October 25, 2026

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October 25, 2026 **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 in Geneva.

Prelude

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome to the Worship of God

Call to Worship

Leader: Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit, for we know not when our Lord will return.

People: He will knock at the door when we least expect it – who will he find awake?
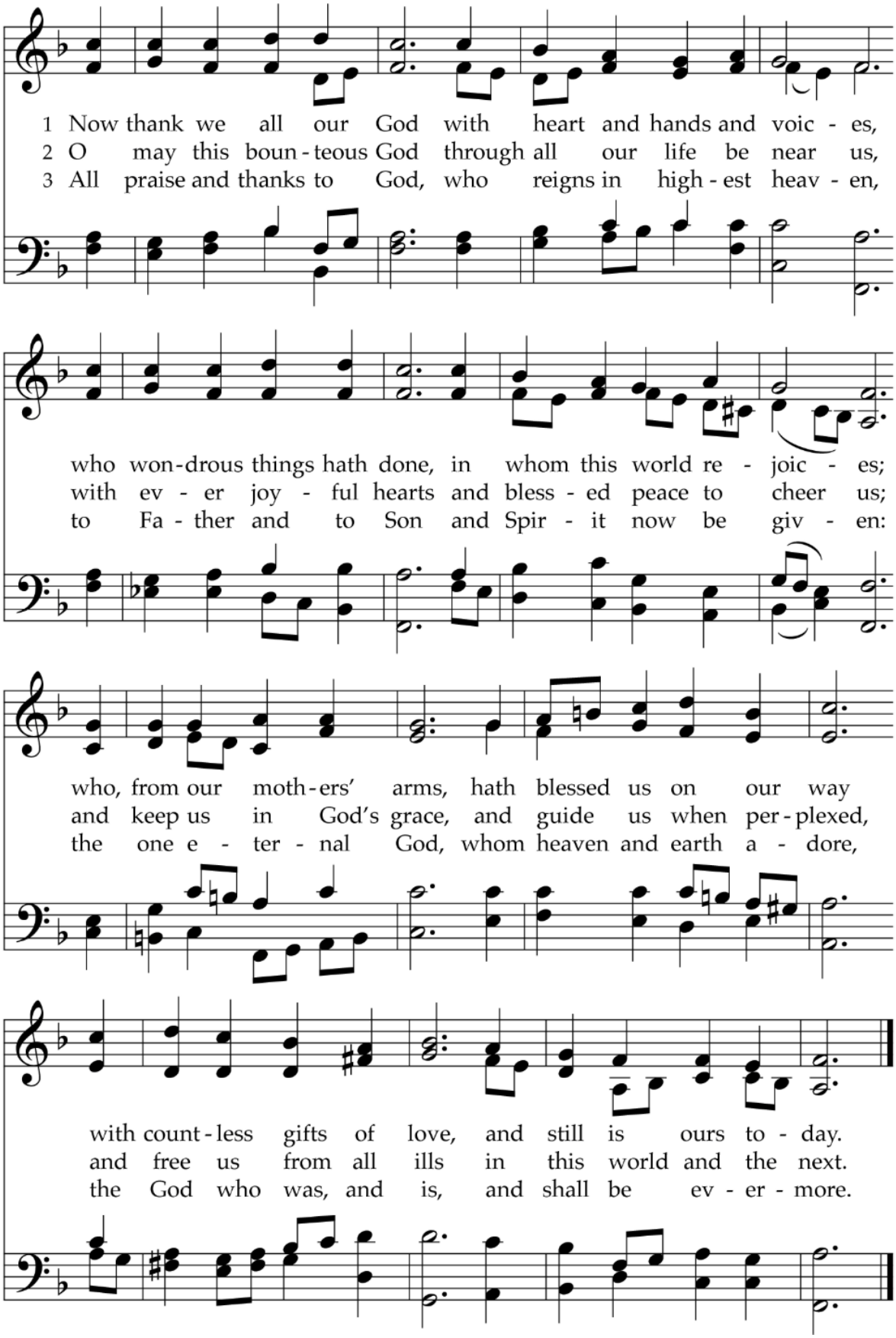
Leader: When that day comes, who will he find worshiping? Who will he find serving? Who will he find living in the way of faith?

People: Let us live as those who are ready, for the Son of Man is coming again at an unexpected hour!

