

May 25, 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 home at Geneva.

Prelude

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome to the Worship of God

Call to Worship

Leader: My heart is steadfast, O God! I will sing and make melody with all my being!

People: Awake, O harp and lyre! I will awake the dawn!

Leader: I will give thanks to you, O LORD, among the peoples; I will sing praises to you among the nations.

People: For your steadfast love is great above the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

Leader: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!

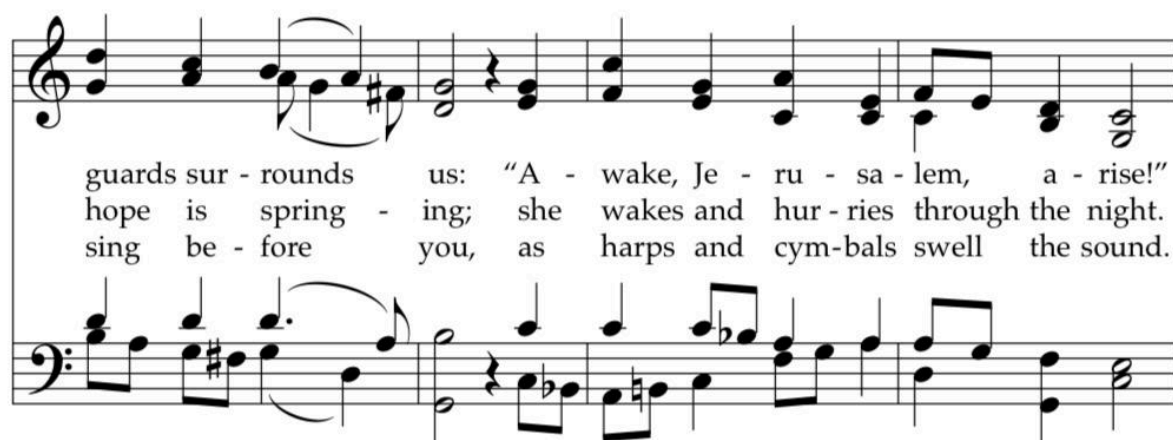
People: Let your glory be over all the earth!

-- Psalm 108:1-5

349 "Sleepers, Wake!" A Voice Astounds Us



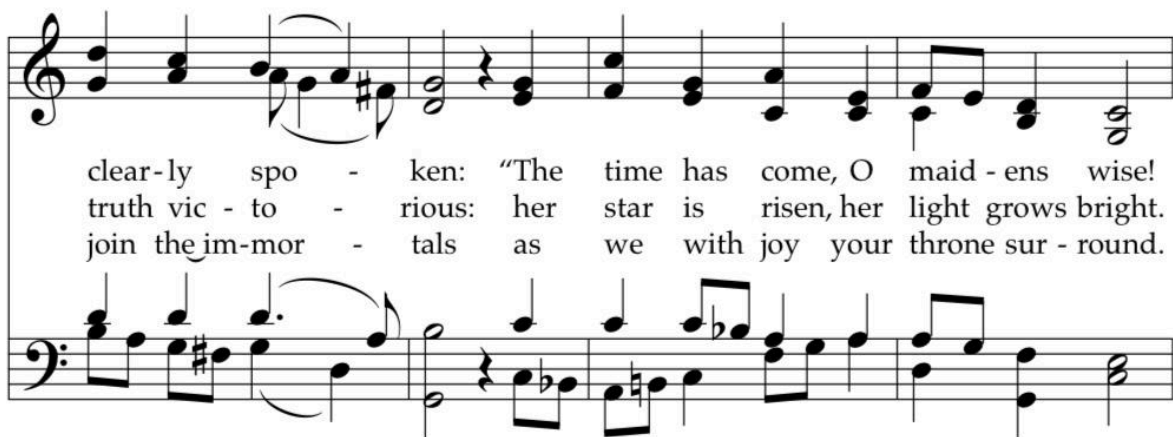
1 "Sleep-ers, wake!" A voice as - tounds us; the shout of ram-part
 2 Zi - on hears the watch - men sing - ing; her heart with joy - ful
 3 Lamb of God, the heavens a - dore you; let saints and an - gels



guards sur - rounds us: "A - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!"
 hope is spring - ing; she wakes and hur - ries through the night.
 sing be - fore you, as harps and cym-bals swell the sound.



Mid - night's peace their cry has bro - ken, their ur - gent sum-mons
 Forth he comes, her Bride-groom glo - rious in strength of grace, in
 Twelve great pearls, the cit - y's por - tals: through them we stream to



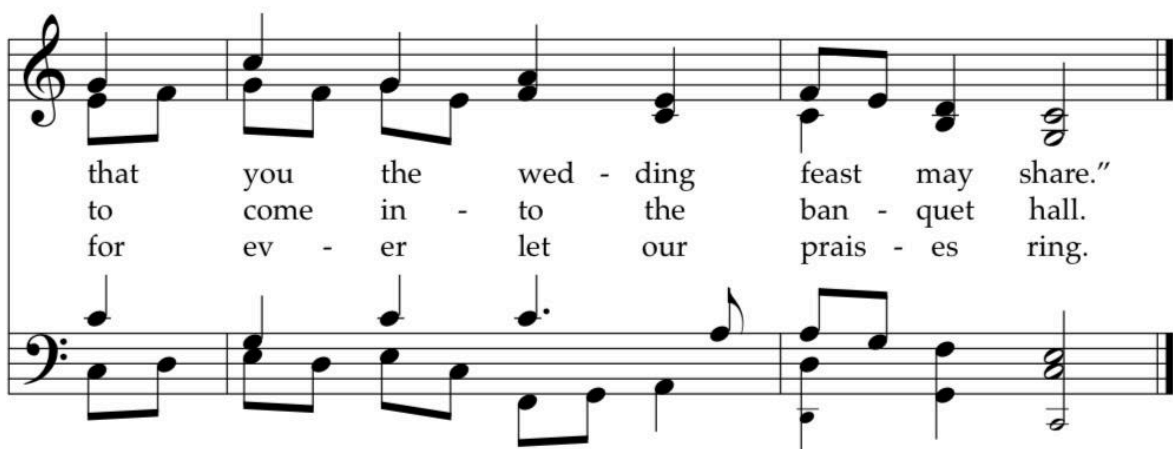
clear-ly spo - ken: "The time has come, O maid - ens wise!
truth vic - to - rious: her star is risen, her light grows bright.
join the im-mor - tals as we with joy your throne sur - round.



