

March 23, 2025



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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 at home at Geneva.

Prelude

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome to the Worship of God

Call to Worship

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

People: Worship the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

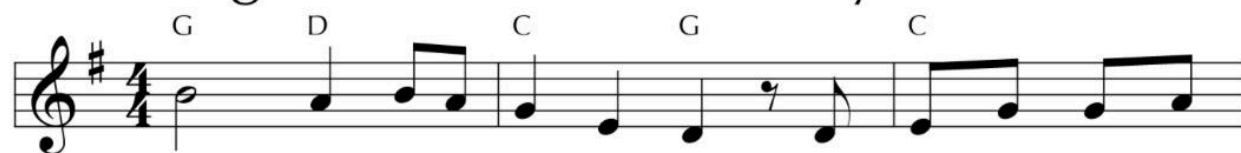
Leader: Know that the LORD is God. It is God that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

People: Enter the LORD's gates with thanksgiving. Give thanks to God, bless his name.

Leader: For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

– Psalm 100

79 Light Dawns on a Weary World



1 Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to
 2 Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find
 3 Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when crea - tures, once for -



see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a
 bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a
 lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a



wea - ry world: the prom - ised day of jus - tice comes.
 wea - ry world: the prom - ised feast of plen - ty comes.
 wea - ry world: the prom - ised green of E - den comes.



The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;



the hills and moun - tains shall break forth with sing - ing!



We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,



as all the world in won - der ech - oes sha - lom.

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.

God of grace, have mercy on us. 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 “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

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)*

Holy Triune God, in the reading and proclaiming of this scripture, make known to us your ways of salvation and life. Prepare our heart to receive this Good News, our mind to properly understand, and our spirit to live for You alone. 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

Daniel 3:13-25

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"With our Shepherd in the Valley of Death"

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

“O God, You Are My God”

#743

O God, You Are My God 743

Step by Step

O God, you are my God, and I will ev-er praise
you. O God, you are my God, and I will ev-er praise
you. I will seek you in the morn - ing, and I will
learn to walk in your ways. And step by step you'll lead
me, and I will fol-low you all of my days.

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

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

Mike Sydoriak, health concerns;

Victoria Winch and the 3,400 Forest Service employees fired

Kevin Shaver, health concerns;

Breanne Spriggs, Allyson McElwaine's cousin, recent surgery;

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.

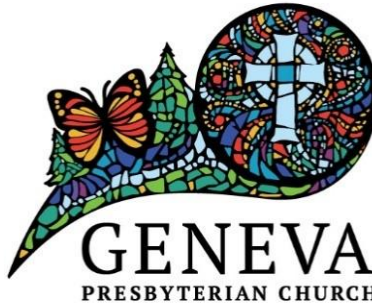


**Birthdays: Vince Lupo (3/5); Anika Nagel (3/7); Flore Kom Liapoe (3/9);
Carl Perthel (3/9); Daniel Kough (3/11); Nan Sprinkle (3/14); Rollin Franks (3/16);
Kristina Dunne (3/20); Danny Miller (3/20); Matthew Dunne (3/21);
Walter Sprinkle (3/28); Holly Allen (3/29)**

This Week at Geneva

Sunday, March 23	10:30am	Worship - In Person and Online
Sunday, March 23		After Worship – Called Congregational Meeting
Monday, March 24	7:00pm	Meeting - Session
Wednesday, March 26	6:30pm	Ecumenical Lent Series – Geneva is hosting!
Sunday, March 30	10:30am	Worship - In Person and Online

**Called Congregational Meeting
Sunday, March 23, 2025**



Proposed slate of church officers for congregational vote

Elders: Class of 2028

Ken Sprinkle (Mission)
Jack Kough (Nominating Committee)

Deacons: Class of 2028

Renee Moloznik
Sheena Galliani

Geneva Day School Board: Class of 2028

Letitia Denaburg
Elaine Winch
Nancy Rawson
Jack Kough

Nominating Committee: Class of 2026

Jack Kough, Chair

Tom Sadler, Elders

Allyson McElwaine, Deacons

Janelle Thibau, Day School Board

Andrew Pinaire, Member At Large

Carl Perthel, Member At Large

Mission Update: Blood Drive

On March 9, 2025 Geneva co-sponsored a blood drive for INOVA at Beth Shalom Congregation. **The drive was immensely successful producing 37 pints of blood for the community.** Thank you all. Geneva members donated, spread the word and communicated via our new LED Sign. Several donors commented that they saw the announcement on Geneva's sign. We're planning another drive in July 2025.



Holy Week at Cyeneva	
APRIL 13TH (PALM SUNDAY)	10:30: WORSHIP 11:45: EGG STUFFING
APRIL 17 (MAUNDY THURSDAY)	6:00 POTLUCK DINNER 7:00 SERVICE
APRIL 18 (GOOD FRIDAY)	NOON: WORSHIP (ZOOM)
MARCH 31 (EASTER SUNDAY)	10:00 EASTER EGG HUNT 10:30 SERVICE 11:45: CRAFTS

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 April



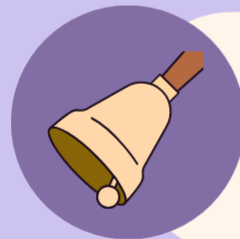
Neurodiverse Playdate
April 5th, 11-Noon
At Geneva



Bible Explorers
April 2, 9 & 30
6:00 pm



Joyful Noise Service
April 13th
9:30-10 AM



Childrens Chimes
Practice
April 6&13
During Sunday School



Maundy Thursday
Dinner: 6:00
Service: 7:00
Good Friday: Noon, online



Easter
Egg Hunt: 10:00
Worship: 10:30
Crafts: Following Worship

Today's Worship Leaders

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

Thomas Sadler, Lector; Kyla Lupo, Zoom Host.

Curtis Chimba, 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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