

**October 12, 2025**



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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: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our Salvation!

**People: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!**

Leader: For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all the gods.

**People: Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!**

Leader: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

– Psalm 95:1-3, 6-7

## Opening Hymn

DISCIPLESHIP AND MISSION

# O God, You Are My God 743

Step by Step

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "O God, you are my God, and I will ev-er praise you. O God, you are my God, and I will ev-er praise you. I will seek you in the morn - ing, and I will learn to walk in your ways. And step by step you'll lead me, and I will fol-low you all of my days." The chords are indicated above the notes: G, D, C, D, G, Dsus7, D7, G, D, C, D, G, Em, Dsus, D, C, Am7, G, D, C, Dsus7, D7, G.

## Call to Confession

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

All-Knowing God, we are people who still love darkness rather than light. We keep shameful deeds secret, but flaunt our acts of virtue. We see ourselves as blameless, but pass judgment on others.

Forgive us, we pray. For when we do not know, and seek not to know. For when we do know, but choose not to act. For when we act, but according to our fallen nature. O Lord, help our profession to match our action, and our believing to match our doing. Enable us to begin anew now as we come to you with contrite hearts...


## 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

# 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: 'Christ, our peace, you break down the walls that di - vide us;' and 'Christ, our peace, come, make us one bod-y in you.' The piano accompaniment features chords and moving lines that support the vocal melody.

## The Word

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

God of mercy, you promised never to break your covenant with us. Amid all the changing words of our generation, speak your eternal word that does not change. Then may we respond to your gracious promises with faithful and obedient lives; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

### **First Scripture Reading**

**John 15:1-9**

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

### **Children's Sermon**

*Meghan Micheals*

*(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 1**

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

**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.*



# Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee 629

1 Je - sus, the ver - y thought of thee  
 2 Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame,  
 3 O hope of ev - ery con - trite heart,  
 4 But what to those who find? Ah, this  
 5 Je - sus, our on - ly joy be thou,

with sweet-ness fills my breast. But sweet - er far thy  
 nor can the mind re - call a sweet - er sound than  
 O joy of all the meek, to those who fall, how  
 nor tongue nor pen can show. The love of Je - sus,  
 as thou our prize wilt be. Je - sus, be thou our

face to see, and in thy pres - ence rest.  
 thy blest name, O Sav - ior of us all.  
 kind thou art! How good to those who seek!  
 what it is none but his loved ones know.  
 glo - ry now, and through e - ter - ni - ty.

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**

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;  
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;

**Healing and Comfort for**

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;  
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;

# FOOD FOR THE SOUL OCTOBER 2025

Childcare dropoff: 5:30

Dinner begins: 6:00

- October 8th
- October 15th
- October 22nd



The McElwaines will host each dinner at the Manse, **please signup by emailing [admin@genevapotomac.org](mailto:admin@genevapotomac.org)** or filling out the form at church.

**(Wednesday Bible Study is on break AND will return 10/29 after Food For The Soul finishes)**

# Geneva October



Neurodiverse Playdate

Oct. 4th

11am-Noon



Food for The Soul

Oct. 8th, 15h & 22rd

6:00 PM



Joyful Noise Service

Oct. 12th, 9:30-10 AM



Trunk N' Treat

Oct. 26th

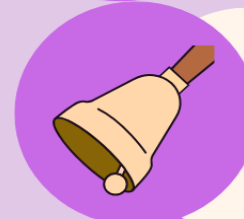
2:00 PM



Adult Bible Study

Oct. 1st & 29th

6:00 PM



Childrens Chimes

Practice

Oct. 19th & 26th



Bible Explorers

Oct. 29th

5:45-7:15 PM

# Today's Worship Leaders

Rev. Patrick McElwaine, *Pastor*; Ben Shaver, *Music Director*;  
Janelle Thibau, *Lector*; Kyla Lupo, *Zoom Host*  
Ken Sprinkle & Ken Denaburg; *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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