

# Christmas Eve Family Worship Service

December 24, 2023

6:30 pm

✦ GATHERING SONG Praise Band  
"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

WORDS OF WELCOME Pastor Beth Malone  
When all other lights go out... a light shines in the darkness.  
When all other hopes fade away... a new hope is born.  
When all other songs are stilled... an angel chorus breaks forth.  
Rejoice, tonight is a night of miracles.

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE Kathy Rosier

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

GIFT OF CHILDREN'S CHOIR  
"Angel Band/Chatter with the Angels"  
"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN Pastor Beth Malone

✦ CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SONGS Praise Band  
"Away in a Manger"  
"He Has Come for Us (God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen)"  
"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

CHRISTMAS EVE HOMILY Pastor Beth Malone

CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS WITH HOLY COMMUNION

SPECIAL MUSIC Tom, Jake, and Ryan Porter  
"Little Drummer Boy"

EVENING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Pastor Beth Malone

CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING  
PRAYER OF DEDICATION

✦ RECEIVING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST (*lighting of our candles*)  
*The pastor will light her candle from the Christ candle and will move down the center aisle lighting the candles of the people seated at the end of each pew. Each worshipper will turn and light the candle of the person seated next to him/her.*

✦ HYMN "Silent Night" Praise Band  
*You may extinguish your candle after the hymn and return it to the table by the doors as you leave the sanctuary.*

✦ Please stand for these portions of the service if possible.

✦ We would like to thank Rev. Beth Malone and our musicians, Gwyneth Jones-Wenninger, Jim Varner, and the Praise Band, for leading the worship service tonight and for sharing their Christmas Eve with us.

Thank you for joining us tonight as we celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. We invite you to worship with us next Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup> at a special New Year's "Eve" Coming Together service, beginning at 10:00 am, and continue to worship with us on Sundays at our 8:30 Worship and Praise Service or our 10:30 Traditional Service.

## 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* – Jim Varner

*Praise Team* – Gwyneth Jones-

Wenninger

*Bell Choir* – Sandi Szymanski



## *Holiday Services*

### *Coming Together Service*

*Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup> (New Year's Eve Day)*

*10:00 am (no early service)*

### *New Year's Eve*

*9:00 pm - Watchnight Service*

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

Snacks, board games, and kid-friendly movies in the Fellowship Hall.  
A terrific way to ring in the new year!



## Geneseo United Methodist Church



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