

Avon Lake Presbyterian Church  
**God Moves In**  
December 21, 2025 – 10:00 am



<b>Gathering Music</b>	<i>Let There Be Peace on Earth</i>	Rick Fortney, piano
<b>Welcome</b>		
<b>Candle Lighting</b>	Third Sunday of Advent: Love <i>Once in</i>	Hansen Family
<b>*Hymn</b>	<i>Royal David's City</i> , vs. 1,2, 3	No. 140
<b>Children's Sermon</b>		
<b>Passing of the Peace</b>		
<b>Scripture</b>	<a href="#">Philippians 2:1-11</a>	Jan Mackert
<b>Sermon</b>	"Embodying Jesus"	Kristian Bendoraitis
<b>Offering</b>		
<b>Anthem</b>	<i>Lullaby</i> <i>Old Hundredth</i>	No. 606
<b>Prayers of the People</b>		Sybil Wendling
<b>*Hymn</b>	<i>O Sing a Song of Bethlehem</i>	No. 159
<b>Benediction</b>		
<b>Postlude</b>	<i>O Sing a Song of Bethlehem</i>	

**Prayer Concerns**

**Lanny Navarro** – continued health and comfort  
**Carolyn Beeler** – continued health and comfort  
**The Shoemaker family** – for strength and peace

## The Week Ahead

December 22-28

### Monday

8:30 am Walking Group  
11:45 am Bible Reading  
*Library*

### Tuesday

12 pm Men's Lunch  
*The Kitchen in Avon Lake*  
1:30 pm Staff Meeting  
*Church Office*  
3 pm Prayer Group  
*on Zoom*

### Wednesday

8:30 am Walking Group  
4:30 pm Noisy Christmas Service  
8 pm Candlelight Christmas Service

### Thursday

All Day Merry Christmas!  
Church Office Closed

### Friday

All Day Church Office Closed

### Saturday

10 am Order of St. Luke

### Sunday

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

## Announcements

**Yoga** is taking a break. We'll be back at it January 8!

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There will be a funeral service for **Joan Metzger** on Sunday, February 15 at 2 pm.

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Hark! The herald angels sing, baa, moo, and shout! Join us for our family-friendly **Noisy Christmas** service on Christmas Eve at 4:30 pm as we retell the Nativity story with sounds, laughter, and lots of joyful noise. Please invite friends, neighbors, and family to come make a holy racket as we celebrate Jesus' birth together.

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In the hush of "Silent Night," we will gather for a **Candlelight Service** on Christmas Eve at 8 pm. This calm, reflective worship will feature Scripture, carols, and the soft glow of candlelight as we remember the mystery of God-with-Us. Come early at 7:45 to enjoy our prelude, "A Musical Gift to the Christ Child."

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There will be no New Year edition of **Saints Alive**. Instead, we will publish a Winter issue in February. This pause provides time for committees and ministries to prepare their **Annual Reports, due January 9**. Thank you for your continued care in sharing the life of our church!

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**Per Capita** for 2026 will be \$40 per person and is due by January 31.

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The **Annual Meeting** of the Congregation will be January 25, immediately following our worship service.

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Please note: the **church office will be closed** December 25-26.

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**Giving Envelopes** for 2026 are available in the office for those who requested them.

Office Hours

Monday – Thursday | 9:30 am – 3 pm  
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