

# *Avon Lake Presbyterian Church*

*Friends in Christ, Serving Together with Love*

## *Jesus Comes with Grace and Mercy*

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

*"The works of his hands  
are faithful and just; all  
his precepts are trustworthy.*

*Psalm 111*

JANUARY 28, 2023



*Hearing assistance available: FM receivers & earpieces are stored near the AV room. See sound technician with questions.*

*Coffee House Worship: in education wing foyer. Enjoy a more casual environment while worship is livestreamed from the sanctuary.*

## GATHERING MUSIC

*A Grateful Heart*  
ROCKINGHAM OLD

Setting by C.S. Lang

## HANDBELL PRELUDE

*It is Well With My Soul*Philip P. Bliss  
Arr. Cathy Molebust

Jacob Campbell, violin

## WELCOME

## INTROIT

*Prepare the Way of the Lord (3x)*  
PREPARE THE WAY

No. 95

CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 111, Mark 1*

One: Fount of life, Glorious One, your great works are full of honor and majesty:

**All: the earth we stand on, the trees that shade us, the birds that soar above us.**

One: Ever-living God, Generous One, your goodness and faithfulness endure forever:

**All: the wisdom we learn, the justice we long and work for, the hope you offer.**

One: Shelter God, Healing One, you remember your covenant and its promise to us:

**All: the grace and mercy you give, the healing you offer, the tenderness you show us.**

One: The works of your hands are faithful and just. Your teachings are trustworthy and true.

**All: Your praise endures forever! Amen.**OPENING PRAYER *Psalm 111***All: Faithful God, we stand in this congregation to give you thanks with our whole hearts, for your works are great. Your massive power upholds the universe, and yet it is so intimate, it upholds our lives, tiny in the scale of the galaxies. You provide food for us and for all your creatures, from goldfish to whales, hummingbirds to eagles, ants to elephants. You nurture life in the seas, yet watch over the deserts. Your work is full of honor and majesty. Thank you for being mindful of us all, remembering your promises. May your creative love and faithful power endure forever. Amen.**

## \*OPENING HYMN

*A Grateful Heart – Psalm 111*  
ROCKINGHAM

No. 652

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Rick Stein

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *Psalm 111, Mark 1*

*Let us take a moment for personal reflection.*

**All:** Gracious God, when we speak of your great power, the power that abounds in creation all around us, we sometimes wonder if it is in our own lives. We hear you are faithful, that you remember us and your promises, yet there are places in our lives that don't feel quite right. We often wonder what you have to do with our lives, especially in the places that hurt. Help us trust your promised grace, for we long to touch your healing peace. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON** *Psalm 111*

One: God holds true to God's promises and sends redemption to God's people. Let us rejoice in the God who remembers and redeems. Amen.

**ANTHEM***The Peace of God*

John Rutter

Muriel Homer, organ

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE** *Psalm 111*

One: We stand in good company, the congregation of our God of righteousness and mercy. Let us greet our siblings in the name of our good God. May the peace of Christ be with you all.

**All:** And also with you.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE***Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

No. 286

TRENTHAM

Verses 1 and 2

**LORD'S PRAYER****PRAYER RESPONSE***Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

No. 286

TRENTHAM

Verses 3 and 4

**SCRIPTURE READING**[Psalm 111](#); [Mark 1:21-28](#)

Dave Brunner

**SERMON**

"Jesus Comes with Grace and Mercy"

Pastor Rick Stein

**\*OFFERING/DOXOLOGY***Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

No. 606

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**\*HYMN**

*Jesus, Lover of My Soul*  
ABERYSTWYTH

No. 440

**BENEDICTION**

One: Each week we remind ourselves

**All: to go out into the world. Return no one evil for evil, strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak, and honor every person. Every person. And rejoice in the Lord always.**

One: And now may the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with each of you, all your loved ones, and all your concerns, now and forever. Amen.

