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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: Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

People: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

Leader: May the LORD give strength to his people!

People: May the LORD bless his people with peace!

– Psalm 29:1-2, 11

Opening Hymn

“Trading My Sorrows”

Chorus 1

I'm trading my sorrows
I'm trading my shame
I'm laying them down
For the joy of the Lord

Chorus 2

I'm trading my sickness
I'm trading my pain
I'm laying them down
For the joy of the Lord

Bridge

We Say
Yes Lord, yes Lord, yes, yes Lord!

Yes Lord, yes Lord, yes, yes Lord!
Yes Lord, yes Lord, yes, yes Lord!
Amen

Verse

I am pressed but not crushed
Persecuted not abandoned
Struck down but not destroyed
I am blessed beyond the curse
For His promise will endure
That His joy's gonna be my strength

Pre Chorus

Though the sorrow may last for the night
His joy comes with the morning

Call to Confession

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

Today we will read Psalm 51 responsively as our Prayer of Confession. Please open the pew Bible in front of you to pg. 452 or read the sanctuary screens. The Lector will read the odd verses and the congregation will read the even verses.

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Response *(music on the next page)*

582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Capo 3: (G) B $\flat$ (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)
F B $\flat$ F B $\flat$ 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 $\flat$ E $\flat$ B $\flat$ 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

Rain Down

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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)*

Blessed Jesus, Lamb and Word of God, pour out your Spirit upon us in fresh measure today. Open to us the holy scriptures which point the way to your kingdom, and which do not change. Guide us to receive, believe, and act upon all we hear today. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

1 Peter 1:14-16

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

2 Corinthians 7:8-13a

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

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.



Closing Hymn *(music on the next page)*

313 Lord, Make Us More Holy



1 Lord, make us more ho - ly; Lord, make us more ho - ly;
 2 Lord, make us more lov - ing; Lord, make us more lov - ing;
 3 Lord, make us more pa - tient; Lord, make us more pa - tient;
 4 Lord, make us more faith - ful; Lord, make us more faith - ful;



Lord, make us more ho - ly, un - til we meet a - gain:
 Lord, make us more lov - ing, un - til we meet a - gain:
 Lord, make us more pa - tient, un - til we meet a - gain:
 Lord, make us more faith - ful, un - til we meet a - gain:



ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, un - til we meet a - gain.
 lov - ing, lov - ing, lov - ing, un - til we meet a - gain.
 pa - tient, pa - tient, pa - tient, un - til we meet a - gain.
 faith - ful, faith - ful, faith - ful, un - til we meet a - gain.

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

Ron Hauber, friend of Sara Torrence
Adam Turck, acquaintance of Ben Shaver
Joan Snider Voith, sister-in-law of Elaine Winch
Jeanie Voith Bort, Aunt of Elaine (Voith) Winch
Bobbie Maxwell;
John Wright;
Tomoko Alexander, mother of Jeff Alexander;
Andy Sullivan, Friend of the McElwaine Family;
Michelle Wilson (husband, Myles, and son, Holden), friend of Tom Sadler;
Justin Pack, nephew of PJ Davis;

Healing and Comfort for

Melody Shaver, Ben's dog, compressed vertebrae;
Rev. Mary Pullen, cancer treatment;
Allyson McElwaine, health concerns;
Mike Sydoriak, health concerns;
Brian Rasmussen, Allyson McElwaine's uncle, hip surgery;
Victoria Winch, traveling mercies;
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;
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;



Wednesday Bible Study
THIS FALL

Dream Small:

The Secret Power of
the Ordinary Christian
Life

better dreams, not bigger



JOIN US WEDNESDAYS

6:00PM ON ZOOM

STARTING 9/10

Want to do some Ringing?!

Whether you're a seasoned musician or a beginner, the Bells of Geneva welcome you to try your hand at ringing! We provide guidance and mentorship for newcomers.



Performing with a handbell choir can be a rewarding way to contribute to community events, church services, or concerts, spreading joy and music to audiences.



If you're looking for a creative and engaging way to connect with others and enhance your musical journey, joining a handbell choir could be the perfect fit.

Join us on August 24th after church, from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.

There will also be a table set up in the sanctuary for you to try your hand at ringing *before and after* the service.

Homecoming Concert & Sing-a-long!

All are invited to come sing, dance, and have fun at this free concert with live singers and videos of some of our favorite songs from animated movies!

**September 6, 2025
4:00 – 5:00 p.m.**

**In the Sanctuary of
Geneva Presbyterian Church**



Today's Worship Leaders

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

Carl Perthel, *Lector*; Tom Sadler, *Zoom Host*

Sheri Sankey and Ken Sprinkle, *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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