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## Jerseyville United Methodist Church

**Worship Service 12pm, Dec 7, 2025, 2nd Sunday of Advent**

❖ = *Those who are comfortable standing, please rise*

Prelude: "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" (UMH 196)

### **Meditation:**

"But as for me, I will hope continually and will praise you yet more and more." (Psalm 71:14)

### **❖ Call to Worship**

Leader: Today we light the second candle of Advent, the Candle of Love. Christ's love comes not through force, but through humility. When power cannot love, love still finds a way.

**People: The world chases control and status, but love enters through weakness and grace. God's love turns the proud hearts toward compassion and peace.**

Leader: We light this candle to remind us that love is the truest power. Come, Lord Jesus. Teach us to love as you love.

**People: God of Love, soften our hearts where fear has taken root. Shine your love into every place of division and hurt. Let your love be born again in us and through us. Amen.**

(Light the first & second candle)

### **❖ Hymn (UMH 230) "A Little Town of Bethlehem"**

### **Opening Prayer (Together):**

God of mercy, your love is stronger than all the powers that divide and destroy. When we are tempted to protect our comfort or cling to control, soften our hearts. Teach us again that true strength is found in compassion. Make our worship a place where your love is born anew. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Offering God's Tithes and Our Gifts

### **❖ Doxology (UMH 95)**

### **Prayer of Dedication (Together)**

God of transforming love, we give not to impress, but to serve. Take these gifts and use them to lift the lowly, feed the hungry, and bring justice near. May all we offer reflect the love we have found in you. Amen.

Prayers and Joys of the People of God

The Lord's Prayer (UMH 895)

### **❖ Hymn (UMH 209) "Blessed Be the God of Israel"**

❖ Scripture Reading: .....Matthew 2:1-18

Sermon: "An Unlikely Advent: When Power Cannot Love"

Rev. Yoseb Jeon

### **❖ Communion Hymn (UMH 617) "I Come with Joy"**

Holy Communion

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### **❖ Hymn (UMH 217) "Away in a Manger"**

### **Benediction**

Postlude: "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks" (UMH 236)

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## *Jerseyville UMC Announcements*

### **1. Jerseyville Bible Study via Zoom**

Tuesdays at 10 a.m. - December 2, 9, and 16.

### **2. Church Decorating Sunday**

Sunday, December 7 - Stay after worship to help decorate the church for Christmas.

### **3. Christmas Eve Service**

Tuesday, December 24 at 4:30 p.m.

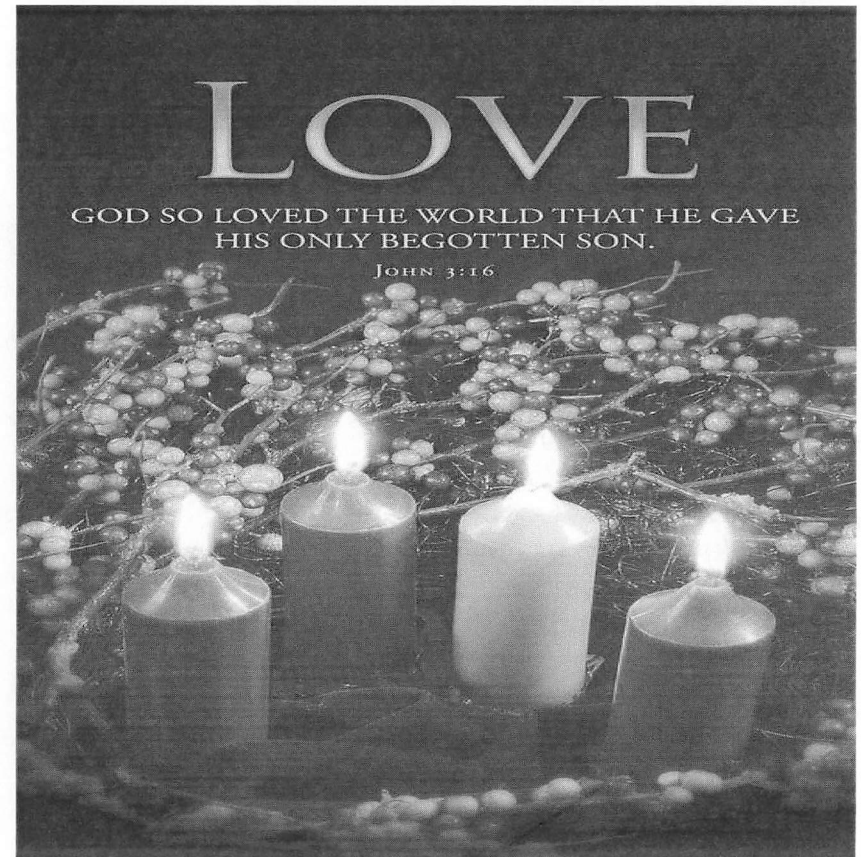
**Joint Christmas Eve service with First UMC, Freehold**

**Worship on Zoom** - Use your Zoom app, Click the link on [jerseyvilleumc.org](http://jerseyvilleumc.org) or call (646) 876-9923. Both the Zoom app & telephone have the same Meeting ID: 882 289 126

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December 7, 2025, at 12:00 p.m.

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent



### **Sunday Worship ~ 12:00 PM**

Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!

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