– Paraphrase of Luke 12:35-40

Opening Hymn *(next page)*

643 Now Thank We All Our God



Call to Confession
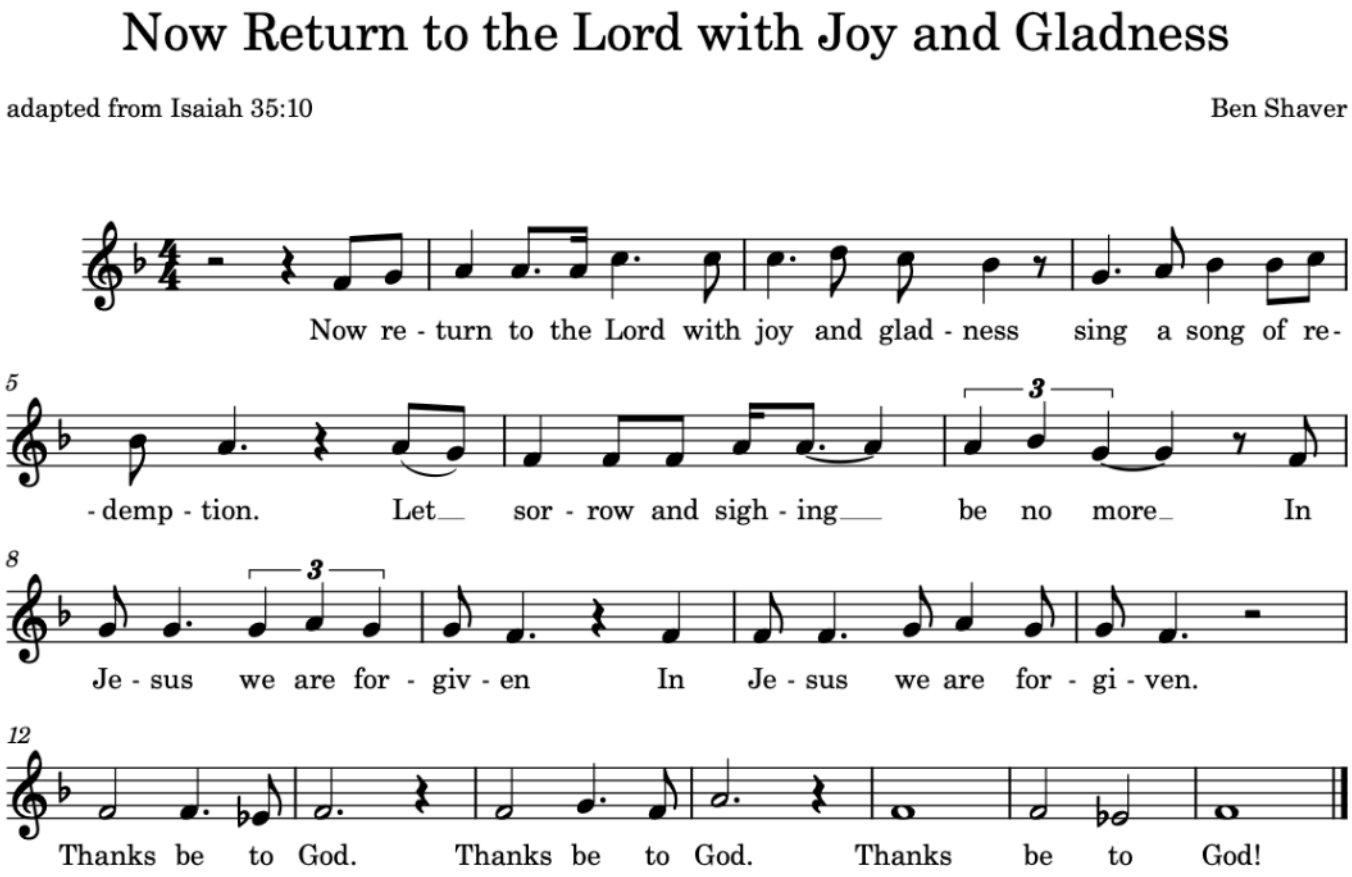
Prayer of Confession *(in unison)*

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient people. We have scorned your will. We have transgressed your law. We have rebelled against your love. We have ignored our neighbors and refused to hear the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray, O Fount Of Grace. Free us from the sin which clings so tightly and guide us into joyful discipleship as those who bear your Name. For the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord and intercessor, hear us as we pray in silence…

