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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: Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament.

People: Praise God for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness.

Leader: Praise God with the sound of trumpets; praise him with the lute and harp!

People: Praise God with his tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!

All: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!

Opening Hymn
#254

"That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright"

254 That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the sun shone
 2 He bade them see his hands, his side, where yet the
 3 From ev - ery weap - on death can wield, your own re -

out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing
 glo - rious wounds a - bide, the to - kens true which
 deemed for - ev - er shield; O Lord of all, with

eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord.
 made it plain their Lord in - deed was risen a - gain.
 us a - bide in this our joy - ful Eas - ter - tide.

Call to Confession

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

Almighty God, in raising Jesus Christ from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death and brought us hope of everlasting life. We confess that we do not always believe in this hope, but remain captive to doubt, fear, and sin. In your mercy, Lord, help our unbelief.

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 (*sung on Communion Sundays*)

Our Father, in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on

earth as in heav'n. Give us today our daily bread, forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trials and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours. Now and 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*)

Lord God, Almighty: Open the hearts and minds of your people, that we would hear and receive your word. Speak to us, Lord. For your people are waiting. In the name of Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you and the Spirit, one God, now and forever more. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Revelation 1:4-8

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

John 20:19-31

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

Sermon **"Doubt, Indifference, and the Resurrected Christ"** *Rev. Craig Meek*

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

The Sending

Closing Hymn

“When in Our Music God Is Glorified ”

#641

ADORATION

641 When in Our Music God Is Glorified



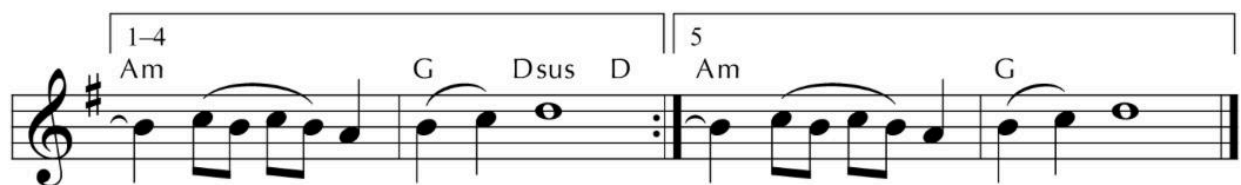
1 When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied,
2 How of - ten, mak - ing mu - sic, we have found
3 So has the church, in lit - ur - gy and song,
4 And did not Je - sus sing a psalm that night
5 Let ev - ery in - stru - ment be tuned for praise!



and ad - o - ra - tion leaves no room for pride,
a new di - men - sion in the world of sound,
in faith and love, through cen - tu - ries of wrong,
when ut - most e - vil strove a - gainst the light?
Let all re - joice who have a voice to raise!



it is as though the whole cre - a - tion cried:
as wor - ship moved us to a more pro - found
borne wit - ness to the truth in ev - ery tongue:
Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight:
And may God give us faith to sing al - ways:



Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia!

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

Bobbie Maxwell;

John Wright;

Joe Khalil's uncle, Paul;

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

Allyson McElwaine, health concerns;

Mike Sydoriak, health concerns;

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

Victoria Winch and the 3,400 Forest Service employees fired

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;

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2025

OPERATION RESTORATION

MENDING GOD'S WORLD

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:

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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:



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. Craig Meek, Ben Shaver, Music Director;

Carl Perthel, Lector; Tom Sadler, Zoom Host.

Ken Sprinkle and Zach Michaels, 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 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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