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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 home at Geneva.

Prelude

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome to the Worship of God

Call to Worship

Leader: Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God;

People: for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

Leader: We give thanks to you, O God;

People: we give thanks and recount your wondrous deeds!

-- Psalm 147:1 and 75:1

Opening Hymn

Son of God, Whose Heart Is Peace 425

1 Son of God, whose heart is peace, Son of God, most ho - ly,
2 Take a - way our sin - ful - ness, e - vil that im - pris - ons us;
3 Warm our hearts to love you, Lord, you who died to save us;

to your pres - ence we have come; give us now your love.
free us from what trou - bles us; give our souls re - lease.
gath - er us with - in your arms, Je - sus, on this day.

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass, in G major (one sharp) and 2/2 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 2/2. The lyrics are printed below the staves, with three verses of text for the first system and three lines of text for the second system. The music consists of chords and single notes, with a final double bar line at the end of the second system.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O Lord, you have mercy on all who come seeking your grace. Take away my sins, and rekindle in me the fire of your Holy Spirit. Take away my heart of stone, and give me a heart of flesh to love and serve you. Take away all that stands between me and You, and give me reassurances of my belovedness in your eyes. Blessed Jesus, we stand on your righteousness alone as we pray in this time of silence...

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Response

Alleluia! 587

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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

Refrain

Be - cause He lives I can face to - mor - row, Be-cause He

lives all fear is gone; Be - cause I know

He holds the fu - ture. And life is worth the liv-ing just be-cause He lives.

The Word

Prayer for Illumination

Gracious God, illumine our hearts and minds as the Scriptures are read and proclaimed, so that by the power of your Holy Spirit we may see what is good and right and true. And seeing, help us to do what is pleasing to you, so that your glory is manifest in our words and deeds. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

1 Peter 3:13-17

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

Children's Sermon

Renee Moloznik

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

Second Scripture Reading

John 14:15-21

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"The Hope of God's Adopted Children"

Rev. Patrick McElwaine

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.



Music Offering

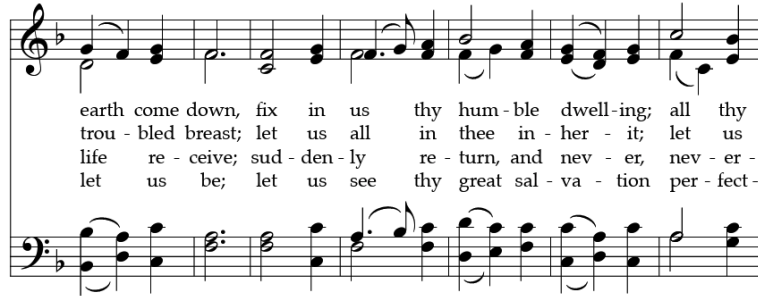
Prayer of Dedication

Closing Hymn

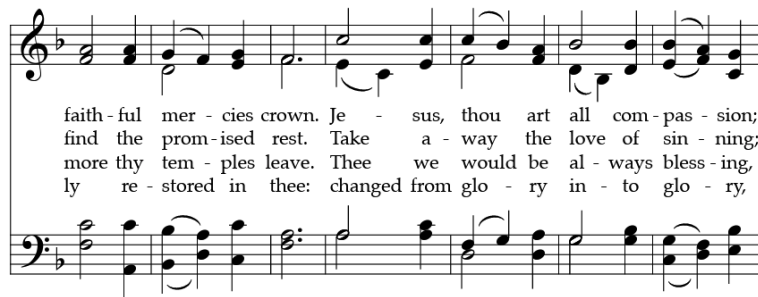
366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to
 2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;
 find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers

