

2nd Sunday of Advent

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

When the church bell is rung let us be silent for worship.

*\*Please stand if able*

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## PRELUDE

### THE GREETING OF GOD'S PEOPLE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Wherever you may be in the journey of faith, Leesburg Presbyterian Church welcomes you. We are a community where persons from different faith backgrounds and understandings find unity in the wide embrace of Christ's love and call to service. If you are passing through, we extend God's blessing to you as you continue on your way. If you are seeking a home, we invite you to join us in the adventure of serving Jesus Christ in a challenging world.*

### LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

Hope is a star that shines in the night, leading us on till the morning bright.

**We light the candle of Hope.**

Peace is a ribbon that circles the earth, giving a promise of safety and worth.

**We light the candle of Peace.**

## When God Is a Child

CONGREGATION

Brian Wren

GATES  
JOHN CARTER

### REFRAIN



When God is a child there's joy in our song. The



last shall be first and the weak shall be strong, and



none shall be a - fraid.

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light.

**Come, O Lord, and send us your light.**

O come, O come, Immanuel.

**Come and bring the light of God.**

Come and walk among us.

**Be our Savior and our Friend.**

O come, O come, Immanuel.

**Come to bring us your peace.**

## \*HYMN #2

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

HYFRYDOL

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

LEADER: Let us in silence confess our faults and admit our frailty.

**(Silence)**

LEADER: Before God, with the people of God, I confess to my brokenness: to the ways I wound my life, the lives of others, and the life of the world.

**PEOPLE: May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.**

LEADER: Amen.

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LEADER: May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.

**PEOPLE: AMEN.**

## \*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (first time in unison, repeat in round)

**Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo,**

**Gloria, Gloria, alleluia, alleluia.**

## \*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

## TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

## OFFERING

**CALL TO OFFERING AND PRAYER**

**ANTHEM**

*Advent Carol*

John Horman

## THE LESSONS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 11:1-9

Pew Bible p. 640

## SERMON

“A Peace-Dreaming Christmas”

Rev. Deborah Dodson Parsons

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**MEDITATION**

*Deliver Me*

Andrew Peterson

Paul Ritsema, Baritone; Nate Ritsema, Violin

**SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**  
**THE INVITATION**

**GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**THE SHARING OF THE MEAL**

When you receive the bread, please wait until the pastor leads us to partake of it together. You are invited to partake of the cup as you are individually ready. The larger slice of bread on each plate is gluten free.

**\*HYMN** (insert) *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence/Now We Wait Again* PICARDY  
*The three stanzas after the traditional first stanza were written by Rev. S. Thomas Niccolls, the late father of LPC member John Niccolls. It was written for the Presbyterian Churches of northeast Ohio that are members of Eastminster Presbytery.*

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

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**SUNDAY SCHEDULE**  
**Worship at 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.**

**ASSISTING:** 8:30 a.m.

**Liturgists:** Frank Gasperini

**Ushers:** Babe and Kevin McGuire

11:00 a.m.

**Steve Potter**

**Evelyn Rollison and Nancy Blaine**