

FEBRUARY 7, 2021



GENEVA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

11931 Seven Locks Road
Potomac, MD 20854
(301) 424-4346
www.genevapotomac.org

Rev. Patrick McElwaine, Pastor

Get Prepared For Virtual Communion This Sunday In Worship!

This Sunday we will be sharing the sacrament of The Lord's Supper digitally during Virtual Church. Here's how it will work and here is how you can prepare:

– **Gather your own communion elements from around your home ahead of worship Sunday morning.** Jesus chose common foods of his day for the first communion: bread and "fruit of the vine". What common starch do you have available? In countries around the world, the commonly available starch is tortillas and rice, so those are used. What beverage feels right for you to use? Not everyone has juice in the home, so we might need to be creative.

– Please: in preparing for communion and choosing your elements, do so thoughtfully and with reverence for the sacrament we will share.

– **I will gather my own elements at home and lead liturgy as we are used to.** Since we are gathered for worship as a community in the way that is possible for us right now, my prayers will serve as a blessing for all of our elements.

It's a joy to share to share the Lord's Supper together – let us gather at Jesus' table!

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Patrick

Geneva Presbyterian Church

February 7, 2021

10:30am

The Gathering

(Welcome to Virtual Church with Geneva Presbyterian Church! We are honored to worship together with you today and grateful we can gather in this way as the Body of Christ. There will be opportunities for responsive readings and sharing prayer requests during worship; please mute and unmute yourself as directed by the worship leaders. The same goes for singing hymns: your microphone will be turned off, so make a joyful noise and sing with all your heart!)

Prelude

Welcome to the Worship of God

Silence and Introit

Call to Worship *From Isaiah 40:21, 31*

Leader: Have we not known? Have we not heard?

People: Has it not been told to us since the beginning?

Leader: Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;

People: they shall mount up with wings like eagles;

Leader: they shall run and not be weary;

People: they shall walk and not faint.

Opening Hymn

“Immortal, Invisible, God only Wise”

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish but naught changeth thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all praise we would render, O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

Call to Confession

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

Holy Triune God, in you we see perfection. In you we see balance. In you we see love beyond measure. But this morning we confess: we have sinned against you and against our neighbors. We are thrown here and there by our misguided desires. Even what we feel so certain is right is so often tainted by our own shortcomings.

God of compassion, forgive us, for we place our hope in your steadfast love. Mark this moment with your grace and let your face shine upon we who pray before you now. Hear us, O Lord, as we open our hearts in silent personal prayer...

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Response

“Gloria Patri”

#734

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Called Congregational Meeting

Joys and Concerns

(The Virtual 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.

The Word

Prayer for Illumination *(in unison)*

God of abundant life, your grace is our daily bread. Nourish us by your Word and fill us with our Spirit so that we may grow in faith and love. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 147:1-11

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

New Testament Reading

Mark 1:29-39

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

Sermon

“Leading By Example”

Rev. Patrick McElwaine

Affirmation of Faith *(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

Music Offering

Prayer of Dedication

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and
praise.**

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Communion Prayer

The Sending

Closing Hymn

“O Christ, the Healer”

LAMENT AND LONGING FOR HEALING
793 O Christ, the Healer

1 O Christ, the heal - er, we have come to pray for
2 From ev - ery ail - ment flesh en - dures our bod - ies
3 How strong, O Lord, are our de - sires, how weak our
4 In con - flicts that de - stroy our health we rec - og -
5 Grant that we all, made one in faith, in your com -

health, to plead for friends. How can we fail to
clam - or to be freed; yet in our hearts we
knowl - edge of our - selves! Re - lease in us those
nize the world's dis - ease; our com - mon life de -
mu - ni - ty may find the whole - ness that, en -

be re - stored when reached by love that nev - er ends?
would con - fess that whole - ness is our deep - est need.
heal - ing truths un - con - scious pride re - sists or shelves.
clares our ills. Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?
rich - ing us, shall reach the whole of hu - man - kind.

Chord markings: Em, B, Em, D, G, Am, B, Am, D, G, D7, G, B, Em, B, Em, B7, Em

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

About the Music...

