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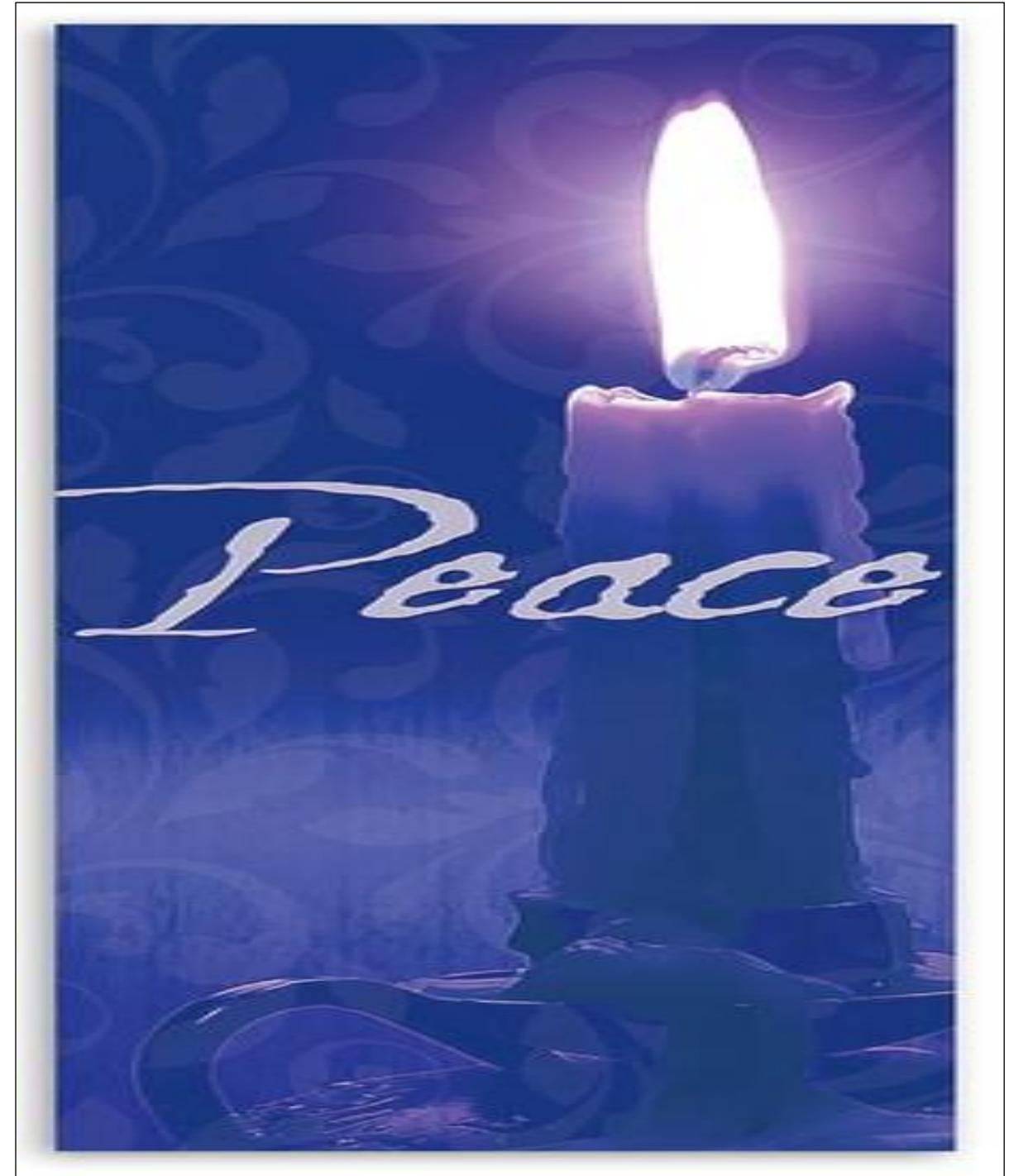
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LeRoy Presbyterian Church
2nd Sunday of Advent - December 07, 2025

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***Hymn 26 vs. 1, 2**

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Hymn 2090 vs 2

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Celebrations, Concerns, & Pastoral Prayer

