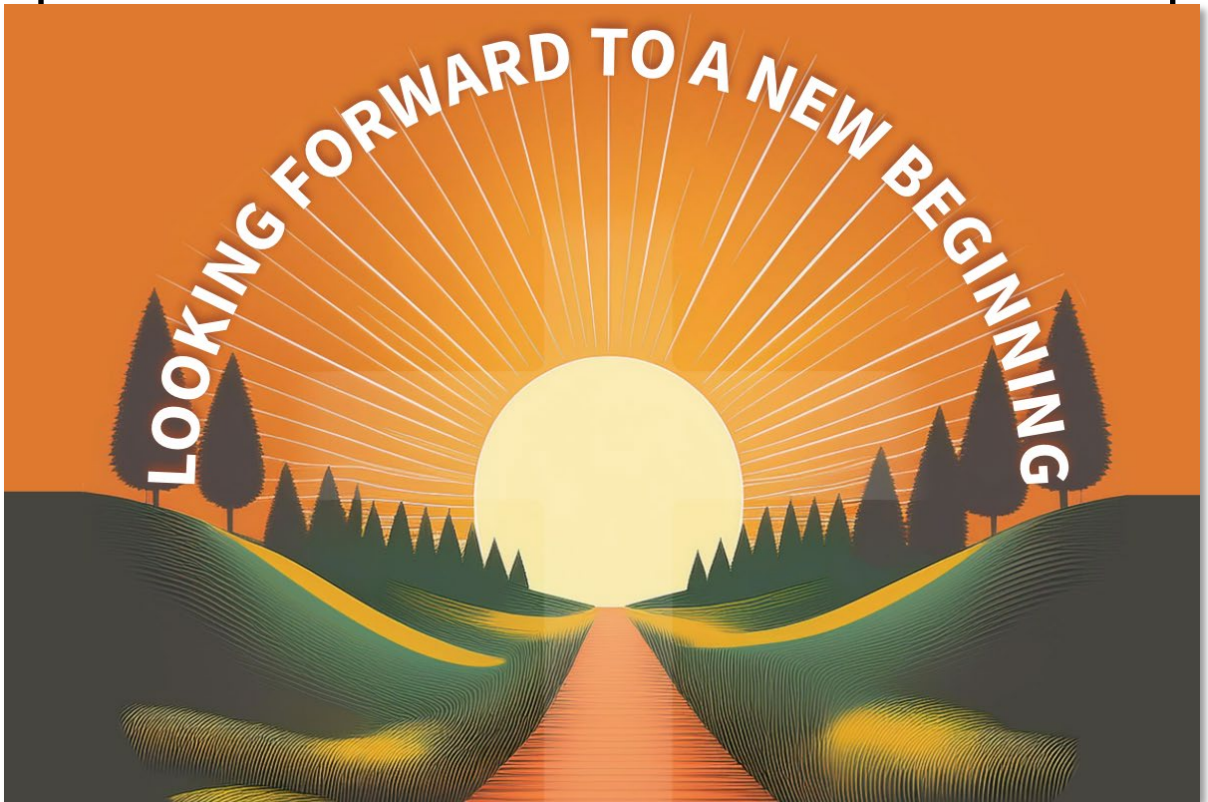


Avon Lake Presbyterian Church

Friends in Christ, Serving Together with Love



November 17, 2024

*“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.”*

GATHERING MUSIC*Adoration**Give Thanks***WELCOME****PRELUDE***Open the Eyes of My Heart***INVITATION TO WORSHIP***Open the Eyes of My Heart****OPENING HYMN***Jesus Calls Us*

No. 720

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: We have to admit, Holy Listener, that we are more likely to be irritated by the lives of others, rather than being provoked to love them. When we are called to encourage those around us, too often our actions and words discourage them. Offered lives of peace and hope, we wander around filled with anxiety and despair.

Forgive us, Rock of Redemption. Cleanse our hearts, so we might be more loving; keep up on the path of faithfulness so we might find those whom we are called to serve; give us your words so we might confess your hope offered to all who are broken, who are lost, who cry out to you. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Let us take a moment for personal reflection.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON***PASSING OF THE PEACE****ANTHEM***For the Beauty of the Earth***SCRIPTURE READING**[Psalm 16](#) | [Mark 13:1-8](#)

Matt Wendling

SERMON

“Do Not Be Alarmed??”

