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LeRoy Presbyterian Church
3rd Sunday of Advent – December 14, 2025

Welcome and Announcements

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For God is our Maker and our Redeemer;
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*Hymn 40 vs. 1, 4, 5 *I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE (see page 4 of insert)

Celebrations & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer & Lord’s Prayer

Scripture Luke 1:46b - 55

Children’s Time A Lesson for the Child in All of Us

Sermon “Mary’s Song” Pastor Diane

*Hymn 47 vs. 1, 4 *Fairest Lord Jesus*

Offering Invitation & Offering

*Doxology (inside hymnal front cover)

***Prayer of Dedication**
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For the coming of that day on this day, we work and pray: Come, Lord Jesus, Come! Amen.

*Hymn 36 vs. 1, 2, 3 *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

***Benediction:**
Never put your faith in worldly status. Do not underestimate your heavenly importance. Let your trust in the coming of Christ soar within you like wings of joy. Go out into the world and serve one another as God-bearers. May grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father and Jesus the Son, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you this day and evermore.

We go in peace and joy. Amen!

***Passing of the Peace** We are people of the light.
Go tell the world: Christ has come to light the world.

**Please stand as you are comfortable*

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING LITURGY

While we wait and long for God to make the world right again, we cling to the truth that God has saved, God is saving, and God will save. So today, we join our voices with the prophet Isaiah, who calls us to live in the joy of the truth of God’s salvation.

We choose to believe that the day is coming when “the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away” (Isaiah 35:10).

We light this candle of joy as a sign of the Truth that sets us free. This truth allows us to live in joy as we wait and work for the day when all creation will flourish together.

(Light the previous 2 candles and the third [pink] candle of the Advent wreath.)

Help us to wait patiently, for we will be saved, and we will be healed.
The Spirit is coming to renew us, and our joy and gladness will never end.
Amen.

Hymn 2090 v. 3

Advent Song



Circle of Freedom Grocery Drive
From now until Dec 21
Grocery List in Entryway

TUESDAY Bible Study
December 16 @ 6:00 pm

Children’s Christmas Programs
HCUMC – TODAY during worship
LeRoy – Friday, Dec 19 @ 7:00 pm

TUF Team December 17
Grades 4 – 6 3:45 – 5:15 pm
Snacks: Jan Lundahl

Christmas Eve Candle Light Service
9:00 pm at HCUMC
Led by our Youth

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.

2nd Sunday Pot Luck Lunch Today
11:45 @ HCUMC



Our Concerns and Celebrations

Names will remain on the prayer list for two Sundays following the first request.

Concerns

9-month-old baby with recurring seizures

Julie – chronic respiratory issues, Terry & Belva Snow's daughter

Tommy – problems after spinal surgery @ Mayo Clinic

Patti – brother, Dick, passed away

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

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

Armed Services, Police, ICE agents, etc.

Family of Matt Smith

Celebrations

Averi Porter – played a great game, witnessed by Tom & Linda Watkins

Jake & Mary Kay Coffey – 66th wedding anniversary

Laken – parents have completed training to care for her diabetes

Patti – home after bypass surgery

Praise God – most of the winter storm passed us by

Kinsley – Cancer Kid of the Day @ Iowa State game

Travis Boyce's recital of the book of James

Thanksgiving Community Dinner – served 48 people

Luke 1:46b - 55

"My soul glorifies the Lord

⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

⁴⁸ for he has been mindful

of the humble state of his servant.

From now on all generations will call me blessed,

⁴⁹ for the Mighty One has done great things for me—

holy is his name.

⁵⁰ His mercy extends to those who fear him,

from generation to generation.

⁵¹ He has performed mighty deeds with his arm;

he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts.

⁵² He has brought down rulers from their thrones

but has lifted up the humble.

⁵³ He has filled the hungry with good things

but has sent the rich away empty.

⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel,

remembering to be merciful

⁵⁵ to Abraham and his descendants forever,

just as he promised our ancestors."