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

No. 829

OLIVET

Verse 2

**POSTLUDE**

*Jesus, Lover of My Soul*  
ABERYSTWYTH

Setting by Wilbur Held

# *Welcome to Avon Lake Presbyterian Church!*

*“In awe, we Receive God’s Grace and Gospel.  
In gratitude, we Respond with Worship and Servanthood.  
In love, we Represent Jesus Christ as we minister to transform lives  
in family, community, and the world.”*

*As you join us for worship at Avon Lake Presbyterian Church, we hope that you will sense God’s presence, be caught up in joyful praise, be challenged by God’s Word and leave strengthened to live for Christ in the world.*

*In the event you need to step out of the Sanctuary, speaker systems are in both the foyer and the nursery so that you may listen to the worship service. When leaving the Sanctuary during the service, take care to close the door softly.*

**If you feel you would like a call or visit from Pastor Rick**, please contact the church office at 440-933-6240.

**Please silence cell phones** during our worship services.

**Offerings** may be given through [SimpleGive](#) and are always appreciated. Scan this code with your smartphone to easily access SimpleGive.



**Confidential prayers** are available now at the back of the sanctuary from the Healing Prayer Ministry after worship.

**Saints Alive** articles are due today! Please email your article to Kenzi at [alpresby@avonlakepc.org](mailto:alpresby@avonlakepc.org).

**The Mission Committee** is asking for donations of wrapped Valentine’s Day candy (especially chocolate hearts) to include in February brown bag lunches. Packing for Haven Center lunches will be February 11 after worship in the narthex; the help of the congregation would be appreciated. A bag for candy donations is on the narthex table.

**Guatemala Mission Trip**: There are 2-3 openings for our upcoming trip April 6-15. If you are interested, please reach out to Kathy Leopold via email at [leapinleok@hotmail.com](mailto:leapinleok@hotmail.com) or phone at 440-242-5086.

**Welcome, Jacob Campbell!** Thank you for sharing your musical talents with the ALPC congregation today.

## *Please keep in your prayers this week...*

**Beth S.**, who is doing well throughout her chemotherapy.

**Joe U.**, who will be undergoing further treatment for his cancer.

**Charlie & Debbie S.**, who are both facing health issues.

**George L.**, for continued healing.

**Noel P.**, who seeks spiritual healing.

**Joy H.**, who is now home and recovering well after her surgery.

**Lee L.'s family** in the Ukraine; keep them safe and bring an end to this war.

Joyce B.'s daughter, **Brenda**, who is receiving cancer treatments.

Matt & Sybil W.'s nephew, **Tommy**, who has leukemia and suffered a stroke this past week.

Penny H.'s daughter, **Jen L.**, whose cancer has returned and is once again receiving radiation.

## *This Week at the Church*

**Monday:** Walking Group meets at the church at 8:30 a.m. Session will meet at 7:00 p.m.

**Tuesday:** The church staff will meet at 10:00 a.m. Prayer Group will meet at 3:00 p.m. via Zoom.

**Wednesday:** Walking Group meets at the church at 8:30 a.m. Handbell Choir will meet in the Sanctuary at 6:45 p.m., followed by Chancel Choir at 8:00 p.m.

**Thursday:** Bible Study will begin at noon in the Pastor's office. The Mission Committee will meet at 4:15 p.m. at a member's home. Yoga will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the narthex.

**Friday:** Walking Group meets at the church at 8:30 a.m.

**Next Sunday:** Worship with communion begins at 10:00 a.m.

**Birthdays:** Janet P., 1/30; Bob R., 2/1

## *Chancel Choir*

Dave Brunner  
Doug Day  
Jackie Day  
Clayton Dusek  
Tammy Dusek  
Joan Wojcicki Fortney  
Deb Gantz

Barbara Graves  
Cathy Graves  
Jeff Hansen  
Ed Homer  
Sue Mabe  
Jan Mackert  
Makayla McAfee

Bob Palisin  
Sharon Pervo  
Susan Richardson  
Beth Shoemaker  
Linda Swartz  
Marcy Uhl  
Sarah Waggoner

## *Handbell Choir*

Dave Brunner  
Ed Carter  
Gail Carter  
Doug Day  
Cheryl Dean

Joan Wojcicki Fortney  
Barbara Graves  
Cathy Graves  
Muriel Homer  
Jan Mackert  
Kathy Navarro

Sharon Pervo  
Beth Shoemaker  
Sherry Spenser  
Linda Swartz  
Sarah Waggoner

## *Volunteers Today*

Greeters  
Worship Assistant  
Sound Board  
Projections  
Ushers  
Sunday School Teacher

Tom & Laura Callahan  
Dave Brunner  
Mike Ciarrone  
AmyLynn Kaspar  
Bob & Janet Parker  
Emilee Oliva

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