

Avon Lake Presbyterian Church

God Moves In

December 24, 2025 – 8:00 pm



Prelude	<i>Musical Gift to the Christ Child</i>	Gail Carter & Cathy Graves, flute duet Chancel Choir Muriel Homer & Doug Day, four hands piano
Welcome		
Candle Lighting	Christ Candle	Waggoner Family
Anthem	<i>Were You There on That Christmas Night?</i>	Chancel Choir
*Hymn	<i>Away in the Manger</i> , vs. 1	No. 115
Scripture	Luke 2:1-20	Mark Otterson
*Hymn	<i>Joy to the World!</i> , vs. 1, 4	No. 134
Sermon	“God Our Neighbor”	Kristian Bendoraitis
Prayers of the People		
Offering		
Musical Reflection	<i>Once Again My Heart Rejoices</i>	Susan Richardson, flute Doug Day, piano
Candlelight	<i>Silent Night! Holy Night!</i>	Joan Wojcicki Fortney, cello Rick Fortney, piano
*Hymn	<i>Silent Night! Holy Night!</i>	No. 122
Benediction		
Passing of the Peace		
Postlude	<i>Hark! The Herald Angels Sing</i> <i>Christmas Medley:</i> <i>Joy to the World O Come All Ye Faithful Away in the Manger</i>	

Prayers

All those who have suffered loss when it is felt more profoundly during this time of year.

**please stand if you are able*

The Week Ahead

December 25 – January 4

Thursday

All Day Merry Christmas!
Church Office Closed

Sunday

10 am Worship: Carol Sing-Along
11:15 am Illuminating Advent
Church Office

Monday

All Day Cornerstone No School
Kristian Out of Office
Emilee Out of Office
8:30 am Walking Group
12 pm Bible Reading
Church Library

Tuesday

All Day Cornerstone No School
Kristian Out of Office
Emilee Out of Office
3 pm Prayer Group
On Zoom

Wednesday

All Day Church Office Closed
8:30 am Walking Group

Thursday

All Day Happy New Year!
Church Office Closed

Sunday

10 am Worship with Communion

Announcements

Yoga starts back up **January 8**, just in time for New Year's resolutions! Join us every **Thursday at 6:30** pm for this free session of peace of mind and health. Donations accepted go toward our missions in Guatemala.

Revival Youth Group meets twice next month: **January 8** and **January 22**. Kids in Grades 5-12 are invited to join us for fun, fellowship, and meaningful conversation as we grow in faith together.

Please note: the **church office will be closed** December 25-26 and December 31-January 2.

Christmas Joy is a PCUSA annual offering that focuses on retired Pastors, church workers, and their families. Like many of us, church workers – including pastors and their families – often have a hard time putting aside money to cover unexpected illnesses or injuries. Quite often, it is more difficult to plan ahead because pensions and benefit packages are not “standardized.” This special offering is a way to help the people that have committed their time and talents to others. There are **special envelopes on the welcome table**.

Tonight's **general offering** has been designated for the **Mission budget**. We use this outreach fund to support our Brown Bag lunches and a monthly meal for Neighborhood Alliance/Haven Center. Also, many of us have been surprised with a to-go Sunday meal when we needed some extra care. We use the funds to supplement some of our non-food missions, like Undie Sunday and Foster support.

Please join us on Sunday, December 28 at 10 am for a worship service featuring **God Sightings and Carol Sing!**

Office Hours

Monday – Thursday | 9:30 am – 3 pm
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Our sanctuary is made more beautiful this Advent through the generosity of our church family. The poinsettias displayed this Christmas Eve are given by And in honor and loving memory of those listed below.

Elizabeth Swarz in honor of Rev. Charlie Swartz

Jim & Pat Hough in honor of Michele Hough and in memory of Mike Hough

Gary & Marcy Uhl in honor of Our Church Family

Barbara Graves in memory of Robert Graves

Kathy Leopold

Catherine Graves

Barbara Wiedl in memory of Keith Wiedl and Virginia & Earl Benz

Tom & Laurie Callahan in memory of Craig Shoemaker

Margre Lind & John Mills in honor of Ardelle Mills and in memory of James & Erleen Lind and Robert Mills

Lee Lohr

Kathy & Lanny Navarro in memory of Our Parents

Dave & Vickie Joyce in memory of Carl & Fae Zurcker and Blaine & Betty Joyce

The Dansizen Family in memory of Jim Janis and Craig Shoemaker

Carol Nussle