

October 20, 2024



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October 20, 2024

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: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

People: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

People: Blessed is the one you choose and bring near, to dwell in your courts!

Leader: This is the LORD's doing it; is marvelous in our eyes.

All: This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

– Psalm 118:19-24

Opening Hymn

“10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord Oh My Soul)”

Refrain

Bless the Lord oh my soul
Oh my soul
Worship His Holy name
Sing like never before
Oh my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name.

Verse 1

The sun comes up
It's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass
And whatever lies before me
Let me be singing
When the evening comes. **Refrain**

Verse 3

And on that day
When my strength is failing
The end draws near
And my time has come
Still my soul will
Sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years
And then forevermore
Forevermore. **Refrain**

Verse 2

You're rich in love
And You're slow to anger
Your name is great
And Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness
I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons
For my heart to find. **Refrain**

Call to Confession

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

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo.
Forgive what our lips tremble to name and what our hearts can no longer bear in silence.

In your mercy, set us free from a past that we cannot change. In your grace, open to us a
future where we are changed: made new in forgiveness and sent out again as disciples.
Lord, hear the prayers of our humble hearts...

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

Rain Down 48

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)*

Blessed Jesus, Lamb and Word of God, pour out your Spirit upon us in fresh measure today. Open to us the holy scriptures which point the way to your kingdom, and which do not change. Guide us to receive, believe, and act upon all we hear today. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Isaiah 53:7-9

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

Mark 15:42-47

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

Sermon

"They Laid Him in a Tomb"

Rev. Patrick McElwaine

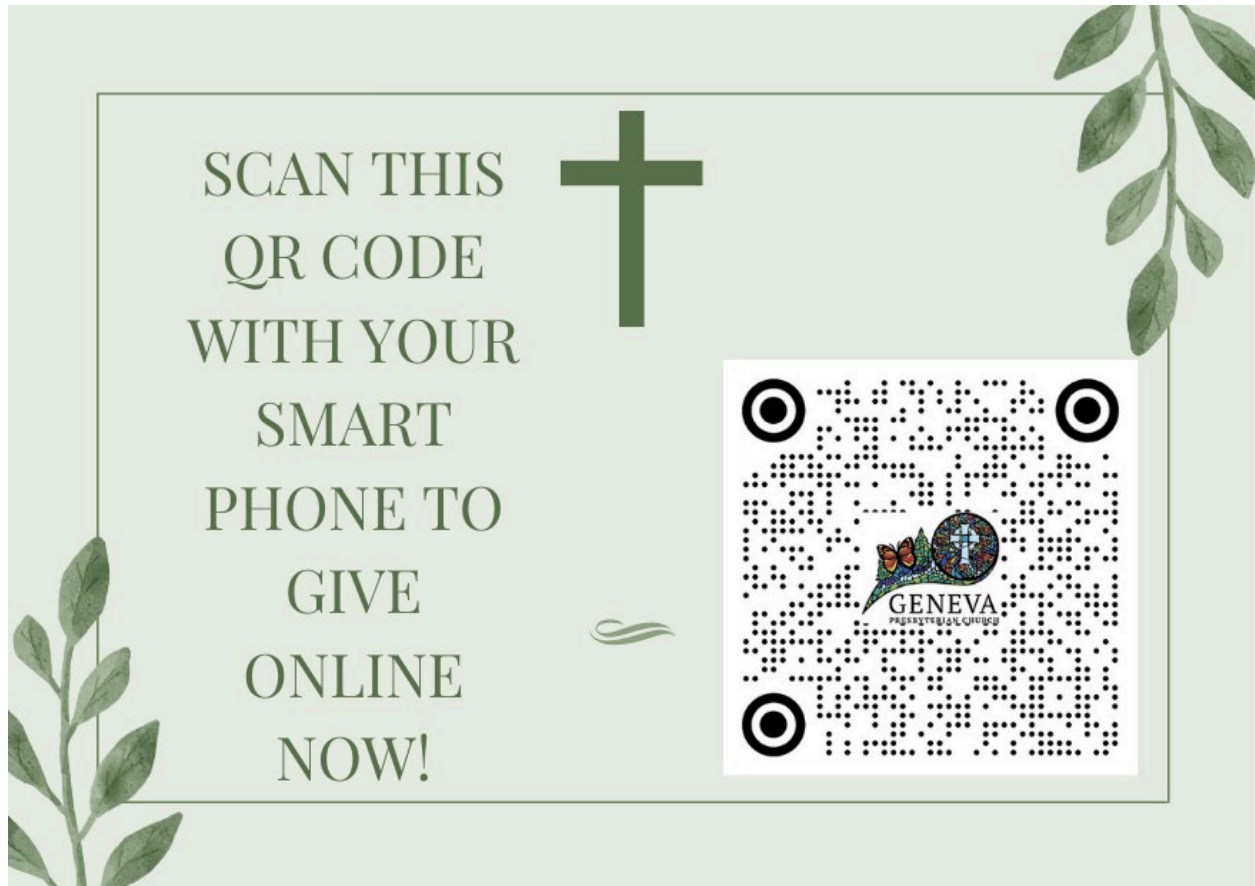
Affirmation of Faith/The Apostles' Creed *(in unison)*

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.



