

**GENESEO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**December 14, 2025**

**9:30 am**

CHIMES Connor Ricotta

INTROIT "Once In Royal David's City" Senior Choir

PRELUDE Connor Ricotta

WORDS OF WELCOME Tom Porter

***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 Tom Porter  
AND ADVENT SONG (LOVE) #2090 TFWS, vs. 1-3

† PRAISE SONGS Praise Band  
"Do You Hear What I Hear?"  
"Oh Come, All Ye Faithful" #234

CALL TO WORSHIP (read responsively) Tom Porter

Lector: We gather today in great hope, longing to see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God.

**People: The Almighty has done great things for us. Holy is God's name.**

Lector: May our worship strengthen our hands, make firm our trembling knees, and unburden our fearful hearts.

**People: The Almighty has done great things for us. Holy is God's name.**

Lector: Knowing that God is near, let us be patient with the times and with one another.

**People: The Almighty has done great things for us. Holy is God's name.**

Lector: To all who ask about our hope, let us tell the good news of what we have seen and heard.

**People: The Almighty has done great things for us. Holy is God's name.**

OPENING PRAYER (in unison) Pastor Beth Malone

**Joyful and patient God, you break into our Advent busyness with your extravagant promise of glory and joy.**

**Fire up our imaginations with holy trust in your goodness.**

**Inspire us with a patience that sees beyond our habitual longing for past glories and understandings.**

**Move us beyond our too familiar criticisms of one another and of ourselves.**

**Open our eyes and help us see your compassion, already at work in our world: healing, restoring, strengthening, and telling the good news that you are near.**

**Make us signs of your everlasting joy for your people and for all the world We pray in the name of Jesus, whose nearness we proclaim. Amen.**

ANTHEM "Every Valley" Senior Choir

PASSING OF THE PEACE Pastor Beth Malone

CHILDREN'S TIME Pastor Beth Malone

SCRIPTURE READING **Luke 2:1-7**  
Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.  
**People: Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE "Place of Birth" Pastor Beth Malone

OFFERING Tom Porter  
*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) Tom Porter

**Generous God who calls us to rejoice, you fill the hungry with good things and you help your people in need.**

**Receive the gifts we offer, we pray, and make them, and us, joyful and patient signs of your coming justice and glory. Amen.**

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

† CLOSING HYMN "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" #229

ANNOUNCEMENTS Tom Porter

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, and Ray Ingram.

**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.

<b>LECTORS</b>	<b>USHERS</b>
12/21 Kathy Rosier	Charlie Becker & Chad Putnam
12/28 Carol Carey	Linda & Jerry Weaver

**Nativity Set Display:** Beginning Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

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## Christmas at Geneseo United Methodist Church

A Family Celebration with  
Carols, Choirs, Brass and Strings!

**Sunday, December 14 - 2:00 pm**

Featuring Singers and instrumentalists from the  
Community and the Eastman School of Music

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.

The **2026 Geneseo UMC Birthday/Anniversary Calendar** is available for pick-up TODAY, Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> from the table outside the sanctuary. If you do not want a calendar, please "x-out" your mailing label and we won't send you one.

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.)

In order to better serve our clients, the **POC Food Pantry** is adding evening hours! In addition to our regular hours of **Monday – Thursday, 9 am – 12 pm**, beginning January 6th, the pantry will be open on **Tuesday evenings, from 4 – 6 pm.**

### 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 – Tom Porter

USHERS – Allen & Joyce Yarton

## CHURCH HAPPENINGS DECEMBER 14 - 21

### 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**

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**

### Monday, December 15

12:30 pm Lunch Good Grief – Fellowship Hall

### Tuesday, December 16

6:30 pm Church Leaders/Staff Christmas Party – Malone's

### Wednesday, December 17

8:00 am Prayer Breakfast – Wesley Room

6:30 pm Praise Band Practice - Sanctuary

7:00 pm Choir Practice – Fellowship Hall

8:00 pm Bell Choir Practice – Fellowship Hall

### Thursday, December 18

11:00 am Morgan Estates Worship and Caroling

5:00 pm Soup Supper, Carol Sing, & Cookie Exchange – Fellowship Hall

### Sunday, December 21 FOURTH 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

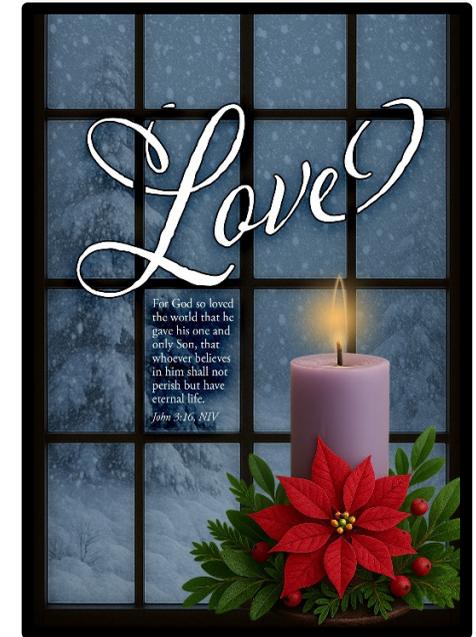
10:40 am **Adult Sunday School – Wesley Room**

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 14, 2025



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

### 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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