6th

Today's Worship Leaders

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

Alice Franks, Lector; Kyla Lupo, Zoom Host.

Sheri Sankey 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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