

GENESEO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

January 18, 2026

9:30 am

CHIMES Connor Ricotta

INTROIT “Precious Lord, Take My Hand” Senior Choir
The congregation is invited to sing with the 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.*

† PRAISE SONGS “I Am” Praise Band
“Forever Reign”

CALL TO WORSHIP (*read responsively*) Tom Porter

Lector: Can you hear God’s call?

People: Christ’s voice is heard far and near.

Lector: Can you discern God’s Word?

People: Christ calls one and all.

Lector: God speaks of light and life.

People: Christ loves the mighty and the small.

Lector: The Spirit breathes joy and compassion.

People: We are called into fellowship together.

† OPENING PRAYER (*in unison*) Pastor Beth Malone

Holy One, may our spirits be polished arrows in the quiver of your searching love. May our words ring true with shouts of praise.

Use us, Gracious God, as instruments of your mercy and compassion. Fashion us into vessels of your abiding Spirit, that a world torn by brokenness and pain might touch your healing love through our fellowship with you and with one another. Amen.

ANTHEM “10,000 Reasons” Senior Choir

PASSING OF THE PEACE Pastor Beth Malone

CHILDREN’S TIME Pastor Beth Malone

SCRIPTURE READING **John 1:29-42**

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE Pastor Beth Malone

“Why Do We Believe?”

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

God of Grace and God of Glory, you bless us with water and the Spirit, that we might know the fullness of life.

As we strive to be a light to the nations, may others be brought to the dawn of your glory.

Bless the gifts we bring before you now, that they might reach the very ends of the earth and help those struggling to find the light. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS AND Pastor Beth Malone

THE LORD’S PRAYER **#895**

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE **#898**

† CLOSING HYMN **#171**

“There’s Something About That Name”

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 Ferguson, Laura Page, Maggie Strout, Ray Ingram, and Nancy Meyer.

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.

Your Generosity Can Change Lives. **Human Relations Day, is here!** This Special Sunday supports vital ministries that nurture communities and bring hope to those in need. Through your gifts, programs like Community Developers and Youth Offender Rehabilitation create lasting impact. Help us make a difference! Special offering envelopes str available in your bulletin, or you can give online at www.GeneseoMethodist.org/giving-back-to-god.

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.



Support the mission and ministries of Geneseo UMC. In addition to traditional giving, we have an online giving option. Visit our giving page by scanning this QR code with your mobile phone’s camera or visit www.geneseomethodist.org/giving-back-to-god.

LECTORS

1/25 Ayden Szymanski Paul Schmied & Chad Putnam
 2/1 Julie Buehler

USHERS

Our **Usher Coordinator**, Chad Putnam, has stepped down from the position, having "served his time." We're looking for a new coordinator. Please contact Pastor Beth or the church office if you would like to secure ushers for our worship services (usually done monthly). We have a list of usher volunteers to help you out.

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CHURCH HAPPENINGS**JANUARY 18 - 25****Sunday, January 18**

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, January 19 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

*The office will be closed Monday-Tuesday, January 19-20th.
 Pastor Beth is available by phone at (585) 721-0661*

12:30 pm Lunch Good Grief – Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, January 20

7:00 pm Church Council – Wesley Room

Wednesday, January 21

8:00 am Prayer Breakfast – Wesley Room
 6:15 pm Praise Band – Sanctuary
 7:00 pm Choir Practice – Fellowship Hall
 8:00 pm Bell Choir Practice – Fellowship Hall

Sunday, January 25

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

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 and 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

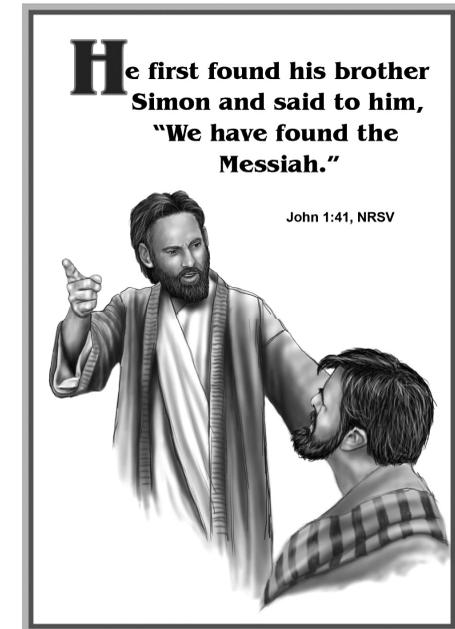
Youth Choir - Beth Feuerstein

LECTOR – Tom Porter

USHERS – Alice & Jim Barrett

Geneseo United Methodist Church

January 18, 2026



*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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