

Christmas Eve Family Worship Service

December 24, 2024 6:30 pm

✦ GATHERING SONG #230
"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

WORDS OF WELCOME Pastor Beth Malone
When all other lights go out... a light shines in the darkness.
When all other hopes fade away... a new hope is born.
When all other songs are stilled...
an angel chorus breaks forth.
Rejoice, tonight is a night of miracles.

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE The Rosier Family

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN Pastor Beth Malone

✦ CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SONGS Praise Band
"O Come, All Ye Faithful" #234
"The First Noel" #245
"Joy to the World" #246

CHRISTMAS EVE HOMILY Pastor Beth Malone

CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS WITH HOLY COMMUNION

EVENING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Pastor Beth Malone

CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING
PRAYER OF DEDICATION

✦ RECEIVING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST (*lighting of our candles*)
The pastor will light her candle from the Christ candle and will move down the center aisle lighting the candles of the people seated at the end of each pew. Each worshipper will turn and light the candle of the person seated next to him/her.

✦ HYMN "Silent Night" Praise Band
You may extinguish your candle after the hymn and return it to the table by the doors as you leave the sanctuary.

✦ Please stand for these portions of the service if possible.

✦ We would like to thank Rev. Beth Malone and our musicians, Randy Bigelow, Jim Varner, and the Praise Band, for leading the worship service tonight and for sharing their Christmas Eve with us.

Thank you for joining us tonight as we celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. We invite you to worship with us next Sunday, December 29th at a special Coming Together service, beginning at 10:00 am, and continue to worship with us on Sundays at our 8:30 Worship and Praise Service or our 10:30 Traditional Service.



We invite you to 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.

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 – Jim Varner
Praise Team – Randy Bigelow
Bell Choir – Sandi Szymanski
Children's Choir – Beth Feuerstein



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

Bring in the new year with a special "Watchnight Service" in the sanctuary, to reflect on the past year and prepare for the new one. It will be followed by a time of family fun, food, and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome. Friends (new and old), fellowship, and games! Bring your favorite board game or card game and join the fun!

The tradition of Watch Night services can be traced back to the early 18th century, when Moravian churchgoers would hold vigils to reflect on the past year and look forward to the new one. The practice was adopted by John Wesley for his Methodist followers.



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