

8:30 AM WORSHIP AND PRAISE SERVICE

WORDS OF WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER	Pastor Beth Malone
† GATHERING SONG “Angels We Have Heard on High”	Praise Team
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES AND OPENING PRAYER	Jim & Alice Barrett
† PASSING OF THE PEACE	Pastor Beth Malone
CHILDREN’S TIME <i>Children may leave for Sunday School following Children’s Time.</i>	Pastor Beth Malone
† WORSHIP SONGS “The First Noel” “O Come All Ye Faithful” “Born Is the King (It’s Christmas)”	Praise Team
SCRIPTURE READING People: Thanks be to God!	Luke 1:26-56
MESSAGE “Joy-filled Acts of Mercy”	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 “God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen (He Has Come)”	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 Joy”	Senior Choir
WORDS OF WELCOME		Peggy Oltz
CALL TO WORSHIP	<i>(read responsively)</i>	Peggy Oltz
	Lector: When the Lord restores our fortunes, People: we are like those who dream.	
	Lector: Our mouths are filled with laughter; People: our hearts sing with shouts of joy.	
	Lector: Worship the Lord of our salvation. People: Worship the Lord!	
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES AND OPENING PRAYER		Peggy Oltz
RESPONSE	“Light the Advent Candle”	TFWS #2090, v. 1-3
ANTHEM	“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”	Senior Choir
† HYMN	“The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy”	#2098 TFWS
† PASSING OF THE PEACE		Pastor Beth Malone
CHILDREN’S MOMENT		Pastor Beth Malone
SCRIPTURE READING		Luke 1:26-56
	People: Thanks be to God!	
MESSAGE	“Joy-filled Acts of Mercy”	Pastor Beth Malone
OFFERING		Peggy Oltz
	<i>Please date and sign the friendship pad found at the center aisle end of the pew, next to the cushion.</i>	
† OFFERING HYMN	by Leonard Sweet <i>(found in the front of your hymnal)</i>	
PRAYER OF DEDICATION	<i>(read in unison)</i>	Peggy Oltz
	God of peace, you have restored our hope and sanctified our dreams.	
	May this offering express the joy we feel for the gift of your salvation.	
	May our gifts reflect our wonder and gratitude for being clothed in the garments of salvation and the robes of righteousness.	
	May our tithes and our very lives help restore the dreams of the downhearted, and fill the hungry with good things.	
	Amen.	
JOYS AND CONCERNS AND THE LORD’S PRAYER		Pastor Beth Malone #895
CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE		#898
† CLOSING HYMN	“Joy to the World”	#246

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Peggy Oltz

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 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.

USHERS 8:30 SERVICE

12/24

no early service

12/31

Bill Lewis

10:00 SERVICE

Chad Putnam & Brenda Mastin

Ray Ingram & Fred Parker

The 2024 Geneseo UMC Birthday/Anniversary Calendars have arrived! They are available from the table outside the sanctuary.

Please, help us save the postage, and pick yours up today. If you've been inundated with calendars and don't wish to take yours home, find yours in the box and cross off your name (that way we know not to send it to you).

We ask, if you are able, to make a modest \$10 donation. All proceeds help support our mission partners through the Benevolence budget.



Join us here, at Geneseo UMC, on **TODAY, 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.**



Holiday Services

Coming Together Services

Sunday, December 24th (Christmas Eve Day)

and

Sunday, December 31st (New Year's Eve Day)

10:00 am (no early service)

Christmas Eve Services

6:30 pm - Family Service

10:00 pm - Candlelight Service

New Year's Eve

9:00 pm - Watchnight Service

9:30 pm - New Year's Eve Party and Game Night



Sunday, December 17 THIRD 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
8:45 am Children's & Youth Sunday School - Rooms 3 & 8
9:30 am Fellowship Time – Fellowship Hall
10:30 am TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE – Sanctuary
11:30 am Concert Practice - Fellowship Hall & Sanctuary
2:00 pm A Concert of Carols and Anthems - Sanctuary
Followed by a reception in the Fellowship Hall

Monday, December 18

- 12:30 pm Lunch Good Grief - Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, December 19

- 9:00 am Praying Grandparents - Wesley Room
6:30 pm Church Leaders Christmas Party - Malone's

Wednesday, December 20

- 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 21

- 5:00 pm Soup Supper and Program - Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm Adult Study - Journey Through Advent - Wesley Room

Friday, December 22

- 10:00 am Adult Study - Journey Through Advent - Wesley Room
1:30 pm Adult Study - Journey Through Advent - Wesley Room

Sunday, December 24 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 8:00 am The Prayer Room (6A) is open throughout the morning for a quiet time of prayer.
10:00 am COMING TOGETHER WORSHIP SERVICE – Sanctuary
11:00 am Fellowship Time – Fellowship Hall
10:30 am TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE – Sanctuary
6:30 pm Family Christmas Eve Service - Sanctuary
10:00 pm Candlelight Christmas Eve 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

- 12/25-28 Office Closed
12/31 New Year's Eve Coming Together Worship Service
Watchnight Service
New Year's Eve Party

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-Wenninger
Bell Choir – Sandi Szymanski

LECTOR 10:30 AM

Peggy Oltz

USHERS

8:30 - Bruce & Kathy Rosier
10:30 - Ron & Marsha Merrick

Geneseo United Methodist Church

Third Sunday of Advent

December 17, 2023



THIRD 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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