

## Week Ahead

The market finished higher last week, erasing the 2% loss from the week before and now stand only 4% from the all-time highs. Risk on sentiment was evident last week as tech shares led the rally with a return of 4.6% for the week and the more defensive sectors lagged. This week will be full of market moving data, with the Federal Reserve meeting on Tuesday and Wednesday with their rate decision announced on the latter. At the last meeting, the fed was still indicating the possibility of two rate hikes this year but since their dovish turn the market is now pricing in zero rate hikes for the rest of this year and actually a 22% probability of a rate cut. If the Fed delivers a more hawkish tone than the market is predicting, we could see volatility to the downside pick up pretty quickly. In our view, the federal reserve meeting is the most important thing taking place this week.

Major Earnings Announcements for the Week:

**Monday-**

**Tuesday-** Michaels Cos & FedEx

**Wednesday-** General Mills, Williams-Sonoma & Micron Technologies

**Thursday-** Conagra & Nike

**Friday-** Tiffany

Economic Calendar/ Market Moving Events:

**Monday-** None

**Tuesday-** Factory Orders 10:00AM & Durable Goods 10:00AM

**Wednesday-** FOMC Rate Decision 2:00PM

**Thursday-** Leading Index 10:00AM

**Friday-** Markit US Manf 9:45AM, Markit US Services 9:45AM, Markit US Composite 9:45AM, Wholesale Inventories 10:00AM & Wholesale Trade Sales 10:00AM