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Love

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# LeRoy Presbyterian Church

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent - December 18, 2022

## Welcome and Announcements

### \*Call to Worship

One: We are always looking for evidence that God is with us.

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**All: We cry to God in our distress. God hears and responds with hope.**

One: Let us come before God with expectant hearts and spirits!

**All: Let us get ready to receive the blessed gift of the Savior.**

### \*Hymn 36 vs. 1 & 2

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE OF LOVE - Candle of Expectation

Unison Prayer:

God of all knowledge, help us to have realistic expectations and to make necessary preparations for our spiritual growth. May we increase our awareness of the responsibilities of discipleship. Inspire us to affirm our Christian faith as we live each day faithfully. Amen.

### Hymn 2090 vs. 4

Advent Song

## Celebrations and Concerns

## Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

### Scripture

Isaiah 7:10-16 & Matthew 1:18-25

### Children's Time

### Sermon

"A Commanding Name"

Rev. Donna Murphy-Ceradsky

### \*Hymn 30 vs. 1 & 2

*While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks*

## Offering Invitation & Offering

### \*Doxology (inside front cover of hymnal)

### \*Prayer of Dedication

**Father, teach us how to listen for your call in our lives. Teach us how to be faithful stewards with the gifts you have entrusted to us. Teach us how to use this offering as a source for your ministry and mission. Teach us how to bow down on our knees and to spend time beholding the miracles all around us. In the name of the greatest teacher, Emmanuel, we pray. Amen.**

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## Invitation to Discipleship

### \*Hymn of Invitation 29 vs. 1 & 2

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

### \*Benediction

### \*Passing of the Peace

One: We are people of the light.

**Many: Go tell the world: Christ has come to light the world.**

*\*please stand as you are able*

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**December 21**  
**LeRoy Children's Christmas Program**  
**And Ham Raffle Drawing**  
**7:00 pm**

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**NO Bible Study**  
**December 22 & 29**

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**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**  
Saturday, December 24, 2022  
9:00 pm @ HCUMC  
Drama & Song presented by  
United Trinity Youth

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**Advent Food Pantry Collections**  
Dec 18 – Non-Perishable Food Items

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**Church Offices Closed**  
December 26 + January 2

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**Receiving Today**  
**Presbyterian Joy Box Offering**  
**DOC Christmas Offering**  
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Names will remain on the prayer list for two Sundays following the first request.

### **Concerns**

**Gunnar** – broke his arm playing basketball  
**Shirley** – small stroke; awaiting tests, Virginia Watson's sister  
**Joyce** – broke right arm above elbow  
**Kinsley** – treatments not working, trying something else, 2 yr. old great granddaughter of Tom & Linda Watkins  
**Nadine** – moved to assisted living in Leon  
**Judy** – Crohn's disease; doing better, Betty Sullivan's sister  
**Helen Ruth** – recovering at home  
**Patsy** – health issues

### **Celebrations**

**Beau Smith** – baptized, Jason & Sandee Smith's grandson  
**Wonderful Christmas pageant at Humeston by Youth Group**  
**Andy & Rachel Graham** – expecting a baby girl  
**Terre Acheson** – retired, Nancy Moore's daughter  
**Cole Zimmerman** – earned Associate's Degree in Biology

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Jan Lundahl

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### \*Hymn 234 vs. 1-3

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

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Mary Beth Griffin & Lexi

### Unison Prayer

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### Hymn "One Candle is Lit" vs. 4

**Come, wander where lion and lamb gently play,**

**Where evil is banished and faith takes the day.**

**A Babe in a manger to fool the world's eyes.**

**One candle is lit for God's loving surprise.**

## Celebrations and Concerns

### Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

### Scripture

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### Children's Time

### Special Music

*"Soon and Very Soon"*

Chancel Choir

### Sermon

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### \*Hymn 219 vs. 1-3

*What Child Is This*

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### \*Hymn of Invitation

*"Christmas is Coming"*

Chancel Choir

### \*Benediction

### \*Hymn 672 V. 1

*God Be with You*

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