

8:30 AM WORSHIP AND PRAISE SERVICE

WORDS OF WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER	Pastor Beth Malone
† GATHERING SONG "Here I Am to Worship"	Praise Band
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE AND OPENING PRAYER	Pastor Beth Malone
† PASSING OF THE PEACE	Pastor Beth Malone
CHILDREN'S TIME	Pastor Beth Malone
† WORSHIP SONGS "Thank You Lord" "You Are My King (Amazing Love)" "Take Our Bread"	Praise Band
SCRIPTURE READING People: Thanks be to God!	John 1:14
MESSAGE "The Face of God"	Pastor Beth Malone
HOLY COMMUNION	Pastor Beth Malone
OFFERING <i>Please date and sign the friendship pad found at the center aisle end of the pew, next to the cushion.</i>	Pastor Beth Malone
PRAYER OF DEDICATION <i>(read in unison)</i> We thank you, God, for the joy we feel this day. We are blessed by this community of love, this sanctuary of acceptance. We place our trust in you, knowing that you care for us. With deep gratitude for all you provide to us, we offer our gifts to you. Amen.	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 "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"	Praise Band
† CLOSING PRAYER	Pastor Beth Malone

† ***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.

10:30 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

CHIMES		Connor Ricotta
PRELUDE		Connor Ricotta
INTROIT	“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”	Senior Choir
WORDS OF WELCOME		Julie Buehler
CALL TO WORSHIP	<i>(read responsively)</i>	Julie Buehler
Lector:	As we journey through the Sundays of Advent, listen to the promises of God:	
People:	a righteous branch springs forth,	
Lector:	a promise of justice and righteousness,	
People:	a promise of safety.	
Lector:	Listen to the promise of Jesus:	
People:	the kingdom of God draws near.	
Lector:	Keep alert; watch for signs of hope.	
People:	Our Advent journey begins.	
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE AND OPENING PRAYER		The Buehler Family
OPENING PRAYER	<i>(read in unison)</i>	Pastor Beth Malone
	God of every season, as we begin our journey through Advent, turn our hearts toward you. Guide us into your realm of peace and joy.	
	Teach us to set aside our worries, as we walk in faithfulness and trust.	
	May the love within us be born anew.	
	Come, Lord Jesus; come to us now, we pray. Amen.	
ANTHEM	“Bring Us Hope”	Senior Choir
† CAROL	“Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus”	#196
† PASSING OF THE PEACE		Pastor Beth Malone
CHILDREN’S TIME		Pastor Beth Malone
SCRIPTURE READING		John 1:14
	People: Thanks be to God!	
MESSAGE	“The Face of God”	Pastor Beth Malone
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OFFERING		Julie Buehler
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† OFFERING HYMN	by Leonard Sweet	<i>(found in the front of your hymnal)</i>
PRAYER OF DEDICATION	<i>(read in unison)</i>	Julie Buehler
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We place our trust in you, knowing that you care for us.

With deep gratitude for all you provide to us, we offer our gifts to you. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER #895
CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #898

† CAROL "All Earth Is Waiting" #210

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY Julie Buehler

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

PRAYER REQUESTS: Ray Salters, Ron Huff, and Joan Pope.

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR: Brad Farthing, Vineta Johnson, Joe Kane, Jane Krenzer, Shirley Pascuzzo, Marion Taylor, and Ginny Youtzy

PRAYER ROOM: Our Prayer Room (Room 2) is a space for quiet, private contemplation. It is open for your use on Sunday mornings (except when the Youth Choir is practicing) and whenever the church building is open.

GUMC PRAYER CHAIN: Do you have a prayer request, joy or concern? Call Brenda Mastin (443-9132), to activate the GUMC prayer chain.



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MINISTER

Rev. Beth Malone

LAY LEADERS

Bill Lewis
Peggy Oltz

SUPPORT TEAM

Administrative Assistant - Kathy Rosier
Custodian - Dave Woodworth
Nursery Attendant - Marissa Ross

MUSIC TEAM

Director of Music - Cynthia Towler
Accompanist - Connor Ricotta
Praise Band - Randy Bigelow
Bell Choir - Sandi Szymanski
Youth Choir - Beth Feuerstein

LECTOR-10:30

Julie Buehler

USHERS

8:30 - Lynne Heineman
10:30 - Charlie & Carol Becker

The annual Geneseo United Methodist Church Birthday/Anniversary Calendar is here! Help us save postage by picking up your copy from the table outside the sanctuary. If you already have a plethora of calendars, and don't want a GUMC one, please find your calendar and cross out your name (so we don't mail it to you).

