

8:30 AM WORSHIP AND PRAISE SERVICE

WORDS OF WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER	Pastor Beth Malone
† GATHERING SONGS “Whom Shall I Fear”	Praise Team
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE AND OPENING PRAYER	Pastor Beth Malone
† PASSING OF THE PEACE	Pastor Beth Malone
CHILDREN’S TIME <i>Children may leave for Junior Church following Children’s Time.</i>	Pastor Beth Malone
† WORSHIP SONGS “Blessed Be Your Name” “Who You Say I Am” “Endless Hallelujah”	Praise Team
SCRIPTURE READING People: Thanks be to God!	Luke 3:1-8a
MESSAGE “Practice Makes Perfect”	Pastor Beth Malone
HOLY COMMUNION	Pastor Beth Malone
JOYS AND CONCERNS AND THE LORD’S PRAYER	Pastor Beth Malone #895
ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY	Pastor Beth Malone
† CLOSING SONG “The Name of the Lord”	Praise Band
CLOSING PRAYER	Pastor Beth Malone
† WORDS TO LEAVE BY	Pastor Beth Malone

Please date and sign the friendship pad found at the center aisle end of the pew, next to the cushion.

† Please stand for these portions of the service if you are able.

WELCOME! If you come as a visitor, it is our hope you will leave as a friend! Whether you are a newcomer to the community or to GUMC, we feel honored to have you. We invite you to a time of fellowship in the Fellowship Hall between the worship services, at 9:30 am. We hope to see you next week at either our 8:30 am Worship and Praise Service, or our 10:30 am Traditional Service.



Support the mission and ministries of Geneseo UMC. In addition to traditional giving, we have an online giving option. Scan this QR code with your mobile phone’s camera to be taken to our giving page or visit www.geneseomethodist.org/giving-back-to-god.

10:30 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

CHIMES		Connor Ricotta
PRELUDE		Connor Ricotta
INTROIT	“Come, Thou Child of Light”	Senior Choir
WORDS OF WELCOME		Julie Buehler
CALL TO WORSHIP	<i>(read responsively)</i>	Julie Buehler
Lector: The Lord of hosts redeems us when we stray.		
People: With a mighty arm, God comes to save us.		
Lector: When God hid his face, we strayed. When God withdrew her presence, we stumbled.		
People: God has fed us with the bread of tears and given us tears to drink in full measure.		
Lector: Yet, through his Son, God calls us back from the pit and restores our future.		
People: God shines upon us with love, that we might be saved.		
Lector: Come! Let us worship.		
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE AND OPENING PRAYER		Julie Buehler
RESPONSE	“Light the Advent Candle”	TFWS #2090, v. 1
ANTHEM	“An Advent Prayer”	Senior Choir
† HYMN	“Come, Though Long-Expected Jesus”	#196
† PASSING OF THE PEACE		Pastor Beth Malone
CHILDREN’S MOMENT		Pastor Beth Malone
SCRIPTURE READING		Luke 3:1-8a
People: Thanks be to God!		
MESSAGE	“Practice Makes Perfect”	Pastor Beth Malone
HOLY COMMUNION		Pastor Beth Malone
OFFERING		Julie Buehler
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† OFFERING HYMN	by Leonard Sweet <i>(found in the front of your hymnal)</i>	
PRAYER OF DEDICATION	<i>(read in unison)</i>	Julie Buehler
You have enriched us in every way, O God, through our faith in Christ Jesus. You have granted us grace and blessed us with every spiritual gift.		
In gratitude for your many blessings, we offer our tithes and offerings this day. Enrich and bless these gifts, that they may go into the world and help build your kingdom. Amen.		
JOYS AND CONCERNS AND THE LORD’S PRAYER		Pastor Beth Malone
CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE		#895 #898

† CLOSING HYMN “All Earth is Waiting” #210, v. 1-4

ANNOUNCEMENTS Julie Buehler

BENEDICTION Pastor Beth Malone

† RESPONSE **Shalom (*peace*)**

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends.
May God’s full mercies bless you, my friends.
In all your living and through your loving,
Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

POSTLUDE Connor Ricotta

PRAYERS: For the family of Katie Cooper who passed away on
November 27th, just shy of her 103rd birthday.

PRAYERS FOR OUR HOMEBOUND: Joe Kane, Jane Krenzer, Shirley
Pascuzzo, Marion Taylor, and Ginny Youtzy

PRAYER ROOM: The Prayer Room (6A) is open for prayer at any time. You
may also drop off your prayer requests there at any time.

GUMC PRAYER CHAIN: Do you have a prayer request, joy or concern?
Call Carol Becker (243-2324), to activate the GUMC prayer chain.

Women’s Advent Service

Monday, December 4, 2023 - 7:00 pm

Pastor Beth invites all women to share in a sacred time of renewal to
prepare our hearts for Christmas. We will gather in the Sanctuary for a time
of quiet reflection, seasonal music, and calming readings, before the
busyness of the season takes off—a gift from Pastor Beth.

Wear comfortable clothes, your slippers if you’d like, and bring a scarf or
favorite textile to wrap yourself in. Invite a friend, sister, or bring your mom to
join in.