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Response
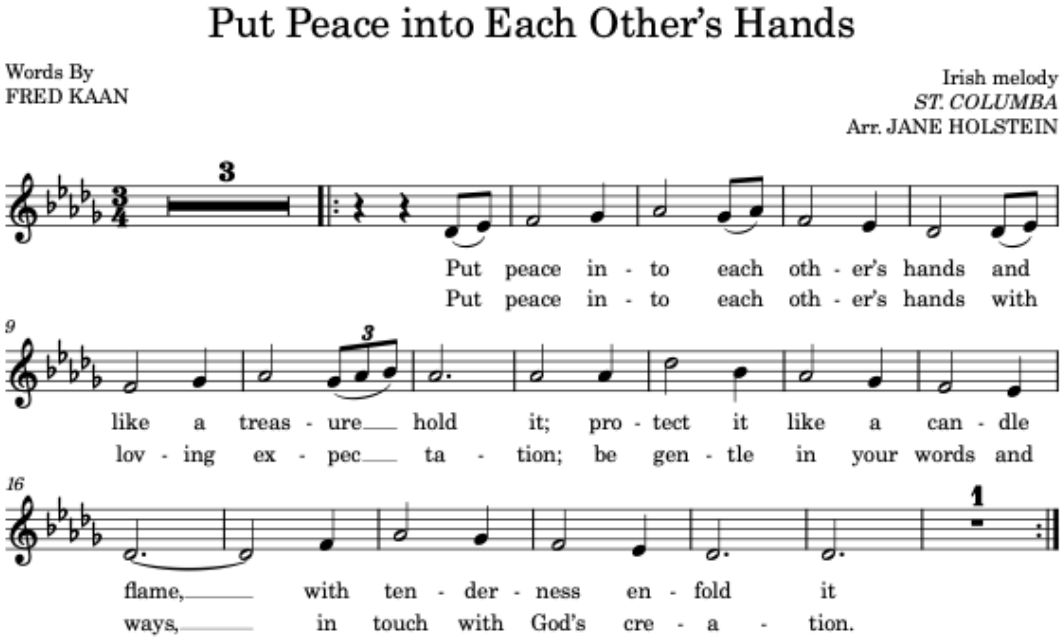


Joys and Concerns *(The Online Church recording is turned off during this portion of the service for privacy. We will resume recording after the Lord's Prayer.)*

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



The Word

Prayer for Illumination *(in unison)*

Spirit of God, illumine to me the doctrines of grace as we approach holy scripture this morning. Leave no corner of my life untended by Your hand, and call forth from me fresh commitment in response to the reading and proclaiming of this Word. Amen.

First Scripture Reading **John 15:1-9** (page 878 in your pew Bible)

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

Children's Sermon *Danni Coates*

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

Second Scripture Reading **Colossians 2:6-7** (page 957 in your pew Bible)

