

Avon Lake Presbyterian Church
God Moves In
 December 14, 2025 – 10:00 am



Gathering Music	<i>Away in a Manger</i> <i>Hark! The Herald Angels Sing</i>	Rick Fortney, piano
Welcome		
Candle Lighting	Third Sunday of Advent: Joy	Ed & Gail Carter
*Hymn	<i>Hark! The Herald Angels Sing</i> <i>Angels We Have Heard on High</i>	No. 119 No. 113
Children's Sermon		Terry Vine
Passing of the Peace		
Scripture	Hebrews 4:14-16	Bob Ralston
Sermon	"A Sympathetic Jesus"	Kristian Bendoraitis
Anthem	<i>Of a Rose, A Lovely Rose</i>	
Prayers of the People		Sybil Wendling
*Hymn	<i>Away in a Manger, vs. 1 & 2</i> <i>Away in a Manger, vs. 3</i>	No. 115 No. 114
Benediction		
Postlude	<i>Angels We Have Heard on High</i>	Rick Fortney, piano

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 15 -21

Monday

- 8:30 am Walking Group
11:45 am Bible Reading
Library
7 pm Session
Church Office

Tuesday

- 10:30 am Yarn Ministry
Narthex
1:30 pm Staff Meeting
Church Office
3 pm Prayer Group
on Zoom
5 pm TrueNorth Rehearsal

Wednesday

- 8:30 am Walking Group
10 am Cornerstone Christmas Program
Sanctuary
10:30 am Circle of Hope
Church Library
7:45 pm Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday

- 5 pm TrueNorth Rehearsal

Friday

- 8:30 am Walking Group

Saturday

- 7:30 pm TrueNorth Concert

Sunday

- All Day Saints Alive Articles Due
10 am Giving Sunday Worship
11:15 am Illuminating Advent
Church Office

Announcements

Yoga is cancelled through the new year. We'll be back at it January 8!

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Avon Lake Presbyterian will host TrueNorth Cultural Arts on Saturday, December 20 at 7:30 pm for their annual **Christmas concert**, featuring TrueNorth's Chorale and Chamber orchestra together with the ALPC Chancel Choir.

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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, pause from the busyness, and rest in the peaceful beauty of Christ's birth.

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Saints Alive articles for the New Year edition are due December 21.

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

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Cornerstone Preschool's Christmas program will be Wednesday, December 17. The school will be on break December 18 through January 4.

Office Hours

Monday – Thursday | 9:30 am – 3 pm
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