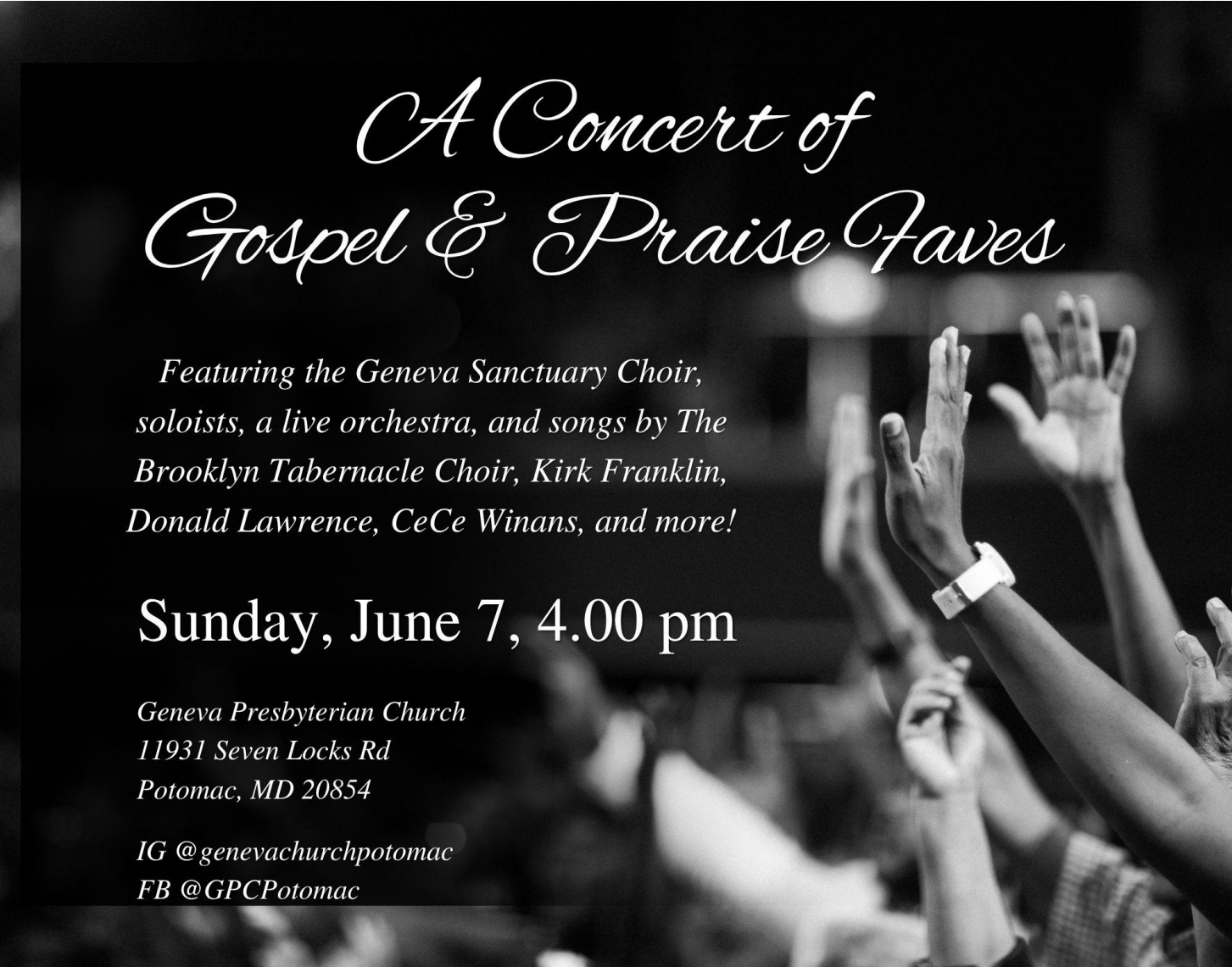
Names in bold are new prayer list additions.
The work, worship, pastor and leadership of Geneva.

Comfort for the Family and Friends of

Fred Brown, brother of Scott Brown;
Joe Morman, uncle of Robin Kough;
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;

Healing and Comfort for

The Khalil family;
Larry Maske, cousin of Ken Sprinkle, cancer
Karen Dove, friend of the McElwaines, health concerns;
Scott Brown, recent hernia surgery;
Hamed Moghaddam, health concerns;
Tim Davidson, brain tumor, uncle of Ben Shaver;
Stacey Mastrian, health concerns, friend and former professor of Ben Shaver;
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;
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;



A Concert of Gospel & Praise Faves

*Featuring the Geneva Sanctuary Choir,
soloists, a live orchestra, and songs by The
Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir, Kirk Franklin,
Donald Lawrence, CeCe Winans, and more!*

Sunday, June 7, 4.00 pm

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Geneva May



Neurodiverse Playdate
May 2nd
11-Noon



Youth Sunday
May 3rd
10:30-11:45



Joyful Noise Service
May 17th
9:30-10 AM



Adult Bible Study
May 6, 13, 20, 27
6:00 PM



Pentecost Service
May 24th
10:30-11:45



Childrens Chimes Practice
May 24th & 31st
During Sunday School



Church Picnic
May 31st
Following Worship

Today's Worship Leaders

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

Alice Franks, Lector; Tom Sadler, Zoom Host;

Sheri Sankey, Curtis Chimba, Audio/Visual

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