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

Sermon **"Rooted in Christ"** *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
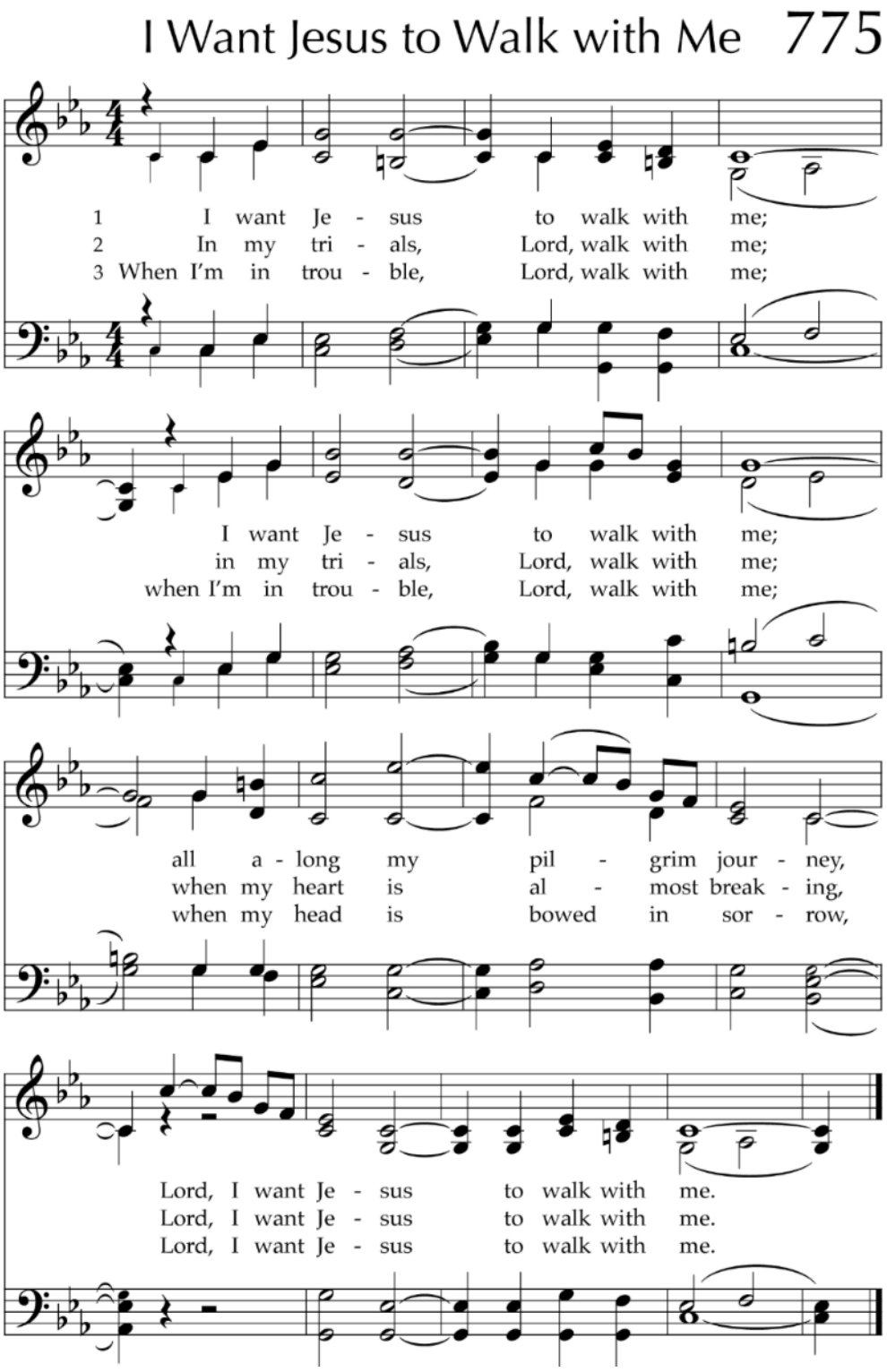
Beloved, we invite you to join in the ministry of this church with your tithes and offerings. Your gifts may be received in the physical offering plate in the back of the sanctuary or online using the QR code in your bulletin. Let us give generously and joyfully.



Please note that Geneva pays an annual Per Capita fee to the Presbytery, Synod, and PCUSA of $51.28 for each active adult church member.

Prayer of Dedication

Closing Hymn



Charge and Benediction

Postlude



Names in bold are new prayer list additions.

The work, worship, pastor and leadership of Geneva.

<u>Comfort for the Family and Friends of</u>

Bob Daraskevich, friend of Kyla Lupo;
Rev. Dr. Harold Garman, friend of Sara Torrence;
David Reynolds, friend of Elaine and Rolf Winch;
Debbie Taylor, friend of Elaine and Rolf Winch;
Fred Brown, brother of Scott Brown;
Paul Quin, husband of Pamela Wilson;
Adriana Bockma, friend of Sara Torrence;
Richard Torrence, brother-in-law of Sara Torrence;

<u>Healing and Comfort for</u>

Frances Spollen, grandmother of Allyson McElwaine, health concerns;
Don Fink, husband of Carolyn Fink, following a recent stroke;
Kenneth Weiss, friend of Sara Torrence, health concerns;
Stefan Momber, cousin of Rolf Winch; cancer
Kyla Lupo, recovering from surgery;
Cheryl Reider, sister-in-law and aunt of the Moloznik family, undergoing treatment after a heart attack;
Larry Maske, cousin of Ken Sprinkle, cancer;
Karen Dove, friend of the McElwaines, health concerns;
Scott Brown, health concerns;
Hamed Moghaddam, health concerns;
The Moghaddam family and their business, during a time of discernment and transition;
Jeff Norwood, Cancer Treatment, friend of Moloznik family;
Mohammad Pajouhi, uncle to Hamed Moghaddam & brother to Ency Moghaddam,
for healing, wisdom for the doctors, and restoration of his heart;
Allyson McElwaine, health concerns;
Mike Sydoriak, health concerns;
Nancy Morse, health concerns;
John Hanson, friend of Sara Torrence, health concerns;
Margaret and Don Acton, parents of Amanda White, continued health concerns;
Pepe Marin, health concerns;
Nancy Rawson, health concerns;
Judith Sadler, mother of Tom Sadler, mental illness and PG County guardianship care;
Sandra Kichefski, sister of Sheri Sankey, health concerns;