Immortal, invisible, God only wise. This opening line for the hymn was inspired by the three divine attributes listed in 1 Timothy 1:17 (KJV) and it continues by considering how God's life exceeds our own finite existence. The text is well set to a Welsh melody shaped by many three-note units.

The prayer for wholeness of body, mind, and spirit considers not only the infirmities of individuals but also those of localities, societies, and nations. In the midst of such widespread need, worshipping communities are called to continue Christ's healing work in the world.





Names in bold are new prayer list additions.

The work, worship, pastor and leadership of Geneva and of Iglesia de Dios El Nuevo Pacto

Comfort for the Family and Friends of

Dick Sanderson;

Crayton Brock, husband of Bobbie Maxwell's cousin, Janice Brock

Jeffrey Remer, brother of Robin Kough;

Maria Lenahan;

Norm Rawson;

Bev Davis;

Henry Haller;

Brian, friend of Kyla Lupo;

Josephine Kom, Mother of Flore Kom-Liapoe;

Healing and Comfort for

Jim Torrence, health concerns;

Ken Adams, father of Juliet Hiemberg, who is sick with COVID-19;

Dakota, the Denaburg family dog, health concerns;

Rosie Perthel, health concerns;

Janelle Thibau, recovering from COVID-19 at home;

Briana Cochran, cousin of Thibau Family, health concerns;

Rosalie Ruff, health concerns;

Kristin, a friend in need of prayer

Ellie Croft, friend of Gretchen Winch, health concerns;

Jim Stiles, recovering from COVID-19;

Scott Brown, health concerns;

Daniel Ricci, prayers for job search;

George Ehler, relative of friend of Ken Sprinkle, health concerns;

Letitia Denaburg, knee surgery;

Betty Halls, health concerns;

Alicia, friend of Rhonda Ricci receiving cancer treatment;

Nancy Morse, health concerns;

Lorraine Leicht, Renee Moloznik's mother, health issues;

Dinah Paffrath, aunt of Renee Moloznik, receiving cancer treatments;

Beth, friend of Sara Torrence, metastatic breast cancer;

Carl Perthel, health concerns;

Isabelle Schuessler, friend of Scott Brown, health concerns;

Joanne Elder, friend of Sara and Jim Torrence, cancer;

Mary Bird, aunt of Renee Moloznik, health concerns;

Linda Hanson, friend of Geneva, health concerns;

Justin Pack, nephew of PJ Davis, diagnosed with ALS;

Daniel Adkins, nephew of Kyla and Vince Lupo, health concerns;

Donald Schuessler, friend of Scott Brown, health concerns;

Ellie Alexander, health concerns;

Emilia Monte, friend of Sara and Jim Torrence, recurring cancer;

Jeff Leicht, Renee Moloznik's brother;

Judith Sadler, mother to Tom Sadler, mental illness and PG County guardianship care;

Leland Perthel, recovering from concussion;

Ray Johnson, father of Katie Harris;

Samuel Kuate, Flora Kom Liapoe's brother-in-law, recovering from an ischemic stroke;

Sandy Kichefski, sister of Sheri Sankey, health concerns;

Yvonne Bean, mother of Debbie Dunne;

Zoë, friend of Bob and Rhonda Ricci, health concerns;

Prayers for Peace

Daniel Kough, son of Jack and Robin Kough, home from Afghanistan.

Walter Sprinkle, son of Ken and Nan Sprinkle, US Army Special Training

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: Manuela McCall (2/6); Lia Crecelius (2/6); Janelle Thibau (2/14); Johnny Thibau (2/17); Curtis Chimba (2/18); Elaine Winch (2/19); Gabrielle Levy (2/23); Rosie Perthel (2/23); Heinz Nagel (2/23); Margo Hunt (2/24); Thomas Devine (2/25); Ryan Alexander (2/25)

This Week at Geneva

Thursday, February 4	7:00pm	Geneva Day School Board Meeting
Friday, February 5	7:00pm	Virtual Book Club
Sunday, February 7	10:30am	Worship – Virtual Church
Monday, February 8	7:00pm	Disability Ministry Team Meeting
Wednesday, February 10	7:00pm	Virtual Bible Study
Friday, February 12	7:00pm	Virtual Book Club

- **This Sunday, Feb. 7 during worship, we are holding a Called Congregational Meeting to vote on three proposed amendments to the Geneva Presbyterian By-Laws. This will be the only business of this Called meeting.**

Session is moving these changes to allow for our congregation, Session, and Deacons to meet and vote via electronic means as well as to ratify everything we have done thus far according to these rules.

