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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: Come, people of God, let us gather around the sure foundation, the One in whom all things hold together.

People: Jesus Christ, the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the church—he is Lord of all.

Leader: At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess:

People: Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father! Let us worship him in spirit and in truth.

Opening Hymn

GATHERING

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation 394



1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and
 2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of
 3 Here be - stow on all your ser - vants what they seek from
 4 Laud and hon - or to the Fa - ther, laud and hon - or



cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
 hosts, and stay; come, with all your lov - ing - kind - ness;
 you to gain; what they gain from you, for - ev - er
 to the Son, laud and hon - or to the Spir - it,



bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
 hear your peo - ple as we pray, and your full - est
 with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter
 ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and



help for - ev - er, and our con - fi - dence a - lone.
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.
 in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.
 one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

Call to Confession

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

The Scriptures tell us that Christ is the image of the invisible God, the one in whom all things hold together. Yet how often do we fix our eyes elsewhere—on fleeting things, on shifting opinions, on ourselves? We are called to grow deep in wisdom, to bear fruit in every good work, and to endure in faith. But we fall short.

So let us return to the one who holds us fast. Let us confess our sins, trusting in the mercy of God and the peace made through the blood of the cross.

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Response

SERVICE MUSIC

582

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)
B $\flat$ F B $\flat$ F B $\flat$ F Gm F

1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
2 World with - out end, ♪ with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)
F B $\flat$ E $\flat$ B $\flat$ Gm7 C7

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
World with - out end, ♪ with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)
C7 F A Dm

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
World with - out end, ♪ with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm) (A7) (D)
Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F

As it was in the be - gin-ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

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

48

Rain Down

Capo 3: (D) (F#7) (Bm) (D7) (G)

F A7 Dm F7 Bb



Rain down; rain down; rain down your
love on your peo - ple. Rain down; rain
down; rain down your love, God of life.

(D/F#) (Em7) (A7) (D) (F#7) (Bm)
F/A Gm7 C7 F A7 Dm

(D7) (G) (Em) (A7) (G) (D)
F7 Bb Gm C7 Bb F

The Word

Prayer for Illumination (*in unison*)

Gracious God, as we open your Word, help us open our hearts. Clear away the noise, steady our thoughts, and plant your truth deep within us.

By your Spirit, give us wisdom and insight, so that we may follow Jesus more faithfully, whose name we pray. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Amos 7:7-14

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

Colossians 1:1-20

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“In Him All Things Hold Together”

William Brennan

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.



