

8:30 AM WORSHIP AND PRAISE SERVICE

WORDS OF WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER	Pastor Beth Malone
† GATHERING SONGS “What Child Is This” “This First Noel”	Praise Band
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES AND ADVENT SONG	Pastor Beth Malone #2090 TFWS, v 1-3
† PASSING OF THE PEACE	Pastor Beth Malone
SPECIAL MUSIC “Ding Dong, Merrily On High”	Children’s Choir
CHILDREN’S TIME	Pastor Beth Malone
† WORSHIP SONGS “Do You Hear What I Hear?” “The Manger” “Away in a Manger”	Praise Band
SCRIPTURE READING People: Thanks be to God!	John 3:16-21
MESSAGE “Turn on the Light”	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>) May these gifts glorify your name, Holy One. May the ministries we support bring justice and peace to your world. May they offer faith and hope to your people. In grateful joy, we pray. 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 “O Come All Ye Faithful”	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	Shiela Swanger	
CALL TO WORSHIP <i>(read responsively)</i>	Shiela Swanger	
Lector: Rejoice in the presence and love of Christ.		
People: We rejoice in the one who lives in our hearts.		
Lector: Rejoice, for Christ brings justice and peace to our world.		
People: We rejoice in the one who calls us to justice and peace.		
Lector: Rejoice with faith and hope.		
People: We rejoice in the one whose promises are true.		
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES AND ADVENT SONG	Jim and Shiela Swanger	#2090 TFWS, v 1-4
OPENING PRAYER <i>(read in unison)</i>	Pastor Beth Malone	
God of goodness and grace, gather us in your arms of love.		
Gather us as people of your goodness and grace.		
Gather us in worship and prayer, that we may be strengthened with faith and courage.		
Gather us as those who are eager to live and to share your goodness and grace. Amen.		
ANTHEM	“The Child Who Would Be King”	Senior Choir Cynthia Towler, flute
† CAROL	“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”	#218
† PASSING OF THE PEACE	Pastor Beth Malone	
CHILDREN’S TIME	Pastor Beth Malone	
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† OFFERING HYMN	by Leonard Sweet <i>(found in the front of your hymnal)</i>	
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CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

#898

† CAROL

“What Child is This?”

#219

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND
OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

Shiela Swanger

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: Jean Farthing, Bill Guthrie, Ron Huff, Vineta Johnson, 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

Shiela Swanger

USHERS

8:30 - Bob Taylor

10:30 - Doug & Nancy Meyer

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 tm (53 sets from all over the world!) in the Fellowship Hall. In appreciation a donation benefitting the church may be made in the box.

Coming Together Worship Service

Sunday, December 29th

10:00 am (no 8:30 service)

Rev. Shiela Swanger will be sharing the message at this special service, welcoming the Wise Men.

Watchnight Service and New Year's Eve Fellowship

Tuesday, December 31st

9:00 pm - Watchnight Service

9:30 pm - New Year's Eve Party and Game Night

Bring in the new year with a time of family fun, food, and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall, followed by a special "Watchnight Service" in the sanctuary at midnight. All are welcome. Friends (new and old), fellowship, and games! Bring your favorite board game or card game and join the fun!



Red Cross Blood Drive
Saturday
January 4, 2025
9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Visit www.RedCrossBlood.org, or call Doug McCoy at 585-766-5802; email dmccoy12@spectrum.net to schedule your appointment today. Please don't wait! There are people out there that need your donation!

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

DECEMBER 22 - 29

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

Monday, December 23

12:30 pm Lunch Good Grief - Fellowship Hall

The office will be closed from Tuesday, December 24 - Friday, January 3.

Pastor Beth may be reached by phone (585-721-0661) in case of emergency.

Tuesday, December 24 CHRISTMAS EVE

6:30 pm Family Christmas Eve Service - Sanctuary

10:00 pm Candlelight Communion Christmas Eve Service - Sanctuary

Wednesday, December 25 CHRISTMAS!

Sunday, December 29

10:00 am COMING TOGETHER WORSHIP SERVICE - Sanctuary

11:00 am Fellowship Time - Fellowship Hall

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

COMING SOON

12/31 Watchnight Service and New Year's Eve Fellowship

1/2 Parish Welcoming Committee

1/3 Panic & Anxiety Support Group

1/4 UWF Reading Group

Red Cross Blood Drive

USHERS 8:30 SERVICE

12/29 *no 8:30 service*

1/5 Bill Lewis

10:30 SERVICE

Linda Meyer & Fred Parker

Brenda Mastin & Ray Ingram

LECTORS (10:30)

12/29 Shiela Swanger

1/5 Julie Buehler

Geneseo United Methodist Church



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

Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 22, 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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