

**November 16, 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**                      **“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”**                      *arr. Jantz A. Black*

**Chiming of the Hour**

**Welcome to the Worship of God**

**Call to Worship**

Leader: I will bless the LORD at all times; God’s praise shall continually be in my mouth.

**People: My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.**

Leader: Oh, magnify the LORD with me,

**People: and let us exalt his name together!**

– Psalm 34:1-3

**Opening Hymn**                      **“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”**

*(vs. 1 solo vs. 2 - 4 ALL)*



In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, not for our glory but for yours. For the sake of Jesus our Savior, hear us as we pray in silence...

## 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<sup>b</sup> F B<sup>b</sup> F B<sup>b</sup> 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<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> 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

COMMUNITY IN CHRIST

**Christ, Our Peace** **1037**

Christ, our peace, you break down the walls that di - vide us;

Christ, our peace, come, make us one bod-y in you.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Christ, Our Peace'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system ends with a semicolon, and the second system ends with a period.

## The Word

### Prayer for Illumination (*in unison*)

Divine Spirit, illumine to me the doctrines of grace as we approach this reading of holy scripture. Leave no corner of my life untouched by the light of God's Word, and call forth from me fresh commitment as a joyful disciple of Jesus Christ. Amen.

### First Scripture Reading

**Joshua 4:11-24**

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God.**

### Children's Sermon

*Carolyn Fink*

*(Children 5th grade and younger are invited to join Bridges to Worship in the downstairs classroom following the Children's Sermon)*

### Second Scripture Reading

**Psalm 145**

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God.**

### Sermon

**"One Generation to Another"**

*Rev. Patrick McElwaine*

## **Affirmation of Faith (The Apostles' Creed)**

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.*



### **Offertory**

**“Jordan’s Angels”**

*Rollo Dillworth*

### **Closing Hymn**

**“L’dor Vador”**

*Meir Finkelstein*

*Cantor sings Refrain 1x in Hebrew solo, then ALL sing Refrain in English. Cantor sings verse in Hebrew, then ALL sing Refrain in English.*

# L'dor Vador

Meir Finkelstein

Voice

L' - dor va - dor \_\_\_\_\_ l' - dor va - dor l' - dor va - dor na -  
 In ev - ry heart, \_\_\_\_\_ in ev' - ry mouth, in ev' - ry land and

7

V. - gid god - le \_\_\_\_\_ cha, \_\_\_\_\_ u - l' - nei - tsach ne - tsa - chim, u - l' -  
 ge - ne - ra - tion, \_\_\_\_\_ we will sing the praise of God, we will

12 **To Coda** 1. | 2.

V. - nei - tsach ne - tsa - chim, k' - du - shat - cha nak - dish. \_\_\_\_\_ cha nak -  
 sing the praise of God, and bless His ho - ly name. \_\_\_\_\_ ho - ly \_\_\_\_\_

19

V. - dish. V' - shiv - cha - cha \_\_\_\_\_ E - lo - hei - nu, \_\_\_\_\_ mi -  
 name. And we shall sing \_\_\_\_\_ of Your great - ness, \_\_\_\_\_ and

25

V. - pi - nu lo ya - mush l' - o - lam va - ed, \_\_\_\_\_ ki eil me - lech ga -  
 chant e - ter - nal praise to Your ho - ly name. \_\_\_\_\_ Oh our Hea - ven - ly

30 **D.C. al Coda**

V. - dol, ki eil me - lech ga - dol v' - ka - dosh a - - - tah.  
 King, oh our Hea - ven - ly King Your spi - rit be u - pon \_\_\_\_\_ us.

36 **Coda**

V. cha nak - dish. \_\_\_\_\_ Ba - ruch a - tah A - do - nai, \_\_\_\_\_ (Ba - ruch  
 ho - ly \_\_\_\_\_ name. \_\_\_\_\_ We praise Your name, Oh \_\_\_\_\_ Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ Praised be

43

V. hu u - va - rusch sh' - mo,) \_\_\_\_\_ ha - eil, \_\_\_\_\_ ha - eil \_\_\_\_\_  
 He prais - ed be His name. \_\_\_\_\_ Oh Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ Oh Lord \_\_\_\_\_

50

V. \_\_\_\_\_ ha - ka - dosh. \_\_\_\_\_ A - - - - men.) \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ ho - ly God. \_\_\_\_\_ A - - - - men.) \_\_\_\_\_

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

“Give Thanks”

arr. Lloyd Larson



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**

**The Moghaddam family and their business, during a time of discernment and transition**

**Tom Maxwell**

**Paul Quin, husband of Pamela Wilson**

Adriana Bockma, friend of Sara Torrence

Richard Torrence, brother-in-law of Sara Torrence

Ron Hauber, friend of Sara Torrence

Joan Snider Voith, sister-in-law of Elaine Winch

Jeanie Voith Bort, Aunt of Elaine (Voith) Winch

Bobbie Maxwell;

John Wright;

**Healing and Comfort for**

Jeff Norwood, Cancer Treatment, friend of Moloznik family

Sam White, undiagnosed health concerns

Mohammad Pajouhi, uncle to Hamed Moghaddam & brother to Ency Moghaddam,  
for healing, wisdom for the doctors, and restoration of his heart;

Rev. Mary Pullen, cancer treatment;

Allyson McElwaine, health concerns;

Mike Sydoriak, health concerns;

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;

Pepe Marin, health concerns;

Nancy Rawson, health concerns;

Rosalie Ruff, health concerns;

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

Sandra Kichefski, sister of Sheri Sankey, health concerns;

# Fall Stewardship Drive

## “Faithful Stewards, Fruitful Lives”

*Make your pledge today!*



Our fall stewardship campaign has begun! Please keep an eye on your inbox and mailbox for more information. We invite you to prayerfully consider how you will engage in the spiritual practice of generosity this year, with your time, talents, and treasure.

**Annual pledges or personal commitments for financial giving will be collected and dedicated during worship on Sunday, 11/23 (Christ the King Sunday).** For questions, please email Pastor Patrick, Ken Denaburg, or Janelle Thibau. Thank you for your faithful stewardship in support of the life, ministry, and witness of Geneva Presbyterian Church!

### bible study is back!

JOIN US WEDNESDAYS  
6:00PM ON ZOOM



#### **Dream Small:**

The Secret Power of  
the Ordinary Christian  
Life

**better dreams, not bigger**





HANGING OF  
THE GREENS  
&  
CHILI POTLUCK

November

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After Worship

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

# Geneva Nov



Neurodiverse Playdate  
Nov. 1st  
11am-Noon



Bible Explorers  
Nov. 5th, 12th, & 19th  
6:00 PM



Joyful Noise Service  
Nov. 9th  
9:30-10 AM



Thanksgiving  
Nov. 27th  
Church Office Closed



Hanging of the Greens  
Nov. 23  
Following Worship



Childrens Chimes  
Practice  
Nov. 23rd & 30th

# Today's Worship Leaders

Rev. Patrick McElwaine, Pastor; Ben Shaver, Music Director;  
Jane Campbell, Lector; Kyla Lupo, Zoom Host  
Ken Sprinkle & Sheri Sankey; 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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