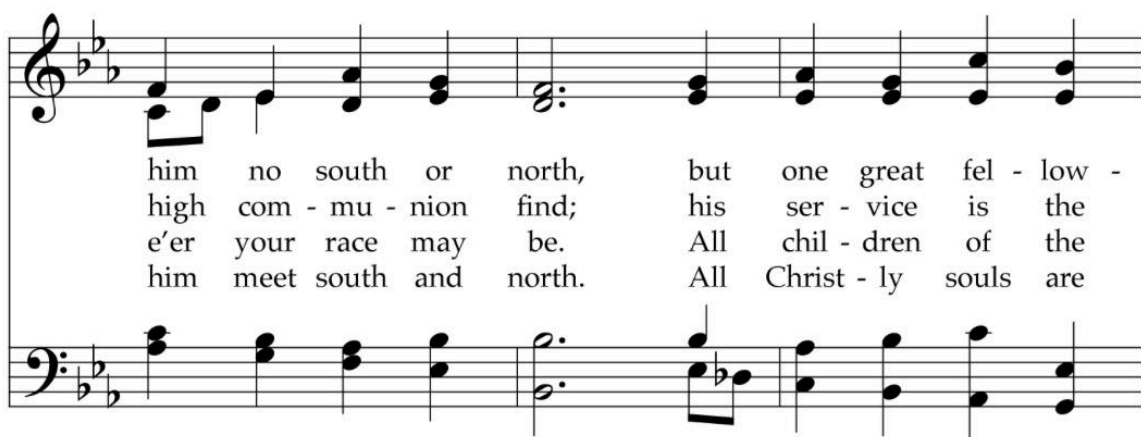
Closing Hymn

THE CHURCH

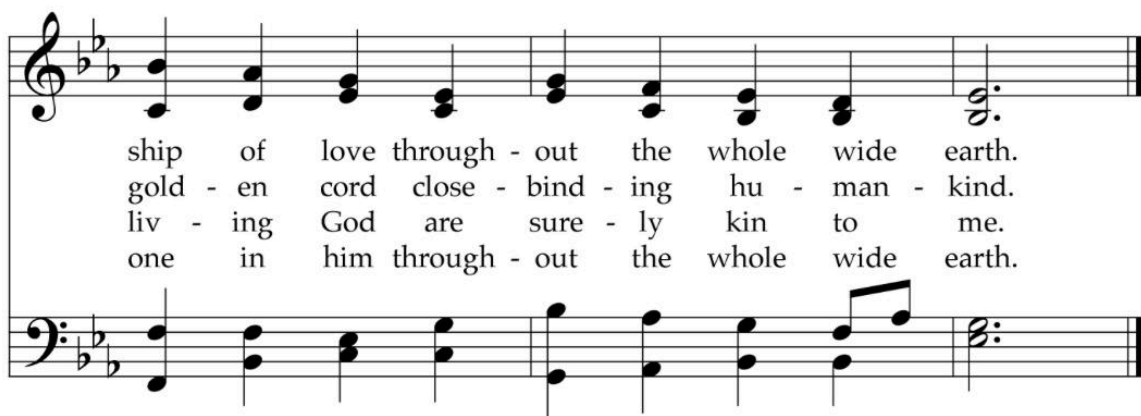
In Christ There Is No East or West 318



1 In Christ there is no east or west, in
2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their
3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what -
4 In Christ now meet both east and west; in



him no south or north, but one great fel - low -
high com - mu - nion find; his ser - vice is the
e'er your race may be. All chil - dren of the
him meet south and north. All Christ - ly souls are



ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.
liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.
one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

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

Family and friends of Joan Snider Voith - sister-in-law of Elaine Winch

Jeanie Voith Bort, Aunt of Elaine (Voith) Winch

Joe Khalil's uncle, Paul;

Bobbie Maxwell;

John Wright;

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

Rev. Mary Pullen, cancer treatment

Allyson McElwaine, health concerns;

Mike Sydoriak, health concerns;

Brian Rasmussen, Allyson McElwaine's uncle, hip surgery;

Victoria Winch, traveling mercies;

Kevin Shaver, 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;

Geneva Summer



Neurodiverse Playdates

11am-Noon

June 7, July 5,
Aug. 2nd



Summer Splash Days

11am-Noon

June 14, July 26,
Aug. 9th



Bells Concert

June 22nd

3pm



Vacation Bible School

Aug. 18-22nd

Register by Aug. 1st

2025 Summer Sermon Series

"TREASURE IN JARS OF CLAY"

Join us as we preach through 2 Corinthians!

***Pastor Patrick will be on vacation
July 7 - July 21. If you have a
pastoral need during this time,
please contact your Deacon.***

WHILE THE
PASTOR'S AWAY...



Thank you to William Brennan for providing pulpit supply today while Pastor Patrick is away!

William retired as the Chief Economist of the U.S. Surface Transportation Board (STB) in 2023. The STB is the economic regulator of the US freight railroad industry. William is a PhD Economist with a background in economic history, but the longer he worked as an economist, the more he came to appreciate "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" (Matt. 4:4). Now, he's hoping to finish his MDiv and begin an "encore" career as a teaching elder in the PC(USA).

He is married to Heather and has three adult children.



Today's Worship Leaders

William Brennan, Candidate for Ministry; Ben Shaver, Music Director;

Alice Franks, 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, Elaine Winch, Jack Kough	Eve Dailey, Sheena Galliani, Allyson McElwaine, Carl Perthel, Janelle Thibau, Renee Moloznik

If you have 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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