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

Christmas Readings and Carols

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| <i>FIRST LESSON</i> CAROL | <i>Isaiah 9:2-7</i> "O Come, All Ye Faithful" | <i>Bill Lewis</i> #234, v. 1, 3 |
| SECOND LESSON CAROL "(| V <i>Luke 1:26-38</i> D Come, O Come, Emmanuel" | Pastor Beth #211, v.1, 2, 4 |
| <i>3RD LESSON</i> CAROL | <i>Luke 2:1-14</i> "O Little Town of Bethlehem" | Bill Lewis #230 |
| <i>4TH LESSON</i> CAROL | <i>Luke 2:15-20</i> "The First Noel" | Pastor Beth #245, v. 1 - 2 |
| PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST | | |
| HOLY COMMUNIC | | ev. Beth Malone beth Mayo, harp |
| PASTOR'S BLESSING F | | ev. 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. | | |
| | "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 31st 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.

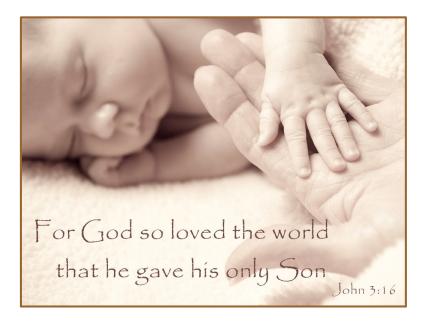


Coming Together Service Sunday, December 31st (New Year's Eve Day) 10:00 am (no early service)

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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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

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