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***Doxology** (inside hymnal front cover)

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Invitation to the Lord's Table

***Communion Hymn 50 vs. 1**

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

Unison Prayer of Confession: When our faith is rooted deeply in you, O God, our lives reflect your kingdom values of justice and righteousness. But sometimes our lives become so entangled with the values of the world, that your values take second place. Forgive us, O Merciful God, and reconnect us to the Holy Spirit, source of power and life. Strip our hearts and minds of all that prevents our lives being firmly rooted in you. May our lives bear fruit worthy of our faith in you, as we watch and wait for your breaking into our world once more, in the person of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: *"Blessed be the Lord our God, who does wondrous things."* (Psalm 72: 8) The most wondrous of all being God's entry into our world in Jesus Christ, *"not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him."* *"Those who believe in him are not condemned."* (John 3:17,18)

Thanks be to God! Amen!

The Great Thanksgiving: The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Lord's Prayer

The Words of Institution & Communion of the People

***Hymn 32 vs. 1, 3**

Hark, the Herald Angels Sing

***Benediction:** Can you be a voice crying in the wilderness to proclaim that God is active in the world? The time is near! As people being changed, we go into a world that is being changed. May we sing with angels, ready to share the Good News that the long-expected Jesus is coming. We are being freed from whatever binds us.

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***Passing of the Peace:** We are people of the light.

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

Isaiah 11:1-10

11 A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse;
from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.
2 The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him—
the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and of might,
the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the Lord—
3 and he will delight in the fear of the Lord.
He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes,
or decide by what he hears with his ears;
4 but with righteousness he will judge the needy,
with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth.
He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth;
with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked.
5 Righteousness will be his belt
and faithfulness the sash around his waist.
6 The wolf will live with the lamb,
the leopard will lie down with the goat,
the calf and the lion and the yearling together;
and a little child will lead them.
7 The cow will feed with the bear,
their young will lie down together,
and the lion will eat straw like the ox.
8 The infant will play near the cobra's den,
and the young child will put its hand into the viper's nest.
9 They will neither harm nor destroy
on all my holy mountain,
for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.
10 In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the
peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his resting place will be
glorious.

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**Circle of Freedom Grocery Drive**  
**From now until Dec 21**  
See December Newsletter or Church  
Entryway for Grocery List  
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**December 16 @ 6:00 pm**  
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**TUF Team December 17**  
Grades 4 – 6 3:45 – 5:15 pm  
Caroling & Cookie Delivery  
Snacks: Jan Lundahl  
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**Christmas Eve Candle Light Service**  
**9:00 pm at HCUMC**  
Led by our Youth  
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**Christmas Carol Sing**  
**Sunday, December 28**  
**Joint 10:00 am Service @ HCUMC**  
**What's YOUR Favorite Carol?**  
See page 3 of insert to request it.  
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Names will remain on the prayer list for two Sundays following the first request.

Concerns

Family of Sarah Beckstrom – West Virginia Nat'l Guard member

Andy Wolfe – W. Virginia Nat'l Guard member in critical condition

Armed Services, Police, ICE agents, etc.

Family of Matt Smith

Patti – taken to Iowa City for cardio care, Linda's daughter in law

Patsy – health issues, friend of Pam Schreck

Celebrations

Kinsley Delzell – Cancer Kid of the Day @ Iowa State game

Travis Boyce's recital of the book of James

Thanksgiving Community Dinner – served 48 people

Patsy – doing better and taking meals in dining room again

Ron & Pam Schreck – anticipating new great granddaughter in May

Belva Snow – let nursing license lapse after 55 years of serving

Butch & Susie Gibbs – celebration of EMS service

Matthew 3:1-12

³ In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea ² and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." ³ This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah:

"A voice of one calling in the wilderness,
'Prepare the way for the Lord,
make straight paths for him.'"

⁴ John's clothes were made of camel's hair, and he had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵ People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan. ⁶ Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River.

