

**GENESEO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**December 28, 2025**

**9:30 am**

CHIMES Connor Ricotta  
INTROIT Senior Choir  
"Jesus, Oh What a Wonderful Child"  
PRELUDE Connor Ricotta  
WORDS OF WELCOME Carol Carey  
† PRAISE SONGS Praise Band  
"The Little Drummer Boy"  
"Oh Come All Ye Faithful"  
CALL TO WORSHIP (*read responsively*) Carol Carey  
Lector: Praise the God of mercy and love.  
**People: Praise God with angels in the highest heavens.**  
Lector: Praise Christ, who came as a child.  
**People: Praise Christ with all God's children, young and old alike.**  
Lector: Praise the Holy Spirit, who calls us here.  
**People: Praise the Spirit from the depths of our souls.**  
OPENING PRAYER (*in unison*) Pastor Beth Malone  
**Loving God, we come into your presence with joy in this holiday season. But we also come with sorrow for a world struggling in pain.**  
**Bring hope to our weary world. Bring love to our hearts. Bring joy to our lives. And help us bring hope, love, and joy, as we follow your Son, Christ Jesus. Amen.**  
ANTHEM "The Child Who Was Born to be King"  
Senior Choir, directed by Ayden Szymanski  
Cynthia Towler, flute  
PASSING OF THE PEACE Pastor Beth Malone  
CHILDREN'S TIME Pastor Beth Malone

SCRIPTURE READING **Matthew 2:13-15**  
Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.  
**People: Thanks be to God!**  
MESSAGE Rev. Shiela Swanger  
"The Second Christmas" by Louis Untermeyer  
OFFERING Carol Carey  
*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*) Carol Carey  
**Generous God, thank you for the gift of Christ Jesus in our lives and in our world.**  
**Thank you for the gifts we return to you now.**  
**Bless these gifts, that they may support Christ's loving presence in our ministry, in our community, and in our world. Amen.**  
JOYS AND CONCERNS AND Pastor Beth Malone  
THE LORD'S PRAYER #895  
CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #898  
† CLOSING HYMN "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" #251  
ANNOUNCEMENTS Carol Carey  
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.



**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?

**LECTORS**

1/4 Julie Buehler  
 1/11 Tom Porter

**USHERS**

Kathy & Bruce Rosier  
 Lynne Heineman & Linda Parnell



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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** – Carol Carey

**USHERS** – Linda & Jerry Weaver

**CHURCH HAPPENINGS**

**DEC. 28 – JAN. 4**

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

**Sunday, December 28**

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**

**Monday, December 29**

12:30 pm Lunch Good Grief – Fellowship Hall

**Wednesday, December 31**

8:00 am Prayer Breakfast – Wesley Room  
 9:00 pm **Watchnight Service – Sanctuary**  
 9:45 pm **New Year's Eve Fellowship – Fellowship Hall**

**Thursday, January 1 NEW YEAR'S DAY**

11:00 am Morgan Estates Worship

**Friday, January 2**

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

**Saturday, January 3**

9:30 am UWF Reading Group – Wesley Room

**Sunday, January 4**

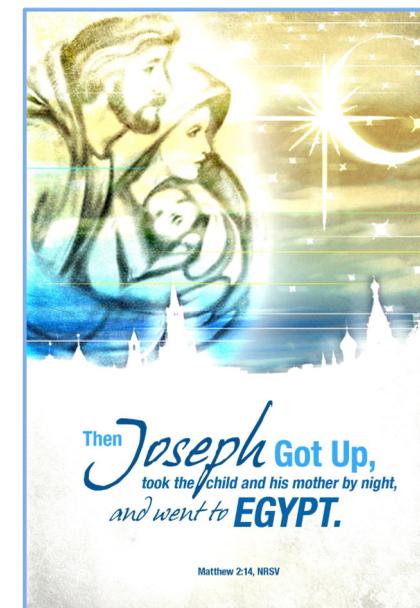
8:15 am The Prayer Room (Room 2) is open throughout the morning for a quiet time of prayer.  
 8:30 am Praise Team Warm-up  
 8:50 am Choir Warm-up  
 9:30 am **WORSHIP SERVICE – Sanctuary**  
 10:20 am Youth Choir - Room 2  
 10:30 am Fellowship Hour – Fellowship Hall  
 10:40 am **Adult Sunday School – Wesley Room**  
 10:45 am **New Member Class – Pastor's Study**  
 4:00 pm **Confirmation Class – Youth Room**

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 28, 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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