Rise up, and give us light; the Bride-groom is in
Now come, most wor - thy Lord, God's Son, in - car - nate
No eye has known the sight, no ear heard such de -



sight. Al - le - lu - ia! Your lamps pre - pare and has - ten there,
Word, Al - le - lu - ia! We fol - low all and heed your call
light: Al - le - lu - ia! There - fore we sing to greet our King;



that you the wed - ding feast may share."
to come in - to the ban - quet hall.
for ev - er let our prais - es ring.

Call to Confession

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

Almighty God, you spoke creation into existence in your freely given love. Now fallen and marked by sin, you graciously restore all of life once again through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Light of the World, in your mercy show us your ways with fresh insight. Count us as sheep of your flock worthy of correction and protection. Hear us as we confess our own sinfulness and the sins of this world, seeking the forgiveness you offer...

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Response

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

48

Rain Down

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

F A7 Dm F7 B^b

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 B^b Gm C7 B^b F

down; rain down your love, God of life.

The Word

Prayer for Illumination *(in unison)*

Testify to us, O God, by the voice of your Spirit. Put your law in our hearts, write your word in our minds, and show your will in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

John 11:38-44

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.)

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 27:51-54

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"The Tombs Also Were Opened"

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.



Closing Hymn

CHRIST'S RETURN AND JUDGMENT

364 Lift Up the Gates Eternal (Psalm 24)

Refrain Em A



Lift up the gates e - ter - nal; lift up your voic - es;

Em Bm C D Em



the King of glo - ry comes; the na - tion re - joic - es.

G C G D7 G C



1 See, all the earth is God's, its peo - ple and na - tions;
2 Who can go up this moun - tain, who stand in prais - ing?
3 Come, lift your voic - es high; be lift - ed to glo - ry;
4 Who is this glo - rious one, for whom we are wait - ing?
5 Come, lift your heads with joy; come, lift up your tow - er;
6 Who is this King of glo - ry of whom we're sing - ing?

G Cmaj7 D7 G



God built it on the deeps and laid its foun - da - tions.
Those who are pure, who come with clean hands up - rais - ing. (R)
the Lord our God ap - proach - es; come, shout the sto - ry.
We wait the might - y Lord, our God cel - e - brat - ing. (R)
the King of glo - ry comes in full might and pow - er.
Our God, the Lord of Hosts, the vic - tory is bring - ing. (R)

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

Joe Khalil's uncle, Paul;
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

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;



Celebration

SUN DAY

AT GENEVA PRES

JUNE 1ST

**WORSHIP FOLLOWED BY OUR
"WELCOME SUMMER BBQ"**

Join us for a
worship service
created by our
kids Sunday
School class!
We'll explore
their favorite
Bible stories
together.

**Celebrate our
Graduates!**



A Time For Peace

Music of hope and comfort

featuring

The Bells of Geneva

June 22, 2025

3:00 p.m.



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Geneva May



Neurodiverse Playdate
May 3rd, 11-Noon
Geneva Playground



Spirituals Concert
May 11th
3pm



Joyful Noise Service
May 18th
9:30-10 AM



Childrens Chimes
Practice
May 20 & 27th



Church Picnic
June 1st
Following Worship



Pop Up Bible Study!

Join us for a few weeks of "pop-up" Bible Study before summer arrives, select Wednesdays @ 6:00pm using our normal Zoom link (emailed day-of). We'll wrap up both Pastor Patrick's 2 Corinthians series and Carolyn Fink's Horizons series -- hope to see you there!

5/14 -- 2 Corinthians 12

5/21 -- 2 Corinthians 13

5/28 -- Horizons

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2025



WITH BRADLEY HILLS & GENEVA PRESBYTERIAN

WHAT?

Join us for a week of music, games, crafts and faith formation! Your kids have been given the power to feed, heal, forgive, pray, and rest—essential tools to help repair all that has gone wrong in the world. We'll learn more about our mending powers together!

WHEN?

August 18-22nd

9am - Noon

Optional Extended Day:

Monday-Thursday

12-2:30pm

WHERE?

Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church
6601 Bradley Blvd
Bethesda, MD

QUESTIONS?

Email Rosanna at Bradley Hills or Cali at Geneva:

Rosanna@bradleyhillchurch.org

nextgen.genevapotomac@gmail.com

HOW MUCH?

Register by May 31st: \$65/child

Register by June 30th: \$80/child

Register by Aug. 3rd: \$95/child

To access early bird rates, use the discount codes provided on the registration form

Extended Day: additional \$40/child
Scholarships are available for any family who needs one.

FOR WHOM?

This program is for children ages 4 years old (as of 9/1/25) through rising 5th graders. 6th - 12th graders are welcome as volunteers (reach out for a volunteer registration form).

REGISTER HERE:



Today's Worship Leaders

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

Julie Moloznik, Lector; Kyla Lupo, Zoom Host

Ken Denaburg and Curtis Chimba, 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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