

## **8:30 AM WORSHIP AND PRAISE SERVICE**

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| WORDS OF WELCOME<br>AND OPENING PRAYER  | Pastor Beth Malone                             |
| † GATHERING SONGS<br>“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”<br>“We Bow Down”  | Praise Band                                    |
| LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES<br>AND ADVENT SONG   | Pastor Beth Malone<br><b>#2090 TFWS, v 1-2</b> |
| † PASSING OF THE PEACE  | Pastor Beth Malone                             |
| CHILDREN’S TIME   | Pastor Beth Malone                             |
| † WORSHIP SONGS<br>“Go Tell It on the Mountain”<br>“My Life Is in You, Lord”<br>“For Unto Us a Child is Born”   | Praise Band                                    |
| SCRIPTURE READING<br><b>People: Thanks be to God!</b>   | <b>Luke 1:46-55</b>                            |
| MESSAGE<br>“Worship and Wonder”   | Pastor Beth Malone                             |
| OFFERING<br><i>Please date and sign the friendship pad found at the<br/>    center aisle end of the pew, next to the cushion.</i>   | Pastor Beth Malone                             |
| PRAYER OF DEDICATION ( <i>read in unison</i> )<br><b>Merciful God, you have richly blessed our lives with love<br/>    and bounty beyond measure.</b><br><b>Bless these gifts we return to you now, that they may<br/>    bestow the same richness of your love and grace in the<br/>    world. Amen.</b> | Pastor Beth Malone                             |
| JOYS AND CONCERNS AND<br>THE LORD’S PRAYER  | Pastor Beth Malone<br><b>#895</b>              |
| ANNOUNCEMENTS AND<br>OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY   | Pastor Beth Malone                             |
| † CLOSING SONG<br>“Joy to the World”  | 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**

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| CHIMES  |  | Connor Ricotta                                   |
| PRELUDE   |  | Connor Ricotta                                   |
| INTROIT   | “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”   | Senior Choir                                     |
| WORDS OF WELCOME  |  | Nancy Meyer                                      |
| CALL TO WORSHIP   | <i>(read responsively)</i>   | Nancy Meyer                                      |
|   | Lector: How shall we prepare for the coming of the Lord?   |  |
|   | <b>People: With hearts filled with love and peace.</b>   |  |
|   | Lector: How shall we prepare for the coming of Christ?   |  |
|   | <b>People: With prayers filled with adoration and devotion.</b>  |  |
|   | Lector: How shall we prepare for the coming of our savior?   |  |
|   | <b>People: With songs filled with joy and hope.</b>  |  |
|   | Lector: How shall we prepare for the coming of God’s Son?  |  |
|   | <b>People: With worship filled with passion and spirit.</b>  |  |
| LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES<br>AND ADVENT SONG                     |  | Doug & Nancy Meyer<br><b>#2090 TFWS, v 1-2</b>   |
| OPENING PRAYER  | <i>(read in unison)</i>  | Pastor Beth Malone                               |
|   | <b>God of our deliverance, you meet us in our need. You fill the valleys of our insecurities with hope and bring low the mountains of our pride and conceit.</b> |  |
|   | <b>As we await your Son and the glory of your salvation, guide our feet in the ways of peace. Amen.</b>  |  |
| ANTHEM  | “An Advent Prayer”   | Senior Choir                                     |
| † CAROL   | “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”   | <b>#211</b>                                      |
| † PASSING OF THE PEACE  |  | Pastor Beth Malone                               |
| CHILDREN’S TIME   |  | Pastor Beth Malone                               |
| SCRIPTURE READING   |  | <b>Luke 1:46-55</b>                              |
|   | <b>People: Thanks be to God!</b>   |  |
| MESSAGE   | “Worship and Wonder”   | Pastor Beth Malone                               |
| OFFERING  |  | Nancy Meyer                                      |
|   | <i>Please date and sign the friendship pad found at the center aisle end of the pew, next to the cushion.</i>  |  |
| † OFFERING HYMN   | by Leonard Sweet <i>(found in the front of your hymnal)</i>  |  |
| PRAYER OF DEDICATION  | <i>(read in unison)</i>  | Nancy Meyer                                      |
|   | <b>Merciful God, you have richly blessed our lives with love and bounty beyond measure.</b>  |  |
|   | <b>Bless these gifts we return to you now, that they may bestow the same richness of your love and grace in the world. Amen.</b>                                 |  |
| JOYS AND CONCERNS AND<br>THE LORD’S PRAYER<br>CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE |  | Pastor Beth Malone<br><b>#895</b><br><b>#898</b> |

† CAROL "Like a Child" #2092 TFWS  
ANNOUNCEMENTS AND Nancy Meyer  
OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY  
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, Joan Pope, and Vineta Johnson

**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.



Support the 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](http://www.geneseomethodist.org/giving-back-to-god).

