

**GENESE0 UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**January 25, 2026**

**9:30 am**

CHIMES Connor Ricotta

INTROIT Senior Choir

“Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters”

*The congregation is invited to sing with the Choir.*

PRELUDE Connor Ricotta

WORDS OF WELCOME Ayden Szymanski

† PRAISE SONGS “Mighty to Save” Praise Band  
“Sanctuary/I Exalt Thee”

CALL TO WORSHIP (*read responsively*) Ayden Szymanski

Lector: Friends of God, today Jesus calls to each of us: “Come! Follow me!”

**People: The kingdom of heaven has come near.**

Lector: Some say, “But we are walking in darkness.”

**People: In Christ, we have seen God’s light.**

**The kingdom of heaven has come near.**

Lector: Some say, “But divisions tear us apart.”

**People: In Christ we are united in mind and purpose.**

**The kingdom of heaven has come near.**

Lector: Friends of God, today we gather to worship God and to follow Jesus.

**People: The kingdom of heaven has come near.**

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

**Inviting God, help us to hear Jesus calling us and help us to follow him.**

**In Christ, your kingdom draws near to us, whether we are seeking it or not.**

**When we are caught up in our anguish, you shine a great light in our darkness. When we face days full of trouble, you shelter us. When we are at odds with others, quarreling and breaking apart into factions, you save us with the unity won by Christ through the cross and his resurrection.**

**Whether we face danger or are at ease in our routines—the kingdom of heaven draws near and Jesus says: “Now is the time to follow me.”**

**You hear us, God, when we cry out to you. May we hear you this day when you cry out to us. Amen.**

ANTHEM “As the Deer” Senior Choir

PASSING OF THE PEACE Pastor Beth Malone

CHILDREN’S TIME Pastor Beth Malone

SCRIPTURE READING **Matthew 4:12-23**

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

**People: Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE Pastor Beth Malone

“Jesus Is On the Line”

OFFERING Ayden Szymanski

*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*) Ayden Szymanski

**Generous God, you have blessed us with your call to follow Jesus. In return, we rejoice as we give our offerings and gifts. May they be used for the work of proclaiming the good news that the kingdom of heaven come near. Amen.**

JOYS AND CONCERNS AND Pastor Beth Malone

THE LORD’S PRAYER **#895**

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE **#898**

† CLOSING HYMN “Seek Ye First” **#405**

ANNOUNCEMENTS Ayden Szymanski

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, 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.

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](http://www.geneseomethodist.org/giving-back-to-god).

## CHURCH HAPPENINGS

JAN. 25 – FEB. 1

### Sunday, January 25

- 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, January 26

- 12:30 pm Lunch Good Grief – Fellowship Hall

### Wednesday, January 28

- 8:00 am Prayer Breakfast – Wesley Room  
9:30 am Bazaar Sewing & Crafting Group – Fellowship Hall  
7:00 pm Choir Practice – Fellowship Hall  
8:00 pm Bell Choir Practice – Fellowship Hall

### Sunday, February 1

- 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 and on Tuesday evenings, from 4 – 6 pm.

## COMING SOON

- 2/5 Morgan Estates Worship  
2/6 Panic & Anxiety Support Group  
2/7 UWF Reading Group

## LECTORS

- 2/1 Julie Buehler  
2/8 Carol Carey

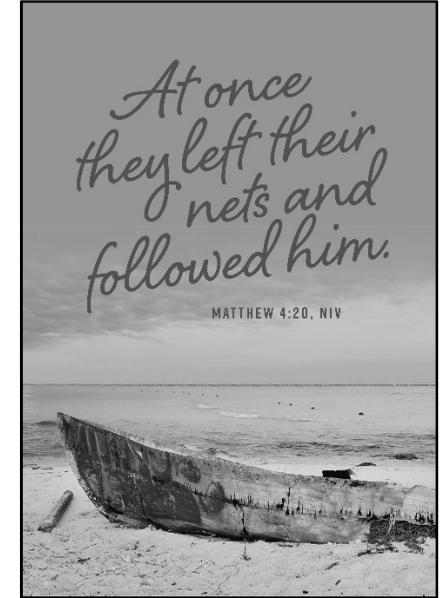
## USHERS

- Linda and Jerry Weaver  
Laurie Perry & Pam Klingman

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January 25, 2026



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

## 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** – Ayden Szymanski

**USHERS** – Paul Schmied & Chad Putnam

## 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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