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LeRoy
Presbyterian Church
3rd Sunday of Advent
December 24, 2023 ~ 9:00 am
92 Online Worshipers on December 17

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

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All: Let God’s light shine on us, in us, and through us, so that his glory will be seen.

*Hymn 33 vs 1 & 2

Angels We Have Heard on High

Lighting the Advent Candle

All: We wait as people who have encountered divine Love that disrupts the status quo and ushers us into abundant life marked by mutual love and peace that flows for the good of all people.

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Where evil is banished and faith takes the day,
A baby in a manger to fool the world’s eyes.
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Celebrations and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer & Lord’s Prayer

Scripture

Psalm 89:1-4 & Luke 1:26-38

Children's Time

Sermon

"Mary's Song"

Rev. Donna Murphy-Ceradsky

*Hymn 29, vs 1 & 2

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Offering Invitation and Offering

*Doxology (inside front cover of Hymnal)

*Prayer of Dedication

Dear Father, Advent can be a challenging time. We are not accustomed to waiting. We live in a world of instant gratification. Yet, you call us to wait, to anticipate, and to prepare for the birth of your Son on Christmas Day. We have been counting the days, which has generated a variety of emotional responses – excitement, joy, relief, and even panic. Provide us with a sense of calm during this offering moment, so that we are prepared to receive the birth of Jesus, the Christ Child. Amen.

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*Hymn 38 vs 1 & 3

Silent Night

*Benediction

*Passing of the Peace

One: We are people of the light.

All: Go tell the world: Christ has come to light the world.

**please stand as you are able*

Psalm 89:1-4

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with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known
through all generations.
² I will declare that your love stands firm forever,
that you have established your faithfulness in heaven itself.
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Luke 1:26-38

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**Christmas Eve Service Tonight**  
9:00 pm at HCUMC  
Presented by Trinity Youth

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HCUMC Liturgist & Sunday Snack
Lists available for 2024
Please sign up

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**No Bible Study December 28**

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Joint Carol Singing Service
10:00 am @ LeRoy
Sunday, December 31

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**Church Offices Closed Dec 25 – Jan 1**

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DOC Annual Meeting
Sunday, January 7
Following worship

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**HCUMC Admin Council**  
Wednesday, January 10 @ 6:30 pm

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90th Birthday Card Shower – Dec 26
Rheta Sponsler
604 Hillcrest Ave #211
Indianola IA 50125
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Names will remain on the prayer list for two Sundays following the first request.

### **Concerns**

**Fred** – heart issues, Joyce’s husband  
**Family of Donabelle Graham**  
**Family of Jim Hitt**  
**Family of Kurt Baker’s wife** – daughter-in-law of Frank & Bonnie Baker  
**Hunter** – 30 year old w/spinal bifida, mental health issues  
**Brian** in St Louis – critical condition, extended family of Mary Kay Coffey  
**Paul** – heart issues  
**Bill** – antibiotic treatments at home  
**Carol** – doing physical therapy at home  
**Pam** – health issues, Cole Zimmerman’s grandmother  
**Bill**– lung issues  
**Patricia** – terminal lung cancer, Jayma Smith’s cousin  
**Kinsley** – oral leukemia treatment, Tom & Linda Watkins’ great granddaughter

### **Celebrations**

**Jason & Sandee Smith** – goat triplets  
**MT Volleyball Travel Team** – 1<sup>st</sup> ever travel team, Jennifer Martinez, coach  
**LeRoy Children’s Christmas Program**  
**Humeston Youth Christmas Program**

#### **Please Remember These People –They’d Love to Hear from YOU**

Patsy Porterfield, 604 E. Hillcrest Ave #104, Indianola, IA 50125  
Delores Beard, c/o Neil McCart, 536 E. State Street, Corydon, IA 50060  
Nadine Birlingmair, 201 S. Lorraine Street #205, Leon, IA 50144  
Mary Vandell, 201 S. Lorraine Street, Leon, IA 50144

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\*Hymn 238 vs. 1 - 4

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Hymn 230 vs. 1 – 4

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**\*Doxology Hymn 95**

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**\* Invitation to discipleship**

**\*Hymn 239 vs. 1 – 4**

*Silent Night*

**\*Benediction**

**\*Hymn 672 vs. 1**

*God Be with You*

**\*Passing of the Peace**

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