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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: How precious is the steadfast love of God.

People: All people may take refuge in the shadow of God's embrace.

Leader: Christ is the fountain of life.

People: In Christ we behold the Light of God. Let us worship God!

Opening Hymn

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

#39

39 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1 *Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee.
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
 thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,

Thou chang - est not; thy com - pas - sions they fail not.
 join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row:

As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

*Or "Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator."

Written as a meditation on Lamentations 3:22-23, this text is one of the few hymns among the 1200 poems by this Methodist writer and pastor that has gained much currency. The tune that appears here was composed especially for these words, and the pairing has proved enduring.

TEXT: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923
 MUSIC: William Marion Runyan, 1923
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FAITHFULNESS
 11.10.11.10 with refrain

CREATION AND PROVIDENCE

Refrain



Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!
오 신 실 하 신 주 오 신 실 하 신 주



Morn - ing by morn - ing, new mer - cies I see.
날 마 다 자 비 를 베푸 시 며



All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.
일 용 할 모 든 것 내 려 주 시 니



Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!
오 신 실 하 신 주 나 의 구 주

Call to Confession

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

Almighty God,

We confess that we have been led astray by the idols of our world. We have depended on our possessions and have not placed our trust in your grace. We have carelessly consumed the gifts you offer and have failed to be faithful stewards of the earth's resources. We have sought security in the might of the sword rather than the strength of your Holy Spirit.

Forgive us, we pray. Lead us to true repentance that we may serve you faithfully.

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.

The musical notation is for a congregational response in 3/4 time, key of D major (three sharps). It consists of two staves. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of three sharps. The notes are D4, E4, F#4, G4, A4, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4. The lyrics are 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart.' The second staff has a treble clef and a key signature of three sharps. The notes are D4, E4, F#4, G4, A4, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4. The lyrics are 'Love the Lord your God with all your soul.' Above the first staff, the chords are indicated as (C) E, (G) B, (F) A, and (C) E. Above the second staff, the chords are indicated as (C) E, (G) B, (F) A, and (C) E.

(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" (music next page)

#48

Rain Down

48

Capo 3: (D) (F#7) (Bm) (D7) (G)
 F A7 Dm F7 Bb
 Rain down; rain down; rain down your
 (D/F#) (Em7) (A7) (D) (F#7) (Bm)
 F/A Gm7 C7 F A7 Dm
 love on your peo - ple. Rain down; rain
 (D7) (G) (Em) (A7) (G) (D)
 F7 Bb Gm C7 Bb F
 down; rain down your love, God of life.

The Word

Prayer for Illumination *(in unison)*

Gracious God, by the power of the Holy Spirit, quicken our understanding that we may receive the testimony of Scripture and believe in the signs that reveal your presence. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 36:5-10

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

John 2:1-11

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

Sermon

"First and Foremost"

Rev. Keith Thompson

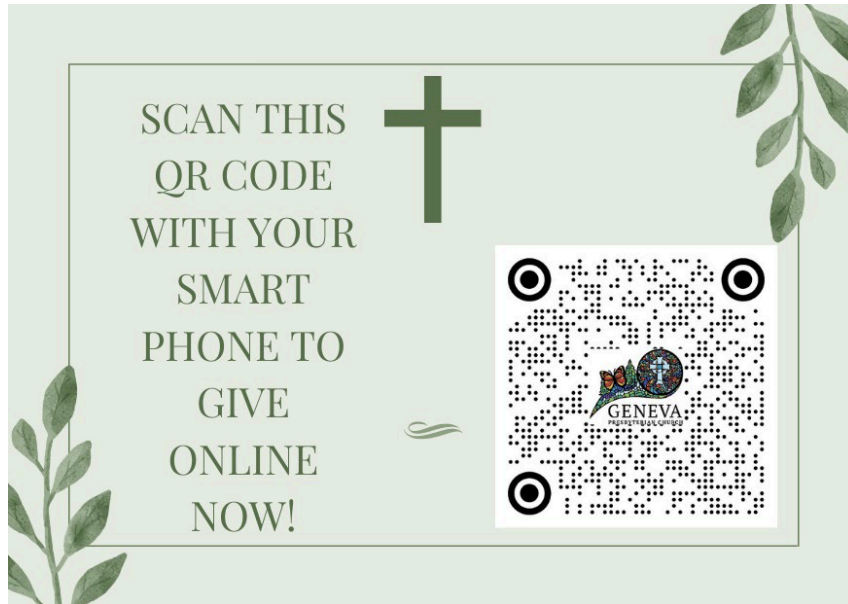
Affirmation of Faith/The Apostles' Creed *(in unison)*

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

“Heaven Shall Not Wait”

#773

Heaven Shall Not Wait 773

Capo 1: (D) (G) (A) (A7) (D) (Bm7) (Em) (A)
 Eb Ab Bb Bb7 Eb Cm7 Fm Bb

1 Heaven shall not wait for the poor to lose their pa-tience,
 2 Heaven shall not wait for the rich to share their for-tunes,
 3 Heaven shall not wait for the dawn of great i-de-as,
 4 Heaven shall not wait for tri-um-phant Hal-le-lu-jahs,

