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**Unemployment:** Initial Jobless Claims dropped for the 3<sup>rd</sup> straight week, falling from 215K to 199K. Continuing Jobless Claims decreased from 1,913K to 1,866K.

**Consumer Goods & Materials:** The annual measure of Consumer Price Index (CPI) rose 2.7% in November, less than the 3.1% forecast.

**Durable Goods:** Durable Goods orders fell 2.2% in October (MoM), following a 0.7% increase in September.

**Housing and Building:** Pending Home Sales rose 3.3% in November (MoM), which was the third consecutive increase in the number of homes under contract to be sold.

**Yield Curve:** The yield curve steepened this week. 2-year yields rose from 3.46% to 3.47%. 10-year yields climbed from 4.14% to 4.19%. Prices & rates move in opposite directions.

**M2 Money Stock:** The money supply held steady at \$22.30T (Nov), now roughly 72% of current GDP. Meanwhile, advance GDP growth accelerated from 3.8% in Q2 to 4.3% in Q3.

**Manufacturing & Services:** ISM Manufacturing PMI slipped from 48.7 (Oct) to 48.2 (Nov). Meanwhile, Services PMI inched up from 52.4 to 52.6, reinforcing steady expansion (50 is the contraction/expansion line).

**S&P 500:** The S&P 500 fell 71.47 points this week, closing at 6,858.47 (up 0.19% YTD).

**Consumer Confidence:** Conference Board (CB) Consumer Confidence fell for the 5<sup>th</sup> consecutive month. It decreased from 92.9 (Nov) to 89.1 (Dec).

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