

November 10, 2024



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November 17, 2024

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: For God alone my soul waits in silence; from him comes my salvation.

People: He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall never be shaken.

Leader: On God rests my deliverance and my honor; my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.

People: Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.

Leader: Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God,

People: and steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord. For you repay to all according to their work.

– Psalm 62:1-2,7-8, 11-12

683 Lord of All Hopefulness

1 Lord of all hope-ful-ness, Lord of all joy, whose
 2 Lord of all ea-ger-ness, Lord of all faith, whose
 3 Lord of all kind-li-ness, Lord of all grace, your
 4 Lord of all gen-tle-ness, Lord of all calm, whose

trust, ev-er child-like, no cares could de-stroy: be
 strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe: be
 hands swift to wel-come, your arms to em-brace: be
 voice is con-tent-ment, whose pres-ence is balm: be

there at our wak-ing and give us, we pray, your
 there at our la-bors and give us, we pray, your
 there at our hom-ing and give us, we pray, your
 there at our sleep-ing and give us, we pray, your

bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
 strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
 love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
 peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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. There has been so much "me" and not enough "thee".

Lord Jesus, reorient our priorities and call us back into your paths of discipleship. Forgive us for thinking that the world rests on our shoulders instead of in Your loving hands. Hear us as we come before you in silent personal prayer now...

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Response

“Love the Lord Your God” (sung twice)

#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*)

Holy Spirit, prepare the soil of our hearts for this reading of scripture. Nurture the seeds of faith you have planted. Call forth a harvest of good fruit. Share the bounty of your hand that our very lives may be a testimony to God's glory for the world to see. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Leviticus 25:1-7

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 11:28-30

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

Sermon

"Biblical Rest"

Rev. Patrick McElwaine

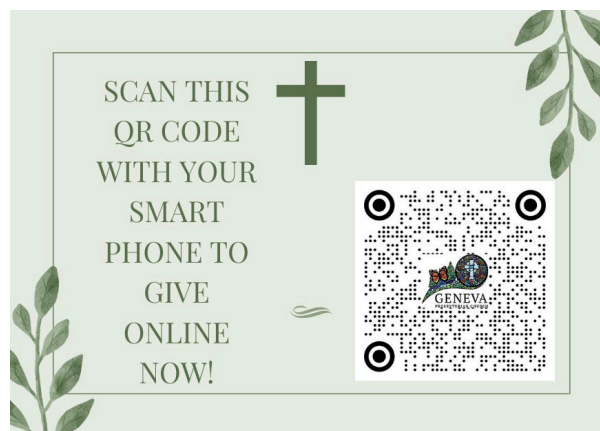
Affirmation of Faith/The Apostles' Creed *(in unison)*

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.



Prayer of Dedication

The Sending

Closing Hymn

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

#182

182 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;

lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."

I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad; I
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream; my
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun; and

found in him a rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.
thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
in that light of life I'll walk till trav - eling days are done.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below the notes. The score is divided into four systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are in three parts, with the first part having three verses. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and simple melodic lines that support the vocal melody.

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

John Wright;

Eric Maul, friend of Ben Shaver;

Michelle Wilson (husband, Myles, and son, Holden), friend of Tom Sadler;

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, recent surgery;

Andy Sullivan, Friend of the McElwaine Family, receiving end of life care;

Kevin Shaver, 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;

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.



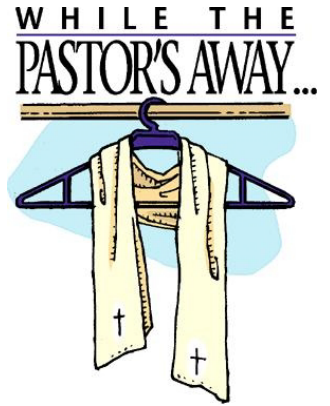
Birthdays: Jim Harris (11/3); Scott Harris (11/11); Patrick McElwaine (11/13);
Ginny Wilson (11/15); Ruth Allenspach (11/16); Mark Allen (11/16);
Fiona Galliani (11/18); Robin Kough (11/19);
Mae Lin Cheong (11/21); Fred Allenspach (11/26)

This Week at Geneva

Wednesday, November 13	6:00pm	Adult Bible Study - Online
Wednesday, November 13	6:00pm	Bible Explorers
Sunday, November 17	9:30am	Pancake Breakfast - Before worship
Sunday, November 17	10:30am	Worship - In Person and Online
Tuesday, November 19	12:00pm	Executive Committee - Meeting
Wednesday, November 20	6:00pm	Adult Bible Study - Online
Wednesday, November 20	6:00pm	Bible Explorers

Pastor's Away

Pastor Patrick will be away for Continuing Education starting Monday, November 11 and return to work on Monday, November 18. If you have a pastoral need during this time, please contact your Geneva Presbyterian Deacon.



YOU ARE INVITED IN PRESENCE AND PRAYER
TO JOYFULLY CELEBRATE
THE INSTALLATION SERVICE OF

REV. DR. EMMANUEL A. MBI

AS HEAD PASTOR OF
THE UNITED CHRISTIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2024
1 PM

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RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

PLEASE RSVP BY NOVEMBER 9, 2024 TO:
STEPHANIE AKOTO 410-961-9862
KEVIN AYENSU 301-300-3332

Join us before worship for a:

Pancake Breakfast

**Nov. 17th
9:30-10:30AM**



HANGING OF THE GREENS & CHILI POTLUCK

November

24

After Worship

**Please bring chili or soup
and holiday cheer!**

Geneva November



Neurodiverse Playdate

Nov. 2nd, 11am-Noon

Nov. 5th, 1-2pm (We Rock)



Adult Bible Study

Nov. 6th, 13th & 20th

6:00 PM



Joyful Noise Service

Nov. 10th

9:30-10 AM



Bible Explorers

Nov. 13th & 20th

6-7 PM



Pancake Breakfast

Nov. 17th

9:30-10:30 AM



Childrens Chimes

Practice

Nov. 17 & 24

Following Worship



Hanging of the Greens

Nov. 24th

Following Worship

Today's Worship Leaders

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

Jane Campbell, Lector; Kyla Lupo, Zoom Host.

Ken Denaburg 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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