Adult Sunday School: Aren’t able to join in the Advent study on
Thursday or Friday? Here is your opportunity! Pastor Beth will be using our
Advent Study, ***All the Good: A Wesleyan Way of Christmas***, on the
second and fourth Sunday mornings at 9:30 am in the Wesley Room.

Take an Advent journey guided by the practices in John Wesley’s means
of grace. We will look at preparing the way for God, the impact and
significance of prayer, the substance of good works and caring for others,
and sharing God’s mission to the world. **Join us!**

Three hardcover editions of the **UWF group read, *Too Soon Old, Too
Late Smart***, are now available to check out from the UWF (United Women in
Faith, formerly United Methodist Women) book shelf in the Wesley Room.
Sign out a copy and come to our discussion on Saturday, February 3 at 9:30
am in the Wesley Room to share your thoughts.

**Celebrate Christmas
With Us!**
Let Heaven and Earth Rejoice!

HOLIDAY BAZAAR, Saturday, Dec. 2nd • 9am-2pm
WOMEN'S ADVENT SERVICE, Monday, Dec. 4th • 7pm
ECUMENICAL CHOIR CHRISTMAS CANTATA,
 Sunday, Dec. 17th • 2pm
SOUP SUPPER CHRISTMAS CAROL SING & COOKIE EXCHANGE,
 Thursday, Dec. 21st • 5pm
FAMILY CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE, Sunday, Dec. 24th • 6:30pm
CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE,
 Sunday, Dec. 24th • 10:00pm
WATCHNIGHT SERVICE & NEW YEAR'S EVE FELLOWSHIP,
 Sunday, Dec. 31st • 9:00pm-midnight

*Handicapped accessible with ample parking.
 Services looped for hearing impaired.*

Geneseo United Methodist Church
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 Rev. Beth Malone – pastor

Join us here, at Geneseo UMC, on **Sunday, December 17th** at 2:00 pm for **“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus,” a concert of carols and anthems of the holiday season.** This special concert will feature an ecumenical choir; brass; strings, vocalists and instrumentalists from the Eastman School of Music, Geneseo, and surrounding communities; and introducing the Geneseo United Methodist Church Youth Singers and Narrators!

The Geneseo United Women in Faith will host a cake and punch reception in the Fellowship Hall following the concert.

Admission is free! A free-will offering will be gratefully accepted to benefit the Geneseo Parish Outreach Center. Also, baskets will be located in the narthex to receive donations of non-parishable food items and paper goods for the Food Pantry.

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 12/10
 12/17

8:30 SERVICE
 Jim & Alice Barrett
 Kathy Rosier

10:00 SERVICE
 Doug & Nancy Meyer
 Ron & Marsha Merrick

Sunday, December 3 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 7:30 am Praise Team Warm-up
8:00 am The Prayer Room (6A) is open throughout the morning for a quiet time of prayer.
8:30 am PRAISE AND WORSHIP SERVICE – Sanctuary
9:30 am Fellowship Time – Fellowship Hall
9:35 am New Member Class - Pastor's Study
10:30 am TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE – Sanctuary

Monday, December 4

- 12:30 pm Lunch Good Grief - Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, December 6

- 8:00 am Prayer Breakfast – Wesley Room
11:00 am Morgan Estates Worship
6:00 pm Praise Band - Sanctuary
7:00 pm Senior Choir Practice - Fellowship Hall
8:00 pm Bell Choir Practice - Fellowship Hall

Thursday, December 7

- 6:30 pm Adult Study - Journey Through Advent - Wesley Room

Friday, December 8

- 10:00 am Adult Study - Journey Through Advent - Wesley Room
10:30 am Healthy Foods Workshop - Fellowship Hall
1:30 pm Adult Study - Journey Through Advent - Wesley Room

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9:30 am Fellowship Time – Fellowship Hall
9:35 am Adult Sunday School - Wesley Room
10:30 am TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE – Sanctuary

The Geneseo Parish Outreach Center, Inc. is open, by appointment at (585) 243-3120, Monday - Thursday, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm.

COMING SOON

- 11/28 Newsletter Assembly
12/12 Hooks and Needles Ministry
Board of Trustees
12/13 Finance Committee
12/16 Concert Practice
Dominoes Night
12/17 Youth Sunday School
A Concert of Carols and Anthems

MINISTER

Rev. Beth Malone

LAY LEADERS

Nurture - Judy Beeman
Witness – Peggy Oltz
Planning – Bill Lewis

SUPPORT TEAM

Administrative Assistant - Kathy Rosier
Custodian – Dave Woodworth
Nursery Attendant - Marissa Ross

MUSIC TEAM

Director of Music - Cynthia Towler
Accompanist – Connor Ricotta
Praise Team – Gwyneth Jones-Weninger
Bell Choir – Sandi Szymanski

LECTOR

10:30 - Julie Buehler

USHERS

8:30 - Doug McCoy
10:30 - Linda Parnell & Chad Putnam

Geneseo United Methodist Church

First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2023



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*Following in Jesus' footsteps as a
welcoming, caring, giving, and
prayerful community of faith.*

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

11:00 am - 4:30 pm, weekdays, except for Wednesdays

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REV. BETH MALONE

Pastor Beth would love to meet with you!

Please call to make an appointment.

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