Music Offering

Prayer of Dedication

The Sending

Closing Hymn

“A Sower Came from Ancient Hills”

#171

171 A Sower Came from Ancient Hills



1 A Sow - er came from an - cient hills and cast good
 2 A Sow - er walked through - out the land and, ev - ery -
 3 The Seed was bur - ied deep in death be - neath a
 4 O Christ, you come a - mong us still, the Sow - er



seed a - broad: his field, ten thou - sand hu - man hearts; his
 where he trod, he sowed his life be - cause he was him -
 blood - red sky, and deep - er still was bur - ied hope for
 and the Seed. As once you sowed the truth of God in



seed, the word of God. And some who lis - tened would not
 self the Seed of God. But then, a - top a bar - ren
 those who watched him die. But then, in Jo - seph's gar - den
 glow - ing word and deed, im - plant your Word in wait - ing



hear, and some who heard for - got. But some re - ceived in
 hill, be - neath a dark - ening sky, they threw God's Seed on
 fair, as dawn broke o'er the land, the Seed, from three days'
 hearts, and let it there take hold, un - til it bears in



fer - tile soil the truth the Sow - er taught.
 ston - y ground and left it there to die.
 si - lent sleep, a - woke at God's com - mand!
 fruit - ful lives a har - vest hun - dred - fold.

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

Eric Maul, friend of Ben Shaver

Michelle Wilson (husband, Myles, and son, Holden), friend of Tom Sadler

Justin Pack, nephew of PJ Davis;

Ben Shaver's friend, Kitt Crescenzo, at the death of her partner Adrian;

Vince Lupo's family member, Uncle Lawrence;

Tina Martin, Sister-in-Law of Ken Sprinkle;

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

Robert Owers, friend of Sara Torrence;

Tim Butcher, friend of Sara Torrence;

Emmanuel Mbi;

Healing and Comfort for

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

Andy Sullivan, Friend of the McElwaine Family, receiving end of life care;

Kevin Shaver, health concerns;

John Wright, health concerns;

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;

Daniel Adkins, nephew of Kyla and Vince Lupo, health concerns;

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;

WELCOME TO GENEVA! We welcome you to this church and want you to feel at home. We want you to feel accepted here, and also challenged, even as we invite you to accept and challenge us. If you are new to this community or do not have a church home, we invite you to join us. Please contact a staff member using any of the emails on the back of today's bulletin.



Birthdays: Leland Perthel (10/2); Ken Denaburg (10/4); Ed Devine (10/5);
Amanda Devine (10/6); Brendan Davis (10/8); Matt Kough (10/10);
Bobbie Maxwell (10/11); Eric Thibau (10/12); Jeremy Devine (10/15);
Jack Kough (10/16); Pete Nunn (10/16); Letitia Denaburg (10/18);
Patsy Wright (10/23)

This Week at Geneva

Wednesday, October 16	6:00pm	Food for the Soul - Host Homes
Sunday, October 20	10:30am	Worship - In Person and Online
Monday, October 21	7:00pm	Session - Meeting
Wednesday, October 23	6:00pm	Food for the Soul - Host Homes
Sunday, October 27	10:30am	Worship - In Person and Online
Sunday, October 27	2:00-4:00pm	 Trunk N' Treat!!! 

Geneva Presbyterian
Invites You To:

Trunk N' Treat

27 October

2:00-4:00

Featuring Slush and Krust

Crafts - Games - Candy

11931 Seven Locks Road. Potomac, MD

Free!

Geneva October



Neurodiverse Playdate
Oct. 3rd, 5th & 18th
11am-Noon



Food for The Soul
Oct. 9th, 16th & 23rd
6:00 PM



Joyful Noise Service
Oct. 12th, 9:30-10 AM



Trunk N' Treat
Oct. 27th
2:00 PM



Adult Bible Study
Oct. 2nd & 30th
6pm



**Childrens Chimes
Practice**
Oct. 20th & 27th
Following Worship



Bible Explorers
Oct. 30th
6-7 PM

FOOD FOR THE SOUL OCTOBER 2024

Childcare dropoff: 5:30

Dinner begins: 6:00

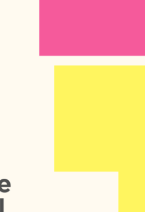
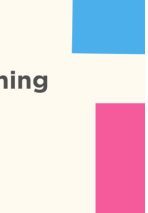
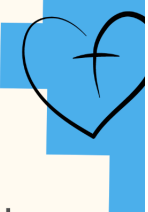
- October 9th
- October 16th
- October 23rd



If you are willing to host or attend any of these dinners, please signup by emailing Cali or filling out a form at church. Deadline to signup is October 4th!



Geneva's Bible Explorers



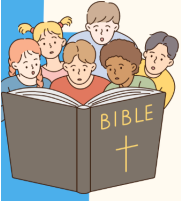
WHAT IS IT?

A Time For:

- Diving deeper into Bible stories
- Start relating faith to their lives
- Intergenerational learning
- Dinner together!

WHEN IS IT?

- Oct. 30th
- Nov. 13th
- Nov. 20th
- Dec. 11th
- Dec. 18th



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 Oct. 20th.



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Today's Worship Leaders

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

Jane Campbell, Lector; Kyla Lupo, Zoom Host.

Curtis Chimba and Tom Sadler, 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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