⁷ But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptizing, he said to them: "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? ⁸ Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. ⁹ And do not think you can say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. ¹⁰ The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹ "I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹² His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

CHRISTMAS CAROL SING SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28
10:00 AM ~ JOINT SERVICE @ HCUMC

My Favorite Christmas Carol is: _____

Put in offering plate or get to church office by December 17

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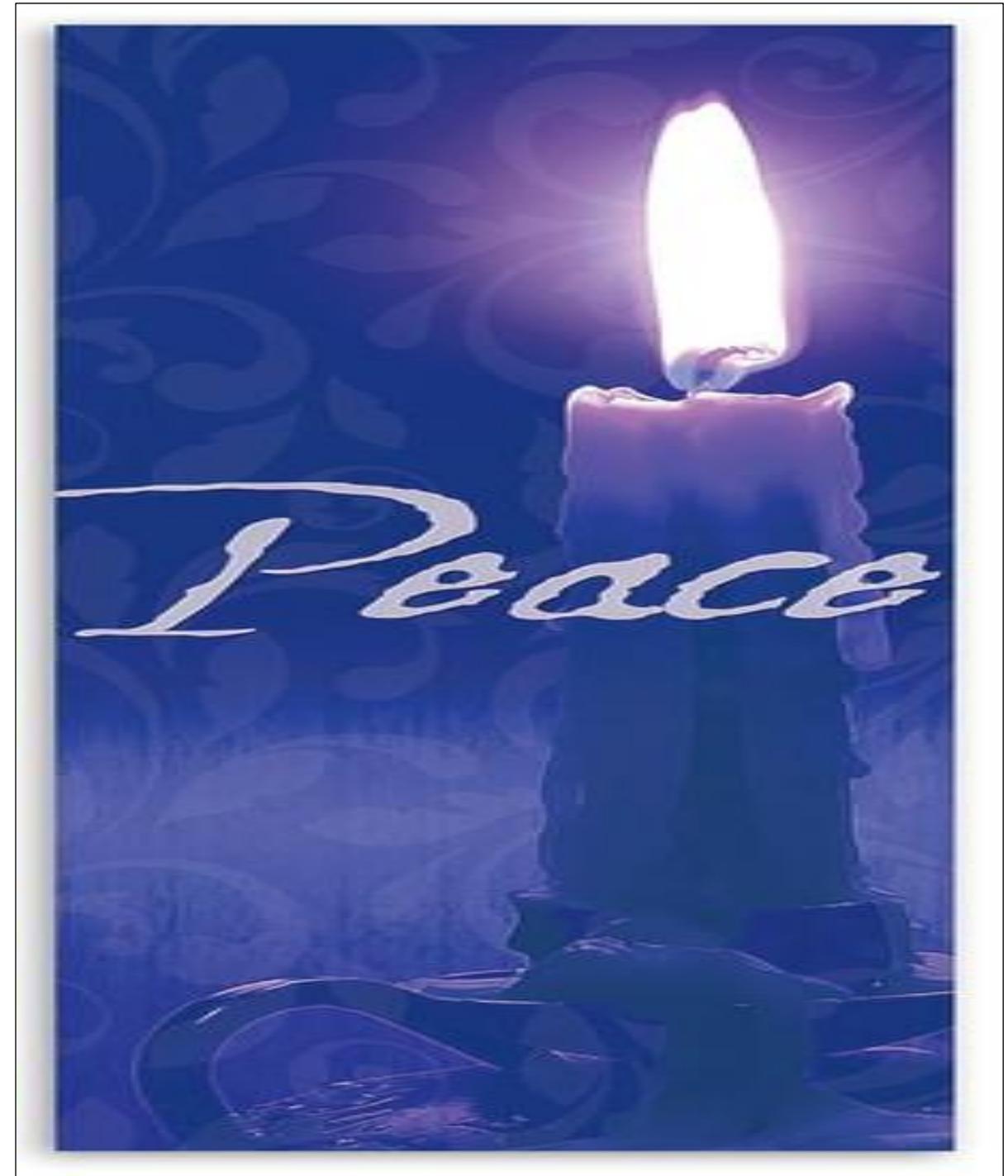
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***Communion Hymn 618 vs. 1**

Let Us Break Bread Together

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table & Words of Institution

Partaking of the Bread & Cup (please hold the cup until all have been served)

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***Hymn 672 vs 1**

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**Please stand as you are comfortable*