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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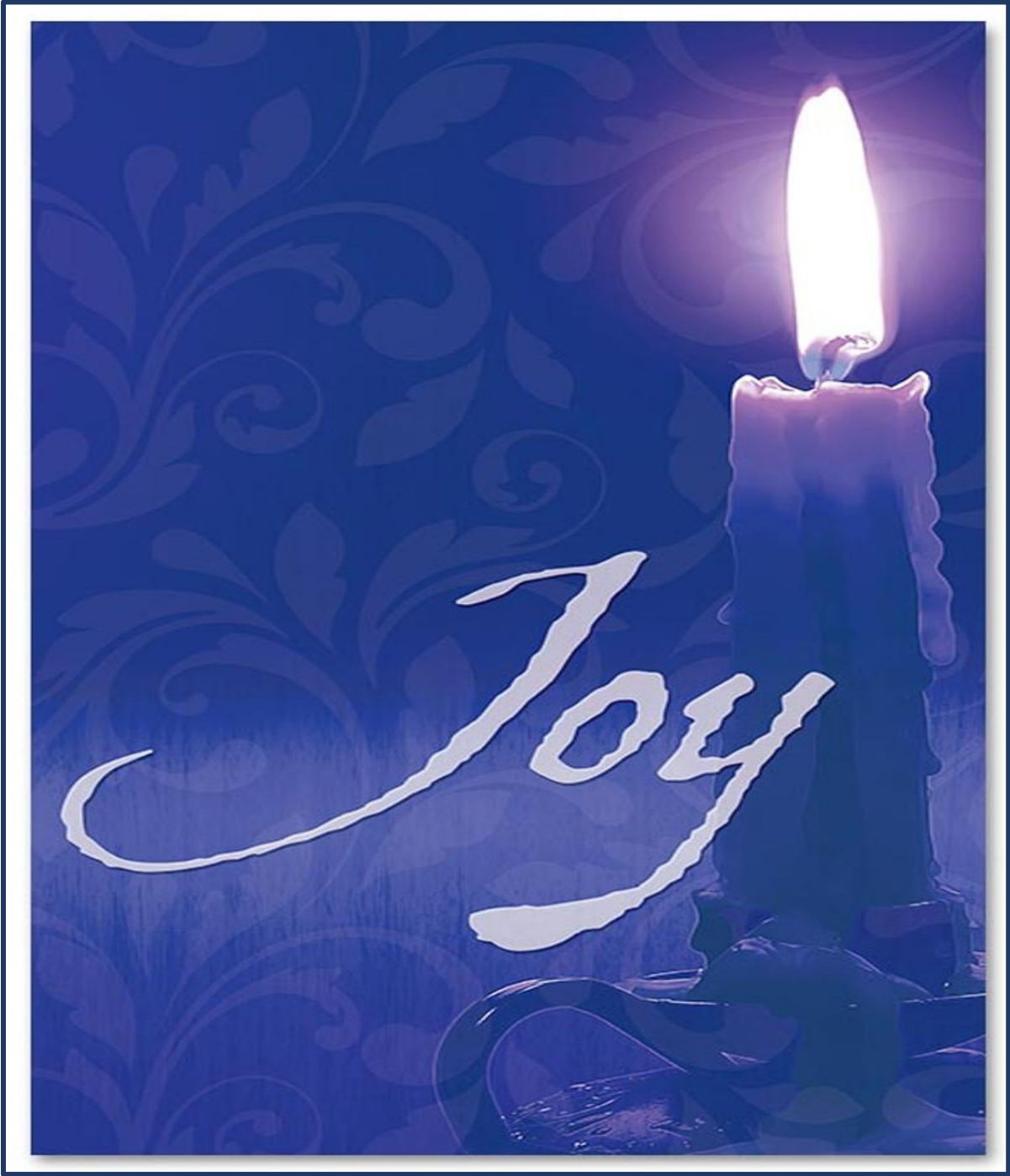
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***Hymn 216 vs. 1, 3**

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LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE ~ Martinez Family (see page 4 of insert)

Celebrations and Concerns, Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer #896

Scripture

Luke 1:46b - 55

Special Music

Christmas Is Coming

Chancel Choir

Children & Youth Christmas Program

***Hymn 219 vs. 1, 3**

What Child Is This

Offering Invitation & Offering

***Doxology #95**

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***Hymn 672 vs 1**

God Be with You

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