Pastor Jenni Walker Noyes

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

STEWARDSHIP HYMNTake My Life*

No. 697

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

No. 606

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*Now Unto Him*

Now unto Him who is able to keep you from falling,
And to make you stand in His presence
Blameless and with great joy,
To the only God, our Savior; through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
Be the glory and the majesty, dominion and authority,
Both now and ever; Amen!

POSTLUDE*Jesus Calls Us; O'er the Tumult***PRAYER CONCERNS**

David Brunner's mother-in-law passed away.

Mike Dean's brother.

Jeff Hansen who recently had cataract surgery.

Joy Harris who had cataract surgery on Monday.

Welcome to Avon Lake Presbyterian Church!

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.

Please silence cell phones during our worship services.

Hearing assistance is available. FM receivers and earpieces are stored near the AV room. See a sound technician with questions.

Worship services are livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube. If you are uncomfortable being on camera, please sit closer to the walls of the sanctuary.

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



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

It's time to order 2025 giving envelopes. Please let the church office know if there is a change to your information or envelope preferences (i.e., don't currently have envelopes and would like them).

Sometimes we all need a little help. And you can get by with a little help from your ALPC friends! If you or someone you know could use holiday food, please let the church office know and we will make arrangements with the Mission Committee to help you out. All needs remain confidential.

The Mission Committee, along with Cornerstone Preschool, will be collecting "holiday" foods for Thanksgiving.

Advent is almost upon us! One tradition in our congregation is the lighting of candles on the Advent wreath. We need couples, families, or small groups who are willing to light those candles and bring forward elements of the Nativity. There will not be any speaking parts – Kristian will handle that. A sign-up sheet will be in the narthex for the Sundays in Advent and the Christmas Eve service. Please consider being a part of this tradition. Thank you.

Hanging of the Greens will be on Sunday, November 24 after the worship service. We will be decorating the church for Advent and Christmas. A light lunch will be provided by the Deacons. There will also be activities for children. Come join us and help decorate!

Christmas Breakfast will be Sunday, December 15 in Hart Hall. Choir members can join us at 8:30 a.m., followed by the general congregation at 9:00 a.m. Sign-up in the narthex!

Christmas Caroling will take place Sunday, December 15. Plan to meet at the church at 6:30 p.m. Please contact Rick at rickfortney@avonlakepc.org for more information.

Saints Alive articles are due next Sunday, November 24. Please email to alpresby@avonlakepc.org.

Welcome, Pastor Jenni Walker Noyes! Pastor Jenni is a Minister Member of the Presbytery and most recently finished a co-interim position with First Lutheran Church in Lorain, Ohio, an ELCA congregation. This is her first time back in a PCUSA pulpit in two years (so please be kind if she gets the order of service out of order). Her husband, Kurt walker, frequently led worship here at ALPC prior to Pastor Kristian's arrival. During the week, she serves as a Spiritual Care Coordinator with Hospice of the Western Reserve. Both Kurt and Jenni do their best to keep up with their newly-turned 16-year-old son, Isaac, and both are so pleased to have this time in worship with this wonderful congregation.

This Week at the Church

- Monday:** Walking Group meets at the church at 8:30 a.m.
- Tuesday:** Yarn Ministry will meet at 10:30 a.m. in the narthex. Letters to John study group will meet at 1:30 p.m. in the Session room. Prayer Group will meet at 3:00 p.m. on Zoom. The session will meet at 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday:** Walking Group meets at the church at 8:30 a.m. Circle of Hope will meet at 10:00 a.m. in the church library. Bible Study will meet at noon in the Session room. Handbell Choir will meet in the Sanctuary at 6:45 p.m., followed by Chancel Choir at 8:00 p.m.
- Thursday:** Yoga begins at 6:30 p.m.
- Friday:** Walking Group meets at the church at 8:30 a.m.
- Saturday:** Order of St. Luke will meet at 9:00 a.m.
- Next Sunday:** Worship begins at 10:00 a.m. followed by Hanging of the Greens. Youth Revival meets at 6:00 p.m.
- Birthdays:** Joe LaGrassa, 11/19; Sarah Mills, 11/21; Tommy Reighard, 11/24

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Chancel Choir

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Sue Mabe
Makayla McAfee
Susan Richardson
Marcy Uhl

Sarah Waggoner
Gail Carter
Joan Wojcicki Fortney
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Regular Hours

Monday-Thursday: 9am-4pm

Friday: 9am-Noon