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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: You are not to lord over others. For the last shall be first, and the first shall be last.

People: Whoever wishes to become great among you, must be your servant.

Leader: Whoever wishes to be first must be a slave of all.

People: For the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Leader: We gather as a community of faith, confessing that "it is not I who live, but Christ who lives within me."

People: Lord, may your Spirit transform us into your willing disciples.

Opening Hymn

ADORATION

620 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

(Psalm 103)

1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; to his
2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his
3 Fa - ther - like, he tends and spares us; well our
4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; you be -

feet your trib - ute bring; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for -
peo - ple in dis - tress; praise him still the same as
fee - ble frame he knows; in his hands he gent - ly
hold him face to face. Sun and moon, bow down be -

giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing: Al - le - lu - ia!
ev - er, slow to chide, and swift to bless: Al - le - lu - ia!
bears us, res - cues us from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia!
fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space: Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
Al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.
Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*The Ten Commandments*)

Leader: God spoke these words, "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, Out of the house of bondage: You shall have no other gods before me.

People: You shall not make for yourself an idol, or take the name of the Lord your God in vain.

Leader: Honor the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

People: Honor your father and mother.

Leader: Do not murder; do not commit adultery; do not steal.

People: Do not bear false witness against your neighbor or covet that which is not rightfully yours.

Leader: This is the word of our God.

People: Thanks be to God.

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^b F B^b F B^b 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^b E^b B^b 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

COMMUNITY IN CHRIST

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 Word

Prayer for Illumination *(in unison)*

Almighty God, giver of all light, lift up our hearts and minds to your Son, the morning star that never fades. By the light of your Holy Spirit reveal to us your saving Word and lead us to offer our lives to you in service and love; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Exodus 20:1-21

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

Children's Sermon

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

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 7:24-27

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

Sermon

"The Planet of Me"

Rev. Rick Snyder

Affirmation of Faith (The Apostles' Creed)

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.



Closing Hymn

Lift High the Cross 826

Refrain
Descant

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim
till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name. *Fine*
till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Sav - ior trod,
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

to Refrain

the Lamb vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died.
your death has brought us life e - ter - nal - ly.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

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

Sarah Siegel, traveling mercies

Marla McKinney-Smiley, a friend of Ben Shaver, died from complications due to ALS;;
Alyssa Kakol, a friend of Sara and Tom Sadler, died tragically in a pedestrian accident;

Rosalie Ruff;

Tom Maxwell;

Paul Quin, husband of Pamela Wilson;

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;

Bobbie Maxwell;

John Wright;

Healing and Comfort for

AJ Walrath, a friend of Ben Shaver, following a recent stroke;

Aaron Thacker, a friend of Ben Shaver, on extended medical leave from work;

Gabrielle Suver, seriously injured in a hit and run bicycle accident;

The Moghaddam family and their business, during a time of discernment and transition;

Jeff Norwood, Cancer Treatment, friend of Moloznik family;

Sam White, undiagnosed health concerns;

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;

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;

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 January



Adult Bible Study
Jan. 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th
6pm



Joyful Noise Service
Jan. 11th, 9:30-10 AM



Star Words
Jan. 11th
During Worship



Unhanging of the Greens
Jan. 11th
Following Worship



Childrens Chimes
Practice
Jan. 18th & 25th
During Sunday School

Today's Worship Leaders

Rev. Rick Snyder, Pastor; Ben Shaver, Music Director;

Rolf Winch, Lector; Kyla Lupo, Zoom Host;

Ken Sprinkle & Curtis Chimba, 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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