

# THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN GENEVA

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*Inspired by the radical hospitality of Jesus Christ, The Presbyterian Church in Geneva welcomes all people into the life of the church regardless of sex, gender, sexual orientation, age, race, ethnicity, physical or mental ability, educational background, economic situation, or religious background.*

The Reverend Colin Pritchard, *Pastor*  
The Reverend W. James Gerling, *Pastor Emeritus*  
Richard Cox, *Director of Music, Adult Choir & Bells*  
Linda Cox, *Organist*

*The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of loved ones by Ti and Karl Siebert.*

September 26, 2021



we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,  
accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature,  
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.  
We deserve God's condemnation.  
Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.  
In everlasting love,  
the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people  
to bless all families of the earth.  
Hearing their cry,  
God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.  
Loving us still,  
God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.  
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,  
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,  
God is faithful still.  
  
With believers in every time and place,  
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death  
can separate us from the love of God  
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### Prayer for Illumination

May our hearts, minds, and lives be opened to the wisdom of The Word  
as it is shared in this place. Speak, O Spirit, into all that we are.

Scripture Readings     Genesis 4:1-17, 6:5-8, 7:1-5, 8:1, 9:7-17

Message

Stories Worth Repeating

### Prayers of the People (responsive)

One:            Let us pray for the needs of the church, the whole human family,  
and all the world, saying: **Hear our prayer.**

Many:          That churches of all traditions may discover their unity in Christ and  
exercise their gifts in service of all, we pray to you, O God: **Hear our  
prayer.**

One:            That the earth may be freed from war, famine, and disease, and the  
air, soil, and waters cleansed of poison, we pray to you, O God: **Hear  
our prayer.**

Many: That those who govern and maintain peace in every land may exercise their powers in obedience to your commands, we pray to you, O God: **Hear our prayer.**

One: That you will strengthen this nation to pursue just priorities so that the races may be reconciled; the young, educated; and the old, cared for; the hungry, filled; and the homeless, housed; and the sick, comforted and healed, we pray to you, O God: **Hear our prayer.**

Many: **That you will preserve all who live and work in this community in peace and safety, we pray to you, O God: Hear our prayer.**

One: That you will comfort and empower those who face any difficulty or trial: the sick, the disabled, the poor, the oppressed, those who grieve and those in prison, we pray to you, O God: **Hear our prayer.**

Many: **That you will accept our thanksgiving for all faithful servants of Christ now at rest, who, with us, await a new heaven and a new earth, your everlasting kingdom, we pray to you, O God: Hear our prayer.**

One: Merciful God, as a potter fashions a vessel from humble clay, you form us into a new creation. Shape us, day by day, through the cross of Christ your Son, until we pray as continually as we breathe and all our acts are prayer; through Jesus Christ and in the mystery of the Holy Spirit, we pray. **Amen.**

### The Lord's Prayer (unison)

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;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. **Amen.**

Moment for Mission/Time of Offering

Jennifer Brownell

\*Closing Hymn

*"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*

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### Blessing and Benediction

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

† Postlude

*"O Lord, We Praise You"* setting by Benjamin Culli

\*congregation standing (all who are able)

† If you need to leave at this time, please exit quietly through the back.

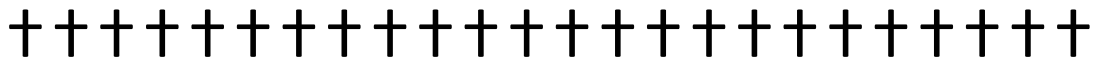
*Childcare is available in the nursery for children up to three years old for those attending the 10:30 service.*

*Rocking chairs are available in the south end of the vestibule for nursing mothers or parents with crying babies.*

*Reminders:*

*Our Fall food collection project will take place on the first two Sundays of October. Collection totes are located near the entrances. Items especially needed are: large cans/jars pasta sauce, hearty chicken noodle soup, canned fruit, cereal, boxed macaroni & cheese.*

*Peace and Global Witness Offering will be collected next Sunday.*



**This week at The Presbyterian Church in Geneva . . . . .**

- Today:*                      *Worship service in sanctuary, 8:15*  
                                    *Adult Education class in fellowship hall, 9:15*  
                                    *Sunday School, upstairs classrooms, 9:30*  
                                    *Worship service in sanctuary, 10:30*
- Monday, 9/27*              *Bell Choir rehearsal, 5:15*  
                                    *Mission & Social Concerns Committee meeting, 7:00*
- Tuesday, 9/28*            *Geneva Presbytery meeting, 1:00*
- Wednesday, 9/29*      *Self-Help Sewing class, fellowship hall, 9:00*
- Thursday, 9/30*  
*Friday, 10/1*  
*Saturday, 10/2*
- Sunday, 10/3*              *World Communion Sunday*  
                                    *Peace and Global Witness Offering*  
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