(D) (G) (A) (A7) (D) (G) (Asus) (A)
 Eb Ab Bb Bb7 Eb Ab Bbsus Bb

the scorned to smile, the de-spised to find a friend:
 the proud to fall, the e-lite to tend the least:
 thoughts of com-pas-sion di-vorced from cries of pain:
 when earth has passed and we reach an-oth-er shore:

(Bm7) (Em) (F#m) (Bm7) (D) (Em7) (A)
 Cm7 Fm Gm Cm7 Eb Fm7 Bb

Je-sus is Lord; he has cham-pioned the un-want-ed;
 Je-sus is Lord; he has shown the mas-ter's priv-ilege:
 Je-sus is Lord; he has mar-ried word and ac-tion;
 Je-sus is Lord in our pres-ent im-per-fec-tion;

(D) (G) (A) (A7) (D) (Bm) (Em)
 Eb Ab Bb Bb7 Eb Cm Fm

in him in-jus-tice con-fronts its time-ly
 to kneel and wash ser-vants' feet be-fore they
 his cross and com-pa-ny make his pur-pose
 his power and love are for now and then for

1-3 4
 (Asus) (A) (Asus) (A) (D)
 Bbsus Bb Bbsus Bb Eb

end.
 feast.
 plain.

ev-er-more.

This stirring, prophetic hymn is organized around two recurring four-syllable phrases, the first of which introduces an idealized scenario of what Dietrich Bonhoeffer would call "cheap grace," while the second announces the "costly grace" of God's redeeming work in Jesus Christ.

Charge and Benediction

Postlude



Names in bold are new prayer list additions.
The work, worship, pastor and leadership of Geneva.

Comfort for the Family and Friends of

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

Rolf Winch, recovering from knee surgery;

Helen Fink, Carolyn Fink's mother in law, health concerns;

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;

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: Sheena Galliani (1/5); Jacquelyn Kough (1/6);
Rosalie Ruff (1/8); Allyson McElwaine (1/14); Sara Torrence (1/17);
Amanda White (1/18); Terry Shima (1/20); Malachi McElwaine (1/23);
Ruth Nunn (1/28)

This Week at Geneva

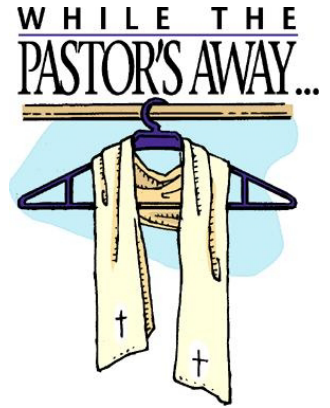
Wednesday, January 15	6:00pm	Adult Bible Study - Online
Sunday, January 19	10:30am	Worship - In Person and Online
Monday, January 20	Church Office Closed	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Tuesday, January 21	12:00pm	Meeting - Executive Committee
Wednesday, January 22	6:00pm	Adult Bible Study - Online

Mark your calendar! **Annual Congregational Meeting,**

January 26 at 11:45am

Pastor's Away

Pastor Patrick will be away starting Monday, January 13 and return to work on Tuesday, January 21. If you have a pastoral need during this time, please contact your Geneva Presbyterian Deacon.



Thank you to Keith Thompson for providing pulpit supply today while Pastor Patrick is away!

Originally from Atlanta, Rev. Keith Thompson is now based in DC with his husband, Jimmy, and dog, Calvin. In his new role, Keith is working with National Capital Presbytery to launch a new PC(USA) campus ministry at the University of Maryland. This new ministry (UKirk Maryland) will be a place of connection, nourishment, and joy for UMD students. If you would like to connect with UKirk Maryland at an individual level, please let him know!



Worship Flowers



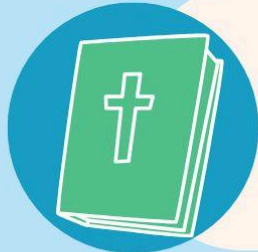
Would you like to sponsor Geneva's Sunday morning worship flowers? This is a great and beautiful way for you to enhance our gift of worship to God! The cost is \$35 per week and the flowers can be dedicated in honor of or in memory of a loved one or for another specified reason.

To sponsor our worship flowers, please contact Laura Szakos in the church office at admin@genevapotomac.org or (301) 424-4346.

Geneva January



Neurodiverse Playdate
January 4th, 11-Noon
At "We Rock"



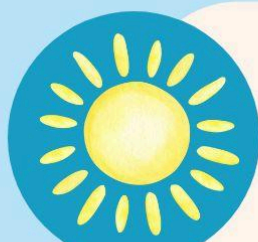
Adult Bible Study
Jan. 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th
6pm



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



Childrens Chimes
Practice
Jan. 19th & 26th
Following Worship



Summer Camp
Interest Meeting
Jan. 26th
Following Worship

Today's Worship Leaders

Rev. Keith Thompson, Pastor; Ben Shaver, Music Director;

Rolf Winch, Lector; Kyla Lupo, Zoom Host.

Ken Sprinkle 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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