Christmas Eve Service December 24, 2024

10:00 pm

PRELUDE Connor Ricotta

INTROIT Senior Choir; Catherine Caton, harp

"In the Bleak Midwinter"

CHRISTMAS EVE GREETING Rev. Beth Malone

PRAYER FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON Rev. Beth Malone

ANTHEM Senior Choir; Catherine Caton, harp

"Angels Choir"

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE Jim & Shiela Swanger

SPECIAL MUSIC Righteous Ringers

"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"
"Gentle Mary Laid Her Child"

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Rev. Beth Malone

OFFERING HYMN Righteous Ringers

"He Is Born, the Child Divine"

Christmas Readings and Carols

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 9:2-7 Bill Lewis
CAROL "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" #218

SECOND LESSON Luke 1:26-38 Pastor Beth
CAROL "O Little Town of Bethlehem" #230

3RD LESSON Luke 2:1-14 Bill Lewis

CAROL "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" #211, v. 1, 2, & 4

 4TH LESSON
 Luke 2:15-20
 Pastor Beth

 CAROL
 "The First Noel"
 #245, v. 1 - 2

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

HOLY COMMUNION

PASTOR'S BLESSING

Rev. Beth Malone

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→ 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" #239

Catherine Caton, harp

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.

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 would like to thank Rev. Beth Malone and Cynthia Towler and the Senior Choir; Sandi Szymanski and the Righteous Ringers; Connor Ricotta; Catherine Caton; Jim and Shiela Swanger, Bill Lewis; and Matthew Rosier, Acolytes, for leading the worship service tonight and for sharing their Christmas Eve with us.



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.



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 File 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.



MINISTER

Rev. Beth Malone

LAY LEADERS

Bill Lewis Peggy Oltz

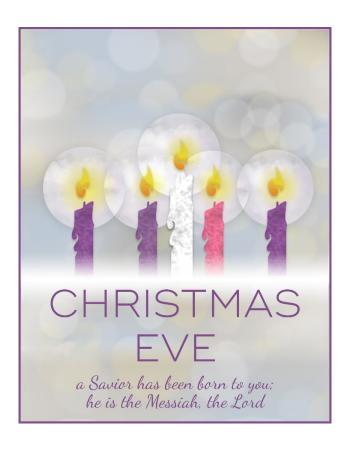
SUPPORT TEAM

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

MUSIC TEAM

Director of Music - Cynthia Towler
Accompanist - Connor Ricotta
Praise Team - Gwyneth JonesWenninger
Bell Choir - Sandi Szymanski
Children's Choir - Beth Feuerstein

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