

# Christmas Eve Service

December 24, 2025

10:00 pm

PRELUDE		Connor Ricotta
INTROIT	"In the Bleak Midwinter"	Senior Choir
CHRISTMAS EVE GREETING		Rev. Beth Malone
PRAYER FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON		Rev. Beth Malone
ANTHEM	"Christmas Grace"	Senior Choir
LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE		Bill Lewis
SPECIAL MUSIC	"Mary Did You Know"	Ayden Szymanski
PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST		

## Christmas Readings and Carols

FIRST LESSON	<b>Isaiah 9:2-7</b>	Bill Lewis
CAROL	"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"	<b>#218</b>
SECOND LESSON	<b>Luke 1:26-38</b>	Pastor Beth
CAROL	"O Little Town of Bethlehem"	<b>#230</b>
3RD LESSON	<b>Luke 2:1-14</b>	Bill Lewis
CAROL	"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"	<b>#211, v. 1, 2, &amp; 4</b>
4TH LESSON	<b>Luke 2:15-20</b>	Pastor Beth
CAROL	"The First Noel"	<b>#245, v. 1 - 2</b>
HOLY COMMUNION		Rev. Beth Malone
PASTOR'S BLESSING		Rev. Beth Malone

### ✦ 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**

*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 join us in worship as we meet each Sunday, at 9:30 am, followed by a time of fellowship in our Fellowship Hall.

We would like to thank Rev. Beth Malone and Cynthia Towler and the Senior Choir; Connor Ricotta, accompanist; Bill Lewis, lector; and Matthew Rosier, Acolyte, 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](http://www.geneseomethodist.org/giving-back-to-god).

#### 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 Team - Gwyneth Jones-

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Bell Choir - Sandi Szymanski

Children's Choir - Beth Feuerstein



Watchnight Service and  
New Year's Eve Fellowship

Wednesday, 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!

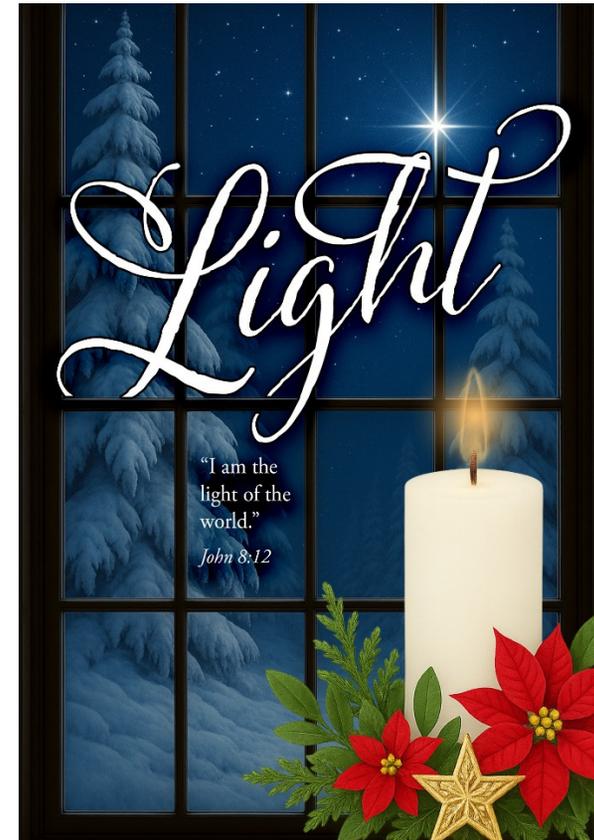
The tradition of Watch Night services can be traced back to the early 18th century, when Moravian churchgoers would hold vigils to reflect on the past year and look forward to the new one. The practice was adopted by John Wesley for his Methodist followers.



**Red Cross Blood Drive**  
**Tuesday, January 6**  
**1:00 – 6:00 pm**

Every day, blood donors help patients of all ages: accident and burn victims, heart surgery and organ transplant patients, and those battling cancer. In fact, every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood. During the holidays many people are "too busy" to give, and the need for donors becomes critical. Won't you take a few hours and give the gift of life?

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