

AUGUST 16, 2020



GENEVA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Geneva Presbyterian Church

August 16, 2020

10:30am

The Gathering

(Welcome to Virtual Church with Geneva Presbyterian Church! We are honored to worship together with you today and grateful we can gather in this way as the Body of Christ. There will be opportunities for responsive readings during worship; the Zoom host will unmute you and mute you as appropriate. The same goes for singing hymns: your microphone will be turned off, so make a joyful noise and sing with all your heart!)

Prelude

Welcome to the Worship of God

Silence and Introit

Call to Worship

Leader: How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

People: Whether we are meeting Jesus for the first time, becoming reacquainted with him, or are a lifelong follower of his way, we are all searching for the same thing.

Leader: Lifelong followers of Jesus and curious newcomers alike, we are all searching for the same thing:

People: To know our maker, to feel our savior's love, and to be sustained day to day by grace.

Leader: We gather today as a family of faith to kneel before the Giver of Mercy

People: and to lift our spirits as one in praise. Let us worship God!

Opening Hymn

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

#72

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;
As Thou has been Thou forever wilt be.

**Refrain: Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. **Refrain**

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! **Refrain** Amen.

Call to Confession

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

God of Many Names and One Heart, in you we see unity: of purpose, of being, of loving. But we are divided. Our lives are pulled in so many directions. Our hearts are indecisive. When the moment of truth comes, we choose to feed our egos rather than living for you.

Have mercy upon us, Lord, and heal our brokenness. Forgive us and remake our lives so that our every word and deed glorifies our unity with all of creation through Jesus Christ. Hear this prayer we offer aloud and those we offer silently now...

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Response

“Gloria Patri”

#734

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Joys and Concerns

(The Virtual 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.

The Word

Prayer for Illumination *(in unison)*

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Reading

Genesis 45: 1 – 15

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Psalm 133

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Joseph’s Choice”

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

Music Offering

Prayer of Dedication

The Sending

Closing Hymn

“God Be With You”

#716

God be with you till we meet again, by his counsels guide, uphold you,
with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again, ‘neath his wings protecting hide you,
daily manna still provide you; God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again; if life’s perils should confound you,
God will put his arms around you; God be with you till we meet again. Amen.

Charge and Benediction

Postlude



Names in bold are new prayer list additions.

The work, worship, pastor and leadership of Geneva and of Iglesia de Dios El Nuevo Pacto

Comfort for the Family and Friends of

Bill Richards, cousin of Sara Torrence;

Charlie Judkins, who passed on June 26;

Brian, friend of Kyla Lupo;

Janelle Connevey Morris, Mother of Janelle Thibau;

Josephine Kom, Mother of Flore Kom-Liapoe;

Douglas Perthel, father of Carl Perthel;

Mitch Remer, father of Robin Kough;

Abe Leicht, father of Renee Moloznik;

Bessie Perthel, mother of Carl Perthel;

Julie Lynn Zabrocky, daughter of Nancy and Norm Rawson;

Tyler Allen; son of Mark and Holly Allen.

Healing and Comfort for

Ann Peters, relative of friend of Ken Sprinkle, upcoming cancer screening and surgery;

Nancy Morse, health concerns;

Lorraine Leicht, Renee Moloznik's mother, health issues;

Maria Lenahan, health concerns;

Doris Williamson, health concerns;

Dinah Paffrath, aunt of Renee Moloznik, receiving cancer treatments;

Beth, friend of Sara Torrence, metastatic breast cancer;

Curtis Allen, recovering from hip surgery;

Carl Perthel, health concerns;

Jeffrey Remer, brother of Robin Kough, health concerns;

Isabelle Schuessler, friend of Scott Brown, health concerns;

Joanne Elder, friend of Sara and Jim Torrence, cancer;

Linda Fowler, friend of Rhonda Ricci, multiple health concerns;

Adeline Siaka, widow of Emmanuel Siaka;

Mary Bird, aunt of Renee Moloznik, health concerns;

Linda Hanson, friend of Geneva, health concerns;

Justin Pack, nephew of PJ Davis, diagnosed with ALS;

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

Donald Schuessler, friend of Scott Brown, health concerns;

Ellie Alexander, health concerns;

Henry Haller, health concerns;

Emilia Monte, friend of Sara and Jim Torrence, recurring cancer;

Jeff Leicht, Renee Moloznik's brother;

Judith Sadler, mother to Tom Sadler, mental illness and PG County guardianship care;

Leland Perthel, recovering from concussion;

Lurie Emmons, cousin of Terry Shima, recovering from cancer surgery

Madeleine Schinosi, friend of Gretchen Winch, recurring cancer.