Join us for an Advent study, *Because of Bethlehem*, by Max Lucado: Christmas begins what Easter celebrates. The child in the cradle becomes the King on the cross. Because of Bethlehem, we have a Savior in heaven. These are the heart shaping promises of Christmas. Long after the guests have left, the carolers have gone home, and the lights have come down, these promises endure.

Max Lucado's words will encourage, captivate and inspire you, but most importantly, they'll point you towards the One worth celebrating.

Classes begin on Friday, November 29th at 10:00 am and 1:00 pm, and on Sunday, December 1st at 9:35 am. Indicate your interest in attending on the sign-up sheet found on the table outside the sanctuary.

Have you counted your shoes yet? Between now and the **deadline of December 14th, count the number of pairs of shoes** that you own, and donate \$2/pair (there's a \$50 limit, but you can ignore that if you like) to the Parish Outreach Center **FOOD PANTRY**. Email a picture of your most interesting, unusual, or favorite pair to the office to share!

Donation checks may be made out to **"Parish Outreach Center," with "FOOD PANTRY" in the memo line.** (It must say "food pantry" in order to credit towards the pantry.)

Farthing's Fabulous Flowers: Brad Farthing will have a wonderful selection of artificial flower arrangements for sale, perfect for the holiday season, available in the Fellowship Hall TODAY, December 1st. All proceeds will be donated to the Geneseo Parish Outreach Center.

Save the date of **December 11th for the United Women in Faith's annual organizational meeting** at 9:30 am. The agenda includes choosing officers, the 2025 UWF budget, and hearing the Bazaar report.

USHERS	8:30 SERVICE	10:30 SERVICE
12/8	Jerry & Linda Weaver	Chad Putnam & Ray Ingram
12/15	Bruce & Kathy Rosier	Linda Parnell & Brenda Mastin

LECTORS (10:30)	
12/8	Nancy Meyer
12/15	Carol Carey

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

DECEMBER 1 - 8

Sunday, December 1 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30 am Praise Team Warm-up

8:00 am The Prayer Room (Room 2) is open throughout the morning for a quiet time of prayer.

8:30 am WORSHIP & PRAISE SERVICE – Sanctuary

9:30 am Fellowship Hour – Fellowship Hall

10:30 am TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE – Sanctuary

Monday, December 2

9 am-3 pm Greens Room Prep - Room 2

12:30 pm Lunch Good Grief - Fellowship Hall

7:00 pm Women's Advent Service - Sanctuary

Tuesday, December 3

9 am-3 pm Greens Room Prep - Room 2

10:00 am Adult Study, *Disciple I* - Youth Room

Wednesday, December 4

8:00 am Prayer Breakfast – Fellowship Hall

9 am-3 pm Greens Room Prep - Room 2

9:30 am Bazaar Sewing and Crafting Group – Fellowship Hall

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 - Fellowship Hall

Thursday, December 5

9 am-3 pm Greens Room Prep - Room 2

10:00 am Adult Study, *Because of Bethlehem* - Wesley Room

1:00 pm Adult Study, *Because of Bethlehem* - Wesley Room

Friday, December 6 (OFFICE CLOSED)

9:00 am Bazaar Setup - everywhere!

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

Saturday, December 7

9:00 am HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Sunday, December 8 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30 am Praise Team Warm-up

8:00 am The Prayer Room (Room 2) is open throughout the morning for a quiet time of prayer.

8:30 am WORSHIP & PRAISE SERVICE – Sanctuary

9:30 am Fellowship Hour – Fellowship Hall

9:35 am Adult Sunday School, *Because of Bethlehem* - Wesley Room

Youth Choir - Room 2

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

12/10 Hooks and Needles Ministries
Worship Committee

12/11 United Women in Faith meeting
Finance Committee

12/14 Choir Rehearsal

12/15 "Sing Joy" Concert

Geneseo United Methodist Church



Following in Jesus' footsteps as a
welcoming, caring, giving, and
prayerful community of faith.

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
November 24, 2024

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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