Since the COVID pandemic began, we have been meeting and making decisions using electronic means. This has been done out of necessity but is not technically part of our By-Laws. It's now time to make things "decent and in order" by approving Session's recommended By-Laws changes!

Proposed Amendment #1: Regarding Congregational Meetings

Motion to add the following amendment as 3.1.4 in the Geneva Presbyterian Church By-Laws:

The congregation may meet by electronic means if all members have reasonable notice of the electronic meeting according to GPC By-Laws and the ability to discuss, deliberate, discern the will of God, and vote on business items. Quorum requirements remain the same whether the meeting is in person or by electronic means.

All actions previously taken that are consistent with this rule are hereby ratified.

Proposed Amendment #2: Regarding Church Council Meetings

Motion to add the following amendment as 4.1.9 in the Geneva Presbyterian Church By-Laws:

Church councils, including the Session, may meet by electronic means if all members have reasonable notice of the electronic meeting and the ability to discuss, deliberate, discern the will of God, and vote on business items. Quorum requirements remain the same whether the meeting is in person or by electronic means.

All actions previously taken that are consistent with this rule are hereby ratified.

Proposed Amendment #3: Regarding Deacon Meetings

Motion to add the following amendment as 4.2.6 in the Geneva Presbyterian Church By-Laws:

The Board of Deacons may meet by electronic means if all members have reasonable notice of the electronic meeting and the ability to discuss, deliberate, discern the will of God, and vote on business items. Quorum requirements remain the same whether the meeting is in person or by electronic means.

All actions previously taken that are consistent with this rule are hereby ratified.

- **New Disability Ministry Team!**

A new ministry team is forming at Geneva to explore ways we can partner with people with disabilities or special needs as disciples of Christ. A group of Genevans have been feeling called to help in this area of need and have already held a preliminary meeting to discuss possibilities.

We're still in the discernment phase of prayerfully considering how the Holy Spirit is calling us to help -- and we would love to have you as part of the team! If you want more information or feel called to participate in this group, please email our Elder for Mission, Jane Campbell, using this address: jane@backinsorts.com



This ministry team will meet next on **Monday, February 8 @ 10:00am** using the following Zoom information:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85284617873?pwd=QWJHNVZJekFpVWM4eXJKNWtKU2NxQT09>

Meeting ID: 852 8461 7873

Passcode: 518105

- **NEW Logo**

In addition to a new church website, Geneva Presbyterian Church has a new logo to match! We worked with WorshipTimes, our website design company, to design a logo that tells the story of The Little Church with the Big Heart.

Central is our eye catching and beloved circular stained glass window above the choir loft in the sanctuary. The stained glass then flows out organically in a dynamic and engaging swirl of color. This "stained glass pathway"

connects our church with the world: it is both a path welcoming the world into our community and a path leading us out in service.



The butterfly is an ancient Christian symbol of resurrection; it also communicates our commitment to earth care and our relationship with Geneva Day School, whose logo also features a monarch butterfly.

Rooted in Christ, creative, connected, forward-looking, and welcoming -- a picture really is worth a thousand words!

- **New Church Website**

The address is the same (<http://genevapotomac.org/>) but Geneva Presbyterian has a whole new website!

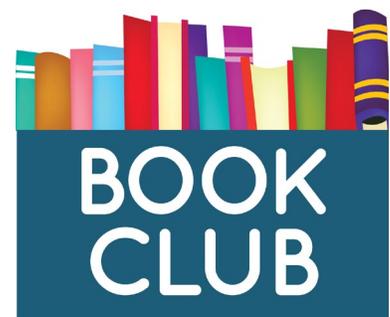
Our new church website is a welcoming “front porch” for visitors, seekers, and the world at large - and you can now give directly through the website without downloading the GivePlus app! This site is our first introduction to communicate who we are, whose we are, and what we’re all about as a community of faith. Please explore the site for yourself and share it with others: after all, word of mouth has always been the best way to share the Gospel!