Norm Rawson, head injury;

Ray Johnson, father of Katie Harris;

Samuel Kuate, Flora Kom Liapoe's brother-in-law, recovering from an ischemic stroke;

Sandy Kichefski, sister of Sheri Sankey, health concerns;

Sue, friend of Maria Lenahan, health issues;

Yvonne Bean, mother of Debbie Dunne;

Zoë, friend of Bob and Rhonda Ricci, health concerns;

Prayers for Peace

Daniel Kough, son of Jack and Robin Kough, home from Afghanistan.

Walter Sprinkle, son of Ken and Nan Sprinkle, US Army Special Training

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: Huguette Moussodou (8/8); Ken Sprinkle (8/8); Beverly Davis (8/8); Caroline Ricci (8/9); Renee Moloznik (8/14); Judy Stiles (8/15); Margaret Teng (8/15); Tom Maxwell (8/15); Alexandria Zhang He (8/15); Matthew Ledoux (8/24); Jeanette Perthel (8/25)

This Week at Geneva

Sunday, August 16	10:30am	Worship – Virtual Church
Wednesday, August 19	7:00pm	Virtual Bible Study
Sunday, August 23	10:30am	Worship – Virtual Church

Announcements

- Let's Help Our Neighbors At Scotland AME Zion Church!

In July 2019 Scotland AME Zion Church on Seven Locks Rd. sustained significant storm damage that has prevented them from worshipping in their building ever since. This historically black church faces costly and extensive repairs before they can return to the church home where they have worshipped since 1915. After a period of reflection and planning, Scotland AME is now asking their community for help with rebuilding. Geneva Presbyterian Church's Mission Committee has made a \$500 donation on behalf of our church family. If you would like to consider donating personally, please follow the link to Scotland AME's official webpage below:

<https://scotlandamezion.org/>

This page will provide information on how to give via their secure GoFundMe website and how the campaign is progressing so far. Thank you for your generous stewardship at Geneva Presbyterian Church -- it has enabled us to show our tangible support for our neighbors in Christ during this challenging time for their congregation.

- **New Race and Justice Reading Group**

Thank you all who signed up for our book club! We will be meeting on Fridays at 7pm starting August 14th for 4 weeks (8/14, 8/21, 8/28, and 9/4). If you would like Geneva to provide a for you to participate, please email Pastor Patrick. We will discuss the introduction and the first chapter at our first meeting – so bring your comments, questions, concerns, and reflections!

Here is the Zoom link (we will use the same for all 4 sessions):

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86836736223?pwd=aVpuOVU4aHBEeTJiT1ovZTZ2QXAzZz09>

Meeting ID: 868 3673 6223

Passcode: 12345

- **Online Giving with the GivePlus (Give+) App**

You can now support God's ministry through Geneva Presbyterian Church with your smartphone, tablet, or computer! Search for and download "GivePlus" (Give+) from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store to get started.



You'll create an account, choose Geneva Presbyterian Church (in Potomac) as your home church, and then you're ready to give in a secure and convenient way!

Here are two resources to help you get set up:

YouTube Video with Instructions

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PAjqUxK8YRk>

GivePlus Website with a FAQ and "How To"

<https://giveplushelp.vancopayments.com/>

I'm excited to expand our opportunities to give and invite you to explore if Online Giving is the right choice for you. No matter how you choose to give, thank you for your financial generosity -- your support is sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ and transforming lives every day.

- **Virtual Church with Geneva Presbyterian: Sundays @ 10:30am**

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://bit.ly/2SL4E76>

Meeting ID: 668 560 374

Password: 240543

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- **Virtual Bible Study: Wednesdays @ 7:00pm**

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://bit.ly/3c3kscZ>

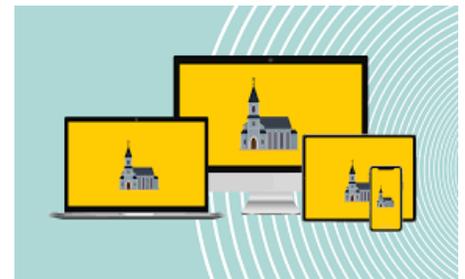
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- **Geneva Worship Videos**

Did you know that Geneva Virtual Church videos are recorded and online? Missed a service? Want to share with a friend? A full recording of worship is just a click away!

[Click HERE to watch our past Virtual Worship services!](#)



Today's Worship Leaders

Rev. Patrick McElwaine, Pastor; Ben Shaver, Musician;
Rolf Winch, Lector; Tom Sadler, Zoom Host.

Church Elders

Jane Campbell, Jack Kough, Carl Perthel,
Tom Sadler, Sheri Sankey,
Janelle Thibau, Elaine Winch

Church Deacons

Ludivine Kom-Liapoe, Bobbie Maxwell,
Renee Moloznik, Rosie Perthel,
Rhonda Ricci

If you have any ideas, suggestions or concerns, please share them with our officers.



Geneva warmly welcomes all our guests joining us today



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