

GENESE0 UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

December 21, 2025

9:30 am

CHIMES Connor Ricotta

INTROIT Righteous Ringers
"O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright"

PRELUDE Connor Ricotta

WORDS OF WELCOME Kathy Rosier

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES Kathy Rosier
AND ADVENT SONG (JOY) #2090 TFWS, vs. 1-4

† PRAISE SONGS Praise Band
"The Manger" (video)
"Away in a Manger"

CALL TO WORSHIP (read responsively) Kathy Rosier

Lector: The signs are there: God's love comes again, showering us with the light of Christ!

People: O Lord God of hosts, let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Lector: With anticipation of the divine, we remain expectant and marvel at the steadfast faith of Mary and Joseph.

People: O Lord God of hosts, let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Lector: The time is nearly upon us. Preparations are almost complete. Are we ready for change?

People: O Lord God of hosts, let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Lector: Worship and praise God for these signs of hope and love!

People: O Lord God of hosts, let your face shine, that we may be saved.

OPENING PRAYER (in unison) Pastor Beth Malone

In this season of love, hope and family, grant us joy and peace this day. You offered signs to Joseph and Mary long ago—signs that their son would be the

Messiah, Emmanuel. May your light shine on us here, that we might understand the signs in our lives.

We come with open hearts and minds to hear of your love coming into the world. We come to hear of a young woman with child, a foster father with trust in God, a match you made in heaven to shepherd a tiny boy to his destiny.

Holy God, show us your peace as we make ready for your light in the world!

ANTHEM Righteous Ringers
"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

PASSING OF THE PEACE Pastor Beth Malone

SPECIAL MUSIC "Away In a Manger" Youth Choir

CHILDREN'S TIME Pastor Beth Malone

SCRIPTURE READING **John 1: 14-18**
Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE "Let All Draw Near" Pastor Beth Malone

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

OFFERTORY "Carol of Remembrance" Senior Choir

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

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison) Kathy Rosier
Lord of Heaven, accept these gifts from our hearts, that they may fulfill the purposes of your people. As Christ's light shines upon us, we rejoice in the opportunity to share our abundance with others. Bless these offerings to the Christ child and to our resurrected Lord.

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS Kathy Rosier

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.*

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.

PRAYERS FOR: Karen Ferguson, Laura Page, Maggie Strout, Karen Brandes, and Ray Ingram.

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR: Brad Farthing, Andy Ferguson, 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.

The following poinsettia donations were inadvertently left out of the program last week. The poinsettias were given:

In memory of Diane Carle, Dean Meyer and Donna Gray

Given by Doug and Nancy Meyer

To the Glory of God

Given by Paul and Barbara Schmied



FAMILY CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
Wednesday, Dec. 24th • 6:30pm

CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
Wednesday, Dec. 24th • 10pm

WATCHNIGHT SERVICE and NEW YEAR'S EVE FELLOWSHIP
Wednesday, Dec. 31st
9pm-midnight

The 2026 Geneseo UMC Birthday/Anniversary Calendar is available for pick-up TODAY 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.

LECTORS

12/28 Carol Carey
1/4 Julie Buehler

USHERS

Linda & Jerry Weaver
Kathy & Bruce Rosier

COMING SOON

12/31 Watchnight Service and New Year's Eve Party and Game Night
1/2 Panic & Anxiety Support Group
1/3 UWF Reading Group
1/4 New Member Class

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 – Kathy Rosier

USHERS – Charlie Becker & Chad Putnam

CHURCH HAPPENINGS DECEMBER 21 - 28

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**

Monday, December 22

12:30 pm Lunch Good Grief – Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, December 23

No SPPRC meeting this month

The office will be closed Wednesday, December 24 – Thursday, January 1. Pastor Beth will be available by phone (721-0661) in case of emergency.

Wednesday, December 24 CHRISTMAS EVE

8:00 am Prayer Breakfast – Wesley Room
6:30 pm **Family Christmas Eve Service**
10:00 pm **Candlelight Christmas Eve Service**

Thursday, December 25 CHRISTMAS DAY

Sunday, December 28

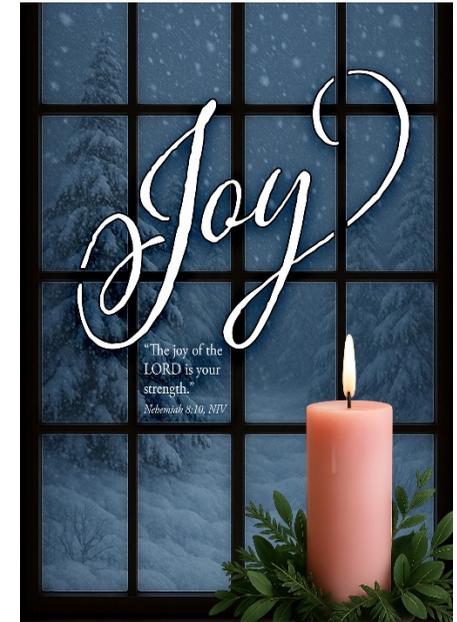
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The Geneseo Parish Outreach Center, Inc. is open, by appointment at (585) 243-3120, Monday - Thursday, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. The Food Pantry is open during Outreach Center hours. Beginning January 6th, the pantry will also be open on Tuesday evenings, from 4 – 6 pm.

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Geneseo United Methodist Church

December 21, 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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