

Coming Together Worship Service

December 31, 2023

10:00 am

PRELUDE Connor Ricotta

WORDS OF WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER Sue Arney

Almighty creator, we come to shout and rejoice in the wonderful gift of your Son for our world.

It is a miracle that fills our lives with your glory.

On this last day of the year, may our celebration honor the good we have received from your hand, even as we look forward to walking faithfully with you in the year ahead.

As those who came before us, we will not be silent in our love for you; we will not mute our pure joy for what you have brought to our lives. Amen.

ANTHEM "The Child Who Is Born to be King" Senior Choir
Composed in honor of Brad & Jean Farthing.

GREET ONE ANOTHER WITH THE PEACE OF CHRIST THIS NEW YEAR'S EVE

† PRAISE MUSIC Praise Band
"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"

SCRIPTURE **Luke 2:22-40**
People: Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE "God's Plan Revealed" Pastor Beth Malone

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

† OFFERING HYMN by Leonard Sweet
(found in the front of your hymnal)

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION Sue Arney
God of the heavens and the earth, we come before you in celebration, bringing gifts for those who cannot celebrate with us.

Our songs of praise are for your name and honor.

May these gifts give others the opportunity to sing praises to your name as they come to know the endless love you have for each of your children. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Pastor Beth Malone #895

† CLOSING HYMN "Love Came Down at Christmas" #242

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

† 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

† *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.

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.

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).

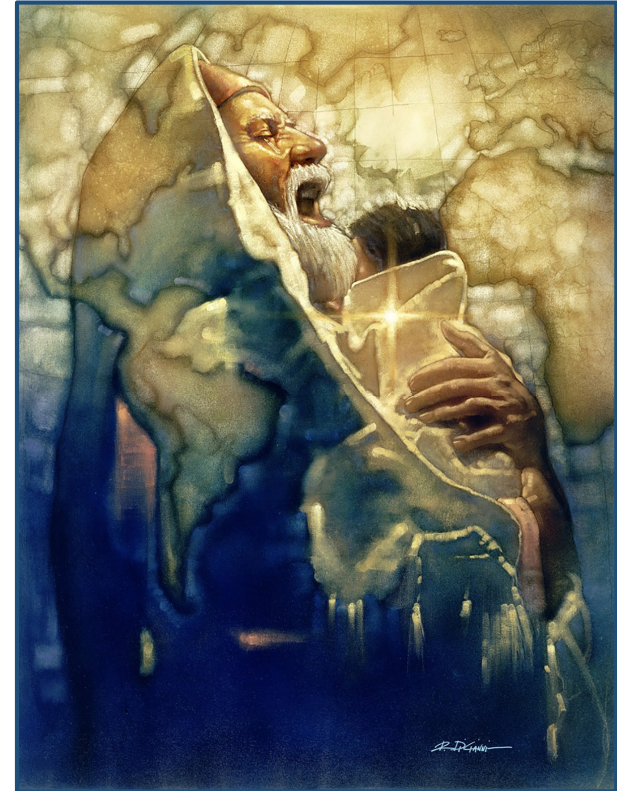
We ask, if you are able, to make a modest \$10 donation. All proceeds help support our mission partners through the Benevolence budget.

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8:30 SERVICE
Ken & Julia Hathaway

10:00 SERVICE
Fred Parker & Brenda Mastin

Geneseo United Methodist Church



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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.

PHONE: (585) 721-0661

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Simeon's Moment: Artwork by Ron DiCianni. To hold the Son of God in your arms has to be an awesome experience! For Simeon it was indeed the moment of a lifetime as it showed the fulfillment of God's promise to him and to the world. Simeon's Moment speaks to the joy and elation that Simeon must have felt at seeing that prophecy fulfilled. This painting powerfully displays the moment that Simeon had lived his life for.

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

DEC. 31 - JAN. 7

Sunday, December 31 NEW YEAR'S EVE

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

9:00 pm WATCHNIGHT SERVICE - Sanctuary

9:30 pm New Year's Eve Family Party/Game Night - Fellowship Hall

Monday - Wednesday, January 1 - 3 OFFICE CLOSED

Kathy Rosier will be on vacation and the office will be closed January 1-3. Pastor Beth will be available by phone at (585) 721-0661 in case of emergency.

Wednesday, January 3

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, January 4

10:00 am Parish Welcoming Committee - Wesley Room

Friday, January 5

1:00 pm Panic & Anxiety Support Group - Room 3

Saturday January 6 EPIPHANY

9:30 am UWF Reading Group - Wesley Room

Sunday, January 7

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 New Member Class - Pastor's Study

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

1/9 Hooks and Needles Ministries

No Board of Trustees meeting this month

1/10 Finance Committee