

GENESEO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
December 7, 2025 **9:30 am**

CHIMES Connor Ricotta

INTROIT “The Winter Rose”
Cindy Varner, Cheryl Nereau, Bill Lewis, and Tom Porter

PRELUDE Connor Ricotta

WORDS OF WELCOME Julie Buehler
***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 after the service, and to Adult Sunday School with Pastor Shiela, in the Wesley Room (across from the kitchen) at 10:40. We hope to see you next week.*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES Julie Buehler
AND ADVENT SONG (PEACE) **#2090 TFWS, vs. 1-2**

✝ PRAISE SONGS Praise Band
 “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing” **#240**
 “Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)”

CALL TO WORSHIP *(read responsively)* Julie Buehler
Lector: What time is it?
People: This is God’s time!
Lector: What time is it?
People: It is a time for peace.
Lector: What time is it?
People: It is a time to get ready.
Lector: What time is it?
People: It is time to worship and sing praise!

OPENING PRAYER *(in unison)* Pastor Beth Malone
 Everlasting God, we continue our journey toward Christmas with hope stirring within.
 Teach us how to get ready. Show how to prepare our hearts for Jesus. Help us walk in your ways, as we put on your Son, Jesus Christ. Guide us on your paths of peace and understanding, as we prepare our hearts anew for the road ahead. Amen.

ANTHEM “When Will He Come” Senior Choir

PASSING OF THE PEACE Pastor Beth Malone

CHILDREN’S TIME Pastor Beth Malone

SCRIPTURE READING **Matthew 10:8**
Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE “A White Beard” Pastor Beth Malone

HOLY COMMUNION Pastor Beth Malone

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

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

✝ PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(in unison)* Julie Buehler
 God of all goodness, as we walk in the light of your love, we are blessed by the abundance of your gifts. You give us the beauty of nature, food to nourish our bodies, and communities to love and support us.
 Out of our abundance, we bring our gifts to you. May these gifts increase peace in our community and throughout the world. Amen.

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

✝ CLOSING HYMN “Like a Child” **#2092 TFWS**

ANNOUNCEMENTS Julie Buehler

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

✝ ***Please stand for these portions of the service as you are able.***

PRAYERS FOR: Karen and Andy Ferguson, Laura Page, Maggie Strout, Karen Brandes, Ray Ingram, and friends and family of Ginny Youtzy.

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR: Brad Farthing, Joe Kane, and Marion Taylor.

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.

LECTORS **USHERS**
12/14 Tom Porter Allen & Joyce Yarton
12/21 Kathy Rosier Charlie Becker & Chad Putnam


Nativity Set Display: Beginning Saturday, December 13th Pastor Beth will be sharing over 50 Nativity sets from around the world in the Fellowship Hall. Monetary donations are gratefully accepted, and will be given to the GPOC Food Pantry.

Our Soup Supper, Cookie Exchange and Carol Sing will take place on **Thursday, December 18th, beginning at 5:00 pm.** Join us for a delicious meal of homemade soup, salad, breads and desserts. Then stay to sing carols and exchange cookies! (Bring a plate of a few dozen of your favorite cookies to share if you are able.)

Pastor Shiela is teaching the **Adult Sunday School Class following our worship service.** Get yourself a coffee and goody and come to the Wesley Room (across from the kitchen). We start about 15 minutes after worship ends and meet for about 45 minutes. We will be very pleased to have you join us.

COMING SOON
12/16 Church Council/Staff Christmas Party
12/18 Soup Supper, Carol Sing, & Cookie Exchange
12/21 Children & Youth Sunday School

The Music Ministry of Geneseo United Methodist Church
Presents
Christmas at Geneseo United Methodist Church
A Family Celebration With Carols, Choirs, Brass and Strings!
Featuring Singers and Instrumentalists from the Community
and the Eastman School of Music!



And the Cantata by Joseph and Pamela Martin
THE WINTER ROSE
Sunday, December 14, 2025 at 2:00 pm
Admission is Free of Charge!
The Public is Invited!
(Monetary Donations to the Geneseo Parish Outreach Center will be Greatly Appreciated!)

The **2026 Geneseo UMC Birthday/Anniversary Calendar** is here and will be available for **pick-up next Sunday, December 14th**. Prior to that though, we need help **“stuffing and labeling”** them. We’ll be meeting on **Wednesday, December 10th** at 1:00 pm in Room 3 to accomplish that. C’mon down if you’d like to help!

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- MINISTER**
Rev. Beth Malone
- LAY LEADER**
Bill Lewis
- SUPPORT TEAM**
Administrative Assistant
Kathy Rosier
Custodian – Dave Woodworth

- MUSIC TEAM**
Director of Music - Cynthia Towler
Accompanist – Connor Ricotta
Praise Band - Randy Bigelow
Bell Choir – Sandi Szymanski
Youth Choir - Beth Feuerstein
- LECTOR** – Julie Buehler
- USHERS** – Donna Maas & Linda Meyer

CHURCH HAPPENINGS **DECEMBER 7 - 14**

- Sunday, December 7 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
8:15 am The Prayer Room (Room 2) is open throughout the morning for a quiet time of prayer.
8:30 am Praise Team Warm-up
8:50 am Choir Warm-up
9:30 am WORSHIP SERVICE – Sanctuary
No Youth Choir Practice today
10:30 am Fellowship Hour – Fellowship Hall
10: 40 am Adult Sunday School – Wesley Room
- Monday, December 8**
12:30 pm Lunch Good Grief – Fellowship Hall
- Tuesday, December 9**
1:30 pm Hooks and Needles Ministries – Wesley Room
7:00 pm Board of Trustees – Room 3
- Wednesday, December 10**
8:00 am Prayer Breakfast – Wesley Room
10:00 am United Women in Faith meeting – Fellowship Hall
No Finance Committee meeting this month
6:30 pm Praise Band Practice - Sanctuary
7:00 pm Choir Practice – Fellowship Hall
8:00 pm Bell Choir Practice – Fellowship Hall
- Saturday, December 13**
9:00 am Concert Practice - Sanctuary
- Sunday, December 14 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
8:15 am The Prayer Room (Room 2) is open throughout the morning for a quiet time of prayer.
8:30 am Praise Team Warm-up
8:50 am Choir Warm-up
9:30 am WORSHIP SERVICE – Sanctuary
9:45 am Sunday School, PreK-2 - Room 8
Sunday School, gr 3-12 - Room 3
10:20 am Youth Choir - Room 2
10:30 am Fellowship Hour – Fellowship Hall
10: 40 am Adult Sunday School – Wesley Room
2:00 pm Christmas at GUMC Concert - Sanctuary

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

*Geneseo United
Methodist Church*
December 7, 2025



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

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:
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REV. BETH MALONE
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Please call to make an appointment.
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