

## UNITE IN LOVE

Pre-service Music

Welcome

Prelude

Call to Worship

**\*Gathering Hymn #88**

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

*verses 1, 6, 7*

**Advent Candle Lighting**

*The Candle of Joy*

## GROW IN FAITH

**Time for Wonder** *children are invited forward*

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture Reading**

Psalm 126, Luke 1:46-55

**Reflection on the Word**

“Those Who Dream...Sow Joy”

**\*The Word in Song #100**

“My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout”

*vv.1,2/Refrain/vv.3,4/Refrain*

**Invitation to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

**O Great Writer,**

**With a sky full of stars and a world full of flowers, there should be no end to our joy.**

**And yet, we let it slip away like loose change.**

**Instead of singing like Mary, or dancing like David,**

**we pass by remarkable beauty and love most days, unfazed. Forgive us.**

**Teach us the ways of children, who laugh and dance and sing**

**as if joy is the very thing that keeps them alive.**

**Maybe they have joy figured out.**

**Quiet Reflection**

**Assurance of Grace**

One: God’s love dries our tears; God’s forgiveness picks us up; God’s peace embraces us.

**ALL: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.**

**Joys and Concerns**

**Prayers of the People**

December 17, 2023—10:00am  
Advent 3

Service of Worship  
Those Who Dream...Sow Joy

First Presbyterian Church  
Cedar Falls, IA

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Creator in heaven, holy is your name, your kin-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kin-dom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

**REACH OUT TO OTHERS**

**Offering Invitation & Dedication**

**Doxology #606**

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

**Our Life Together**

**\*Sending Hymn #767**

"Together We Serve"

all verses

**Blessing**

**Postlude**