

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

WORDS OF WELCOME  
AND OPENING PRAYER Pastor Beth Malone

† GATHERING SONGS Praise Band  
“The Heart of Worship”  
“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES Pastor Beth Malone  
AND ADVENT SONG **#2090 TFWS, v 1-3**

† PASSING OF THE PEACE Pastor Beth Malone

CHILDREN’S TIME Pastor Beth Malone

† WORSHIP SONGS Praise Band  
“It Came upon the Midnight Clear”  
“Grace Like Rain”  
“Angels We Have Heard on High”

SCRIPTURE READING **Luke 2:4-20**  
**People: Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE “To Journey with Jesus” Pastor Beth Malone

OFFERING Pastor Beth Malone  
*Please date and sign the friendship pad found at the  
center aisle end of the pew, next to the cushion.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*read in unison*) Pastor Beth Malone  
**Abundant God, we give you thanks for these gifts. May  
you bless them and use them to feed the hungry, clothe the  
naked, and bring comfort to those in need.**  
**And may we offer our very selves as we proclaim your  
good news of love and grace for all people. Amen.**

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND Pastor Beth Malone  
OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

† CLOSING SONG Praise Band  
“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”

† 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   | “O Come, All Ye Faithful”  | Righteous Ringers                                    |
| WORDS OF WELCOME                                  |  | Carol Carey  |
| CALL TO WORSHIP                                   | <i>(read responsively)</i>   | Carol Carey  |
|   | Lector: Rejoice, for God is here!  |  |
|   | <b>People: God is our strength and our light.</b>  |  |
|   | Lector: Let us give thanks to God.   |  |
|   | <b>People: We will sing praises for all the earth to hear!</b>   |  |
| LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES<br>AND ADVENT SONG |  | Carol Carey & Bill Lewis<br><b>#2090 TFWS, v 1-3</b> |
| OPENING PRAYER                                    | <i>(read in unison)</i>  | Pastor Beth Malone                                   |
|   | <b>Holy One, open our ears to receive your word. Open our hearts to receive your presence. And open our hands to do your work in the world. Amen.</b>              |  |
| ANTHEM  | “Behold That Star”   | Senior Choir   |
| † CAROL   | “O Little Town of Bethlehem”   | <b>#230</b>  |
| † PASSING OF THE PEACE                            |  | Pastor Beth Malone                                   |
| CHILDREN’S TIME                                   |  | Pastor Beth Malone                                   |
| SCRIPTURE READING                                 |  | <b>Luke 2:4-20</b>                                   |
|   | <b>People: Thanks be to God!</b>   |  |
| MESSAGE   | “To Journey with Jesus”  | Pastor Beth Malone                                   |
| OFFERING  |  | Carol Carey  |
|   | <i>Please date and sign the friendship pad found at the center aisle end of the pew, next to the cushion.</i>  |  |
| OFFERTORY   | “Gentle Mary Laid Her Child”   | Righteous Ringers                                    |
| † OFFERING HYMN                                   | by Leonard Sweet <i>(found in the front of your hymnal)</i>  |  |
| PRAYER OF DEDICATION                              | <i>(read in unison)</i>  | Carol Carey  |
|   | <b>Abundant God, we give you thanks for these gifts. May you bless them and use them to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and bring comfort to those in need.</b> |  |
|   | <b>And may we offer our very selves as we proclaim your good news of love and grace for all people. Amen.</b>  |  |
| JOYS AND CONCERNS AND<br>THE LORD’S PRAYER        |  | Pastor Beth Malone<br><b>#895</b>                    |
| CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE                           |  | <b>#898</b>  |
| † CAROL   | “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”   | <b>#240</b>  |
| SPECIAL MUSIC                                     | “Personet Hodie”   | Righteous Ringers                                    |
| ANNOUNCEMENTS AND                                 |  | Carol Carey  |

## 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.



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**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).

#### 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

Carol Carey

#### USHERS

8:30 - Bruce & Kathy Rosier

10:30 - Linda Parnell & Brenda Mastin

## Sing Joy

**Sunday, December 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 (53 sets from all over the world!) in the Fellowship Hall. 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!

### **USHERS**

12/22

12/29

### **8:30 SERVICE**

Bob Taylor

*no 8:30 service*

### **10:30 SERVICE**

Doug & Nancy Meyer

Linda Meyer & Fred Parker

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

12/22

12/29

Shiela Swanger

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## **CHURCH HAPPENINGS**

**DECEMBER 8 - 15**

### **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**

### **Monday, December 16**

- 12:30 pm Lunch Good Grief - Fellowship Hall

### **Tuesday, December 17**

- 10:00 am Adult Study, *Disciple I* - Youth Room  
6:30 pm Christmas at the Malone's

### **Wednesday, December 18**

- 8:00 am Prayer Breakfast – Fellowship Hall  
10:30 am Morgan Estates Caroling and Worship  
6:00 pm Praise Band - Sanctuary  
7:00 pm Senior Choir Practice - Fellowship Hall

### **Thursday, December 19**

- 5:00 pm Soup Supper, Caroling and Cookie Exchange - Fellowship Hall

### **Friday, December 20**

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

### **Saturday, December 21**

- 6:30 pm Dominoes Night - Fellowship Hall

### **Sunday, December 22 FOURTH 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**

- 12/24 Christmas Eve services at 6:30 and 10:00 pm  
12/24-1/2 Office Closed

# Geneseo United Methodist Church



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

Third Sunday of Advent  
December 15, 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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