

CELEBRATING 200 YEARS!

February 2, 2025

10:00 am

PRELUDE "Winchester Chimes" Righteous Ringers

INTROIT "We Are the Church" Youth Choir

WORDS OF WELCOME Julie Buehler

CALL TO WORSHIP (*read responsively*) Julie Buehler

Lector: Let us gather to listen deeply.

People: Word of God, speak.

Lector: Let us gather with childlike faith.

People: Ageless wisdom, reveal.

Lector: Word of God, speak.

People: Your servants are listening.

OPENING PRAYER (*read in unison*) Pastor Beth Malone

God of love and life, speak to our hearts this day. Speak words of wisdom and faith.

Open our hearts and minds to perceive your message of love, even when it's hard to hear.

Strengthen our faith to answer your call, even when we don't feel confident or capable.

Be our wisdom, our strength, and our love, that we may bring your wisdom, strength, and love to the world. Amen.

SONGS OF PRAISE "The River Is Here" Praise Band
"Hope of the Nations"

✠ PASSING OF THE PEACE Pastor Beth Malone

CHILDREN'S TIME Pastor Beth Malone

WELCOMING OUR BISHOP Mary Jo Johnson

SCRIPTURE READING Julie Buehler
Leviticus 9: 1-2, 9-18, and Matthew 5:14-16

Leader: The word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE Bishop Héctor A. Burgos-Núñez
"A Call to Holiness"

HOLY COMMUNION Bishop Héctor A. Burgos-Núñez

Confession and Pardon

Leader: Loving God, we confess that we have not always been the light you have called us to be. We have hidden our light out of fear, doubt, or complacency. Forgive us when we dim your hope and love in the world. Renew our hearts so we may shine brightly for your glory.

People: God of mercy, forgive us. Transform us into vessels of your grace, so that your light shines through us. Make us beacons of hope for a world in need. Amen.

Leader: Hear the good news: Christ came into the world not to condemn it, but to save it. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is a good and joyful thing...

And so, with your People on earth and all the company of heaven, we join in singing your praise:

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed him to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your People.

He declared, "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden."

Jesus called his disciples—and calls us still—to let our light shine before others, that they may see our good works and glorify you, our Father in heaven.

He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners, showing us how to reflect your light of grace and hope.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection, you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit, empowering us to be your beacons of hope in the world.

Leader: On the night in which he gave himself up for us...

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Prayer of Consecration

Leader: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here...

Through your Son, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

COMMUNION MUSIC Chancel Choir; Bill Lewis, Cantor
"You Will Draw Water Joyfully (Sacaran Aqua con Alegria)"

Prayer After Communion

Leader: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. As we go forth into the world, may we be beacons of hope, shining your light in every corner of darkness. Empower us to serve you with joy and to love others as you have loved us.

People: Amen.

OFFERING Julie Buehler
Please date and sign the friendship pad found at the center aisle end of the pew, next to the cushion.

OFFERTORY "We Have One Faith" Chancel Choir

† OFFERING HYMN *(found in the front of your hymnal)*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(read in unison)* Julie Buehler

Bless these gifts, O God, with your love, your strength, and your presence.

May the ministries this offering supports be a sign of your love, strength, and presence in the world. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS AND Pastor Beth Malone
THE LORD'S PRAYER #895
CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #898

† HYMN "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" #694

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND Julie Buehler
OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

BENEDICTION Bishop Héctor A. Burgos-Núñez

Leader: Go now, and let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. Be bold in hope, steadfast in love, and radiant with Christ's light.

People: We will go forth as beacons of hope in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

† 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

† ***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 our church family luncheon following the service. We hope to see you next week at either our 8:30 am Worship and Praise Service, or our 10:30 am Traditional Service.

PRAYER REQUESTS: Jean Farthing, Bill Guthrie, Ron Huff, Vineta Johnson, and Joan Pope.

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR: Brad Farthing, Vineta Johnson, Joe Kane, Jane Krenzer, 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.

"Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made known to God." Philipians 4:6

PRAYER CHAIN COORDINATOR: We're looking for a new coordinator.

This person takes the primary prayer request by phone and starts the prayer chain by calling the next person in the list. Please contact the church office (243-3160) if you would like to volunteer for this important position.



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.



*Bazaar Thank
You Luncheon
February 12 - 11:30 am*

Did you help with the Holiday Bazaar in any way (including making purchases)? We invite you to join us for lunch on Wednesday, February 12, beginning with a "punch bowl reception at 11:30 am, followed by a delicious lunch.

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

FEBRUARY 2 - 9

Sunday, February 2

10:00 am Worship with Bishop Héctor A. Burgos-Núñez - Sanctuary

11:00 am Church Family Luncheon - Fellowship Hall

2:00 pm Adult Study, *The Chosen* - Fellowship Hall

Monday, February 3

12:30 pm Lunch Good Grief - Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, February 4

10:00 am Adult Study, *Disciple I* - Youth Room

Wednesday, February 5

8:00 am Prayer Breakfast – Fellowship Hall

11:00 am Morgan Estates Worship

6:00 pm Praise Band - Sanctuary

7:00 pm Senior Choir Practice - Fellowship Hall

8:00 pm Bell Choir - Fellowship Hall

Friday, February 7

1:00 pm Panic and Anxiety Support Group - Room 3

Saturday, February 8

9:30 am UWF Reading Group - Wesley Room

Sunday, February 9 UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH SUNDAY

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

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

2/11 Hooks and Needles Ministry

No Board of Trustees meeting this month

2/12 Bazaar Thank You Luncheon

No Finance Committee meeting this month

2/13 Mission and Outreach Committee

USHERS 8:30 SERVICE

2/9 Bill Lewis

2/16 Jerry & Linda Weaver

10:30 SERVICE

Arlie and Sue Bennett

Charlie & Carol Becker

LECTORS (10:30)

2/9 Carol Carey

2/16 Tom Porter

MINISTER

Rev. Beth Malone

LAY LEADER

Bill Lewis

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

Julie Buehler

USHERS

Sue Arney & Chad Putnam

Geneseo United Methodist Church



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

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
February 2, 2025

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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