I hope you’ll also be sure to thank our dedicated Website Team who has diligently seen this project through from vision to reality these past months: Rolf Winch, Jane Campbell, Sheri Sankey, and Rosie Perthel.

- **Geneva Book Club**

The Geneva Book Club will restart on February 4th studying "[For All Who Hunger](#)" by Emily M.D. Scott on Fridays @ 7:00pm.

Church members, guests, and friends are all welcome -- please feel free to share this invitation with anyone you know who is ready to engage in this work of reflection and learning.



Here is the **NEW** Zoom link (we will use the same for each sessions):

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85993671723?pwd=Q3ZMS2IrWU9xMUhyU0xCNWtGVHJlZz09>

Meeting ID: 859 9367 1723

Passcode: 143085

- **Online Giving with the GivePlus (Give+) App**

You can now support God's ministry through Geneva Presbyterian Church with your smartphone, tablet, or computer! Search for and download "GivePlus" (Give+) from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store to get started.



You'll create an account, choose Geneva Presbyterian Church (in Potomac) as your home church, and then you're ready to give in a secure and convenient way!

Here are two resources to help you get set up:

YouTube Video with Instructions

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PAjqUxK8YRk>

GivePlus Website with a FAQ and "How To"

<https://giveplushelp.vancopayments.com/>

I'm excited to expand our opportunities to give and invite you to explore if Online Giving is the right choice for you. No matter how you choose to give, thank you for your financial generosity -- your support is sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ and transforming lives every day.

- **Virtual Church with Geneva Presbyterian: Sundays @ 10:30am**

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://bit.ly/2SL4E76>

Meeting ID: 668 560 374

Password: 240543

One tap mobile

+13126266799,,668560374# US (Chicago)

+16465588656,,668560374# US (New York)

- **Virtual Bible Study: Wednesdays @ 7:00pm**

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://bit.ly/3c3kscZ>

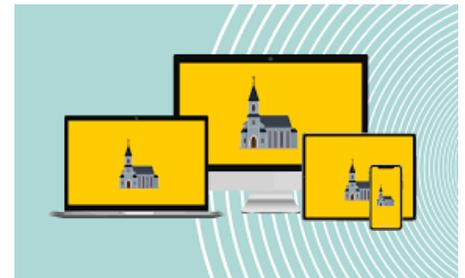
Meeting ID: 273 879 363

Password: 978348

One tap mobile

+13017158592,,273879363#,,1#,978348# US (Germantown)

+16465588656,,273879363#,,1#,978348# US (New York)



- **Geneva Worship Videos**

Did you know that Geneva Virtual Church videos are recorded and online? Missed a service? Want to share with a friend? A full recording of worship is just a click away!

[Click HERE to watch our past Virtual Worship services!](#)



Today's Worship Leaders

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

Mark Allen, Lector; Tom Sadler, Zoom Host.

Church Elders

Jane Campbell, Jack Kough, Carl Perthel,
Tom Sadler, Sheri Sankey,
Janelle Thibau, Elaine Winch

Church Deacons

Ludivine Kom-Liapoe, Bobbie Maxwell,
Renee Moloznik, Rosie Perthel,
Rhonda Ricci

If you have any ideas, suggestions or concerns, please share them with our officers.



Geneva warmly welcomes all our guests joining us today



Geneva Staff:

Rev. Patrick McElwaine, Pastor, pastor.genevapotomac@gmail.com

Ben Shaver, Music Director, music.genevapotomac@gmail.com

Melissa Cutler, Office Administrator, melissa.genevapotomac@gmail.com

*Hymns from Worship & Rejoice by Hope Publishing Company are used with permission
through OneLicense.net A-722503, CCLI License #11410910*

Geneva Presbyterian Church

11931 Seven Locks Road
Potomac, MD 20854

301-424-4346

www.genevapotomac.org