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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 at home at Geneva.

Prelude

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome to the Worship of God

Call to Worship

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord. For the Lord is Good.

People: The Lord's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: For the Lord has done great and wondrous things.

People: The Lord's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: We will give thanks to the Lord of Lords. For the Lord is our God – the Living God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

Opening Hymn

"In the Midst of New Dimensions"

#315

315 In the Midst of New Dimensions

1 In the midst of new di - men - sions, in the face of
 2 Through the flood of starv - ing peo - ple, war - ring fac - tions,
 3 As we stand, a world di - vid - ed by our own self -
 4 We are man and we are wom - an, all per - sua - sions,
 5 Should the threats of dire pre - dic - tions cause us to with -

chang - ing ways, who will lead the pil - grim peo - ples
 and de - spair, who will lift the ol - ive branch - es?
 seek - ing schemes, grant that we, your glob - al vil - lage,
 old and young, each a gift in your cre - a - tion,
 draw in pain, may your blaz - ing phoe - nix spir - it

Refrain

wan - dering in their sep - arate ways?
 Who will light the flame of care?
 might en - vi - sion wid - er dreams. God of rain - bow, fi - ery pil - lar,
 each a love song to be sung.
 res - ur - rect the church a - gain.

lead - ing where the ea - gles soar, we your peo - ple, ours the jour - ney

now and ev - er, now and ev - er, now and ev - er - more.

Call to Confession

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

Where shall we begin to weep over our sin and the distortions of our lives? For we have joined Adam in trading your blessings for sin and defilement. We have darkened the beauty of our lives and degraded your image within. Have mercy on us, Oh Lord. Have mercy on us, we pray. Blot out our transgressions, and renew a right spirit within us. For the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Response “Love the Lord Your God” *(sung twice)* #62

62 Love the Lord Your God

Capo 4: (C) (G) (F) (C)
E B A E

Love the Lord your God with all your heart.

(C) (G) (F) (C)
E B A E

Love the Lord your God with all your soul.

(F) (Dm7) (Em7) (Am7) (Dm7) (G) (C)
A F#m7 G#m7 C#m7 F#m7 B E

Love the Lord your God with all your mind.

(F) (Dm7) (Em7) (Am7) (F) (G) (C)
A F#m7 G#m7 C#m7 A B 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

"Rain Down"

#48

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Rain Down

Capo 3: (D) F (F#7) A7 (Bm) Dm (D7) F7 (G) Bb

Rain down; rain down; rain down your

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

love on your peo - ple. Rain down; rain

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

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

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

1 Peter 1:13-2:5

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"In pursuit of holiness"

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

Prayer of Dedication

The Sending

Closing Hymn

“Lord, Make Us More Holy”

#313

313 Lord, Make Us More Holy



1 Lord, make us more ho - ly; Lord, make us more ho - ly;
2 Lord, make us more lov - ing; Lord, make us more lov - ing;
3 Lord, make us more pa - tient; Lord, make us more pa - tient;
4 Lord, make us more faith - ful; Lord, make us more faith - ful;



Lord, make us more ho - ly, un - til we meet a - gain:
Lord, make us more lov - ing, un - til we meet a - gain:
Lord, make us more pa - tient, un - til we meet a - gain:
Lord, make us more faith - ful, un - til we meet a - gain:



ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, un - til we meet a - gain.
lov - ing, lov - ing, lov - ing, un - til we meet a - gain.
pa - tient, pa - tient, pa - tient, un - til we meet a - gain.
faith - ful, faith - ful, faith - ful, un - til we meet a - gain.

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

Helen Fink, Carolyn Fink's mother in law;

Tomoko Alexander, mother of Jeff Alexander;

Bobbie Maxwell;

John Wright;

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;

The family of Katie Richards Roome, friend of Letitia Denaburg;

Emmanuel Mbi;

Healing and Comfort for

Victoria Winch and the 3,400 Forest Service employees fired

Kevin Shaver, health concerns;

Breanne Spriggs, Allyson McElwaine's cousin, recent surgery;

Mike Sydoriak, health concerns;

Eleanor Rassmussen, Allyson McElwaine's aunt, 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;

Special thank you to **Rev. Craig Meek** for leading our Sunday service while Pastor Patrick is away!

Rev. Craig Meek was born and raised in Northwest Arkansas. He holds degrees from John Brown University, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, and the University of Edinburgh in Scotland. He most recently served as an Associate Minister at St. Giles' Cathedral in Edinburgh, Scotland, a Church of Scotland congregation, and now works for the Lewis Center for Church Leadership at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, DC.





2025 CHURCHES OF SEVEN LOCKS:

Lenten Bible study

Theme: Our Christian Values / Pillars of Faith

- 3/12 - Emmanuel Lutheran
- 3/19 - St. James Episcopal: Love
- 3/26 - Geneva Presbyterian: Hospitality
- 4/2 - Seven Locks Baptist: Scripture Study
- 4/9 - TBD

Schedule

6:30pm | Meal

7:00-8:00pm | Program

We hope to see you there!

Geneva March



Neurodiverse Playdate
March 1st, 11-Noon
At Geneva



Ash Wednesday
Mid-day Ashes: 12-2
Dinner: 6:00
Service: 7:00



Joyful Noise Service
March 9th
9:30-10 AM



Bible Explorers
March 12, 19, 26
6:00 pm



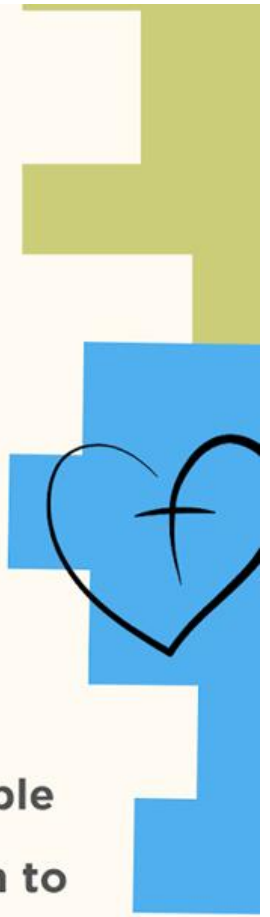
Childrens Chimes
Practice
March 23rd & 30th
During Sunday School



Lent Ecumenical Supper
@ Geneva
March 26th, 6:30 pm



Geneva's Bible Explorers



WHAT IS IT?

A Time For:

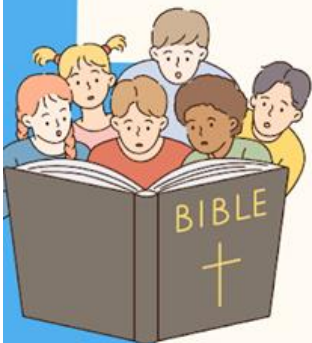
- Diving deeper into Bible stories
- Starting to relate faith to their lives
- Intergenerational learning
- Dinner together!

WHEN IS IT?

- Mar. 12th
- Mar. 19th
- Mar. 26th
- April 2nd
- April 9th
- April 30th
(Celebration Day!)

WHO IS IT FOR?

- Kids who are developmentally at the 1st grade reading level (or higher)
- Adult volunteers who want to share their favorite Bible story



To Sign Up: Email Ms.Cali by Mar.6th

Today's Worship Leaders

Rev. Craig Meek, Pulpit Supply; Ben Shaver, Music Director;

Rolf Winch, Lector; Kyla Lupo, Zoom Host.

Curtis Chimba and Ken Denaburg, 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 any 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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