

# Christmas Eve Service

December 24, 2023

10:00 pm

PRELUDE	Connor Ricotta
INTROIT	Senior Choir; Elizabeth Mayo, harp "The Child Who Was Born to be King"
CHRISTMAS EVE GREETING	Rev. Beth Malone
CALL TO WORSHIP	Rev. Beth Malone
Leader: The night was dark.	
<b>People: A baby lay in a manger.</b>	
Leader: The night was still.	
<b>People: Angels sang to shepherds.</b>	
Leader: The night was expectant.	
<b>People: God's glory shone brightly.</b>	
Leader: On this night,	
<b>People: let us rejoice in the gift of love.</b>	
PRAYER FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON	Rev. Beth Malone
ANTHEM	Senior Choir; Elizabeth Mayo, harp "Away in the Manger"
LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE	Doug & Mary Jo Johnson
SPECIAL MUSIC	Righteous Ringers "Bring A Torch Jeanette Isabella" "He Is Born"
PRAYER OF DEDICATION	Rev. Beth Malone
OFFERING HYMN	Righteous Ringers "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child"

# Christmas Readings and Carols

FIRST LESSON	<b>Isaiah 9:2-7</b>	Bill Lewis
CAROL	"O Come, All Ye Faithful"	<b>#234, v. 1, 3</b>
SECOND LESSON	<b>Luke 1:26-38</b>	Pastor Beth
CAROL	"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"	<b>#211, v.1, 2, 4</b>
3RD LESSON	<b>Luke 2:1-14</b>	Bill Lewis
CAROL	"O Little Town of Bethlehem"	<b>#230</b>
4TH LESSON	<b>Luke 2:15-20</b>	Pastor Beth
CAROL	"The First Noel"	<b>#245, v. 1 - 2</b>

## PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

HOLY COMMUNION

Rev. Beth Malone  
Elizabeth Mayo, harp

PASTOR'S BLESSING

Rev. Beth Malone

## ✦ 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"

**#239**  
Elizabeth Mayo, Harp

*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.

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.

We would like to thank Rev. Beth Malone and Cynthia Towler and the Senior Choir; Sandi Szymanski and the Righteous Ringers; Elizabeth Mayo; Doug and Mary Jo Johnson, Bill Lewis; and Henry Kelsey and Matthew Rosier, Acolytes, for leading the worship service tonight and for sharing their Christmas Eve with us.



## 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!

#### 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-

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*Bell Choir* - Sandi Szymanski

# Geneseo United Methodist Church



For God so loved the world  
that he gave his only Son

John 3:16

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