Geneva Presby October



Food for the Soul
October 7th, 14th & 21st
6:00 pm



Neurodiverse Playdate
October 10th
11:00 am



Joyfull Noise Service
October 18th
9:30 am



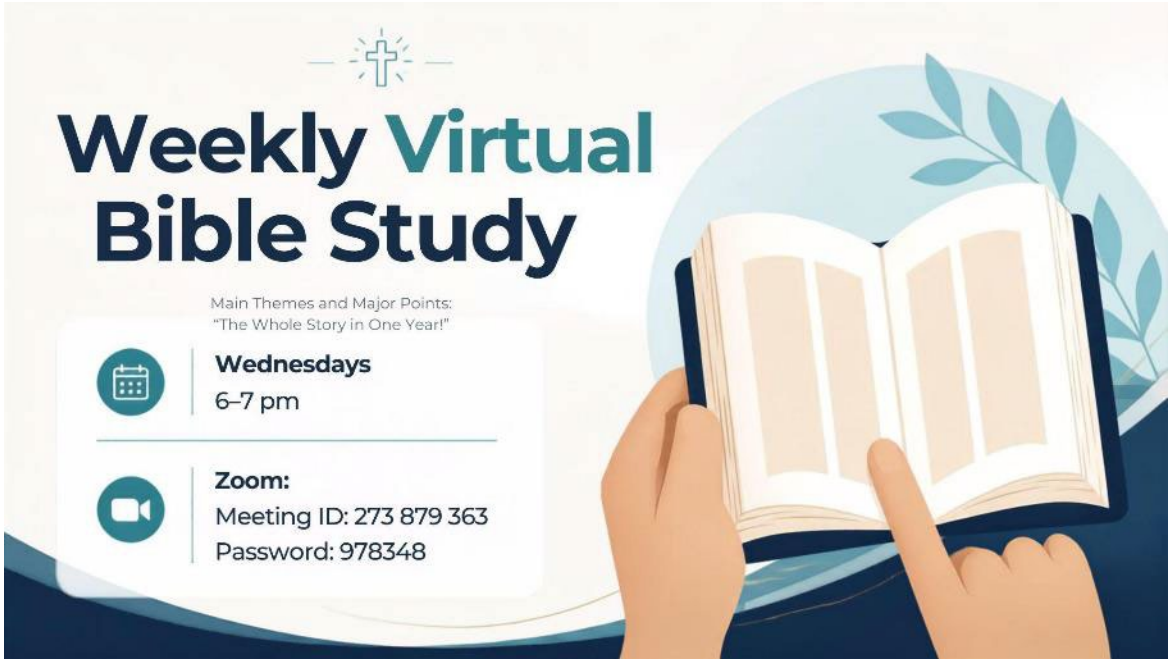
Children's Chimes Practice
October 18th & 25th
During Sunday School