**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).

**Last Chance Bazaar Sale:** There's still time to buy Christmas gifts, lovingly hand-crafted by our Bazaar Ladies. Visit us in the Fellowship Hall today before everything is packed away!

**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**

Nancy Meyer

**USHERS**

8:30 - Jerry & Linda Weaver  
10:30 - Chad Putnam & Ray Ingram

**Have you counted your shoes yet?** This is your last chance! The **deadline for this fun fundraiser for the Parish Outreach Center's Food Pantry is December 14<sup>th</sup>**. 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.)

All women of the church are invited to **the United Women in Faith's annual organizational meeting on Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>** at 9:30 am. The agenda includes choosing officers, the 2025 UWF budget, and hearing the Bazaar report.

## Sing Joy

**Sunday, Decmeber 15th, 2:00 pm**

A concert of carols and anthems for Christmas, featuring the Ecumenical Chorus, musicians from the Eastman School of Music, and vocalists from the Geneseo area community. Directed by our own Cynthia Towler, and accompanied by Connor Ricotta. The concert will be followed by a reception, hosted by the United Women in Faith, in the Fellowship Hall

## Have You Seen the Nativity?

**December 15th - 29th**

Pastor Beth has been collecting Nativity scenes for many years from all over the world, and this Christmas season she will display them in the Fellowship Hall from. In appreciation a donation benefitting the church may be made in the box.

## Christmas Caroling at Morgan Estates

**Wednesday, December 18th, 10:30 am**

All Welcome! Wearing your most festive attire (jingle bells a must). We will meet at Morgan Estates at 10:30 to lead the residents in a time of singing Christmas Carols.

## Soup Supper Carol Sing and Cookie Exchange

**Thursday, December 19, 5:00 pm**

Join us for our annual Carol Sing and Cookie Exchange! Partake in a delicious meal of homemade soups, salad, breads and desserts, and enjoy Christmas favorites as we sing carols to ring in the season, and take home a plate of assorted cookies!

We ask is that you bring a dozen (or more) of your favorite cookies (if you are able) for the Cookie Exchange. Don't worry if you're not able to make cookies. There will be enough to share!

## **CHURCH HAPPENINGS**

**DECEMBER 8 - 15**

### **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**

### **Monday, December 9**

- 12:30 pm Lunch Good Grief - Fellowship Hall

### **Tuesday, December 10**

- 10:00 am Adult Study, *Disciple I* - Youth Room  
1:30 pm Hooks and Needles Ministries - Wesley Room  
1:30 pm Worship Team - Room 3  
*No Board of Trustees meeting this month*

### **Wednesday, December 11**

- 8:00 am Prayer Breakfast – Fellowship Hall  
9:30 am United Women in Faith – Fellowship Hall  
10:00 am Bazaar Clean-up & Sewing Machine Repair - Fellowship Hall  
5:00 pm Finance Committee - Room 3  
6:00 pm Praise Band - Sanctuary  
7:00 pm Senior Choir Practice - Fellowship Hall  
8:00 pm Bell Choir - Fellowship Hall

### **Friday, December 13**

- 10:00 am Adult Study, *Because of Bethlehem* - Wesley Room  
1:00 pm Adult Study, *Because of Bethlehem* - Wesley Room

### **Saturday, December 14**

- 9:00 am Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary

### **Sunday, December 15 THIRD 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**

- 8:45 am Sunday School, PreK-2 - Room 8  
Sunday School, gr 3-6 - Room 3  
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**

- 2:00 pm “Sing Joy” Concert - Sanctuary**

The Geneseo Parish Outreach Center, Inc. is open, by appointment at (585) 243-3120, Monday - Thursday, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm.

#### **USHERS**

- 12/15 Bruce & Kathy Rosier  
12/22 Bob Taylor

#### **8:30 SERVICE**

#### **10:30 SERVICE**

- Linda Parnell & Brenda Mastin  
Doug & Nancy Meyer

#### **LECTORS (10:30)**

- 12/15 Carol Carey  
12/22 Shiela Swanger

# Geneseo United Methodist Church



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

Second Sunday of Advent  
December 8, 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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