

# *Avon Lake Presbyterian Church*

*Friends in Christ, Serving Together with Love*

## Loving Your Neighbor

NOVEMBER 3, 2024



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

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

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

**GATHERING MUSIC***Quiet Thoughts*

R. Kevin Boesiger

*All Are Welcome*

Marty Haugen

Arr. Mark Hayes

**WELCOME****HANDBELL PRELUDE***For All the Saints*

Ralph Vaughan Williams

SINE NOMINE

Arr. Barbara B. Kinyon

**CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT***Praise the Name of Jesus*

Roy Hicks, Jr.

*All Hail the Pow'r of Jesus' Name!*

CORONATION

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: We are called to love the Lord our God

**All: We are called to love with all our heart and soul**

One: We are called to love the Lord our God

**All: We are called to love with all our mind and strength**

One: We are called to love the Lord our God

**All: And we are called to love our neighbor as ourselves.****OPENING PRAYER**

**All: Lord, give us the eyes of Jesus to see our neighbors and the strangers we meet. Teach us what it means to love the stranger as we love ourselves. Open our eyes this morning to our selfishness, forgive our silence, and enlarge our heart for the strangers who come to our communities. Remind us, again, of your love and inspire us to love and care for others the way you do. Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN***Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

No. 753

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**All: We confess that in our lives we often hide behind our work and play, schools and jobs, fun and fashion. We let ourselves get so busy that we forget to notice the other, the person quietly crying for help. We confess we allow the powers of this world to seduce us into selfishness and silence our expressions of our faith. Teach us to champion the cause for justice for all, strengthen us to love our neighbor, and open our eyes to how we can see you in others. Amen.**

*Let us take a moment for personal reflection.*

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: The Word of God assures us that we are forgiven and that we are able to love through the Spirit of Christ. Nothing can separate us from God's love. Nothing. We have been forgiven, we have been made new people. Let us go this day and into our weeks with peace, knowing that God's Word gives us strength to love our neighbors near and far and power to speak up for those who are broken. Thanks be to God. Amen.

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: Jesus continually shares God's peace with us. As we gather today, let us be strengthened by sharing God's peace with one another. As we journey through our weeks, let us share it with others. May the peace of Christ be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

**ANTHEM***Saints Bound for Heaven*

J. King and William Walker  
Arr. Howard Helvey

**SCRIPTURE READING**[Luke 10:25-37](#)

Cheryl Dean

**SERMON**

"Loving Your Neighbor"

Rev. Dr. Kristian Bendoraitis

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE****LORD'S PRAYER****\*OFFERING/DOXOLOGY***Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

No. 606

**COMMUNION****ALL SAINTS REMEMBERANCE***The Peace of God*

John Rutter

**\*CLOSING HYMN***For All the Saints*

No. 326

SINE NOMINE

**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*

David Morris

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**

*For All the Saints*

SINE NOMINE

Ralph Vaughan Williams  
Arr. Hal Hopson

# 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.*

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

**Check the calendar!** As our church grows with adult, youth, and preschool programming, and to be able to accommodate everyone's needs, please check the schedule prior to making plans at ALPC. The calendar can be viewed on the church website in "ALPC Members Connect." If you or your committee would like to be added to the calendar, please call or email Kenzi in the church office.

**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).

**Lorain Cooperative Ministry** will host a chili dinner on Saturday, November 9 at Christ Lutheran Church, 5:00-7:00 p.m. Cost is \$12 per person with proceeds helping to support the efforts of Lorain Cooperative Ministry. Flyers with more information are available on the narthex table.

**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. More details coming soon.

**Daylight saving time ends today.** Remember to set your clock back one hour.

**Fix-It Saturday** will begin at 9:00 a.m. on November 9. Please consider giving some of your time to help the Property Committee complete projects around our church.

## *This Week at the Church*

- Monday:** Walking Group meets at the church at 8:30 a.m. The Property, Worship & Spiritual Life, and H.R. Committees will all meet throughout the church building at 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday:** 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.
- Wednesday:** Walking Group meets at the church at 8:30 a.m. The church staff will meet at 9:30 a.m. 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:** The Mission committee will meet at 4:15 p.m. There is no yoga today.
- Friday:** Walking Group meets at the church at 8:30 a.m.
- Saturday:** The Property Committee will host Fix-It day beginning at 9:00 a.m.
- Next Sunday:** All Saints Day Worship begins at 10:00 a.m. The Chosen study group will meet at 11:45 a.m. in the church library. Youth Revival will meet at 6:00 p.m.
- Birthdays:** Barbara Graves, 11/4; Cheryl Dean, 11/5; Avery Knox, 11/5; Barbara Schweitzer, 11/8; Joe Unger, 11/10

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

- Karen Francy** who is back home and recovering well.
- Linda Kurak** as she lives through the effects of Parkinson's disease.
- Noel Peel** and **Charlie & Debbie Swartz** who need continued healing.
- Jen Lombardozi** who has Metastatic breast cancer.
- Mary**, Sandee Seib's mother who is in hospice.
- Roy**, Barbara Lehmkuhl's friend who had a triple bypass done.
- Anthony**, Mike Dean's brother who was recently diagnosed with stomach cancer.
- Pat**, Sybil Wendling's mother who is having back problems.

## *Church Leaders and Volunteers*

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Cheryl Dean

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Gary Uhl

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Ushers

Anita Cherian, Terry Vine

Communion Servers

Sherry Spenser, Jennie Stryczny, Matt Wendling, Lee Lohr

Accompanists

Doug Day, Muriel Homer

## *Chancel Choir*

Jackie Day  
Tammy Dusek  
Cathy Graves  
Sue Mabe  
Makayla McAfee

Susan Richardson  
Marcy Uhl  
Sarah Waggoner  
Gail Carter  
Joan Wojcicki Fortney  
Deb Gantz

Barb Graves  
Jan Mackert  
Sharon Pervo  
Beth Shoemaker  
Dave Brunner  
Clay Dusek

Jeff Hansen  
Doug Day  
Mike Dean  
Ed Homer  
Bob Palisin

## *Handbell Choir*

Doug Day  
Gail Carter  
Linda Swartz  
Cheryl Dean  
Beth Shoemaker

Jan Mackert  
Sharon Pervo  
Muriel Homer  
Sarah Waggoner  
Kathy Navarro  
Lee Lohr

Ed Carter  
Dave Brunner  
Barb Graves  
Cathy Graves  
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