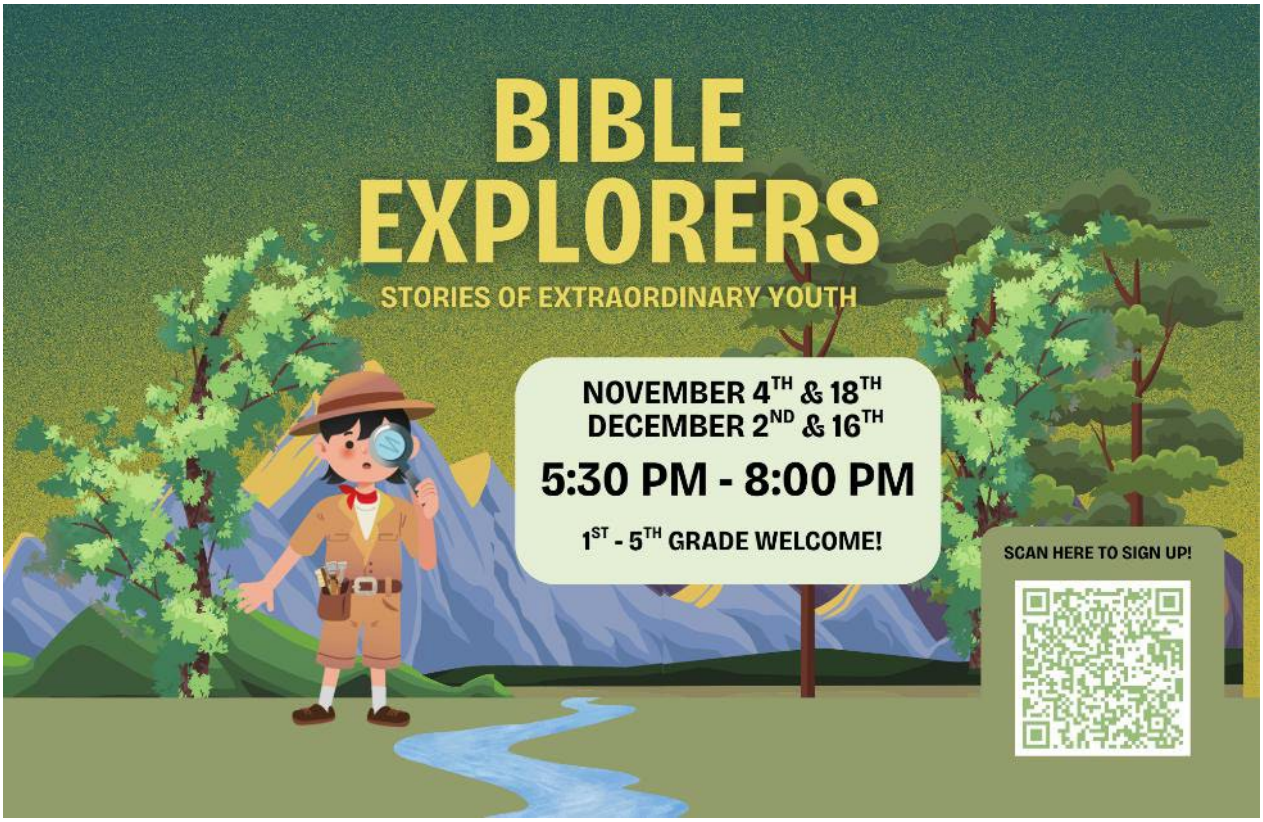
Trunk N' Treat
October 25th
1:30 pm



Bible Study
Resumes October 28th
Every Wednesday @ 6:00 PM



We thank you for your participation and fellowship during Food for the Soul. Adult Bible Study will resume this Wednesday, October 28th!



Join us for a 4-lesson story series exploring extraordinary youth from the bible with Next Generation Ministries! Dinner will be provided along with fun hands-on activities. Email nextgen@genevapotomac.org if you have any questions!

Geneva Mission Opportunity of the Month
October 2026

Volunteer at Community Food Rescue

240-773-0826, email: yetunde.oreagba@montgomerycountymd.gov

Community Food Rescue depends on volunteers who can transport food from businesses to food assistance organizations.

Volunteer

Join us if you have a vehicle, a good driving record, and a few extra hours to transport food on a regular, weekly basis, or just for a one-time food run. You choose the food runs that fit your schedule. Follow the easy steps below to get started with our free food matching app, ChowMatch.

Volunteer Opportunities

1. Sign up and create a profile
2. Learn about food safety
3. Accept a Food Run
4. Prepare for a Food Run
5. Complete your food run with your mobile app or web app.

For more information visit:

https://www.communityfoodrescue.org/deliver-food/

Geneva Presbyterian Church Mission Committee



American Red Cross | Community of Giving

Blood Drive Hosted By:
Beth Sholom Congregation

Abramson Room
11825 Seven Locks Road
Potomac, MD 20854

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Co-Sponsor: Geneva Presbyterian Church

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Today's Worship Leaders

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

Alice Franks, *Lector*; Danni Coates, *Next Gen Director;*

Kyla Lupo, *Zoom Host*; Sheri Sankey & Curtis Chimba; *Audio/Visual*

Church Elders	**Church Deacons**
Ken Sprinkle, Jack Kough, Kyla Lupo, Sheri Sankey, Julie Moloznik, Daniela Smith, and Janelle Thibau	Renee Moloznik, Eve Dailey, Sheena Galliani, Allyson McElwaine, and Carl Perthel

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.
Should you wish to donate flowers for a future worship service, please contact the Church Office Administrator. The fee is $50.00.

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