

Avon Lake Presbyterian Church

Friends in Christ, Serving Together with Love

Place Our Hope and Trust in God

February 18, 2024
First Sunday in Lent

"Lead me in your truth,
and teach me, for you
are the God of my
salvation; for you I wait
all day long."

PSALM 25:5



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

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

GATHERING MUSIC & PRELUDE**WELCOME****INTROIT**

Prepare the Way of the Lord (3x)
PREPARE THE WAY

No. 95

CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 25, 1 Peter 3*

One: Bring your lives, full of sorrow and joy.

All: Bring yourselves, full of hope and despair.

One: Come in your brokenness, ready for fullness of life.

All: Stay in your weakness, ready to receive strength and the power of God.

OPENING PRAYER *Genesis 9, Psalm 25, 1 Peter 3*

All: Source of hope, bring us into the presence of hope. Inspire us with the strength of faith. Shower us with the waters of mercy and grace, that our hope may be renewed as we learn to trust your promise and love. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days
ST. FLAVIAN

No. 166

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Matthew Wendling

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *Psalm 25, 1 Peter 3*

Let us take a moment for personal reflection.

All: Merciful God, you know the worries and the doubts that fill our lives. Strengthen our faith and inspire our trust. Shower us with your mercy and grace, that we may embrace the fullness of life and love, through the power of your Holy Spirit and the mercy of Jesus, the Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *Psalm 25, 1 Peter 3*

One: God is good.

All: All the time.

One: And all the time,

All: God is good.

One: Trust this truth and receive God's gifts of mercy and love.

All: Amen.

ANTHEM *Crown Him With Many Crowns* Arr. George J. Elvey
Cathy Graves, flute / Barbara Graves, piano

***PASSING OF THE PEACE** *2 Corinthians 4*

One: The one who said, "Let the light shine," has shone in our hearts and illumined our lives with knowledge of the glory of God through the face of Jesus Christ. Let us share this grace and peace with one another. May the peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* No. 286
TRENTHAM
Verses 1 and 2

LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* No. 286
TRENTHAM
Verses 3 and 4

SCRIPTURE READING [Psalm 25:1-10; Mark 1:9-15](#) Lee Lohr

SERMON "Place Our Hope and Trust in God" Pastor Rick Stein

***OFFERING/DOXOLOGY** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* No. 606

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

***CLOSING HYMN** *Hope of the World* No. 734
DONNE SECOURS
Verses 1, 3, 4, 5

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 *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

No. 829

OLIVET

Verse 2

POSTLUDE

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.

If you feel you would like a call or visit from Pastor Rick, please contact the church office at 440-933-6240.

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

New church directories are available in the church office.

The Circle of Hope will meet on February 21 at 10:00 a.m. in the Pastor’s office. Please feel free to join us.

Saints Alive articles are due Sunday, February 25.

Special thanks to Beth S., Deb G., Janet P., and Lora M. who make up ALPC’s new Visual Arts Ministry! Their work in beautifying the sanctuary windows with crosses is greatly appreciated. Interested in joining this group? Contact Rick F.

Please stay after worship for the Annual Meeting and Chili & Soup Cookoff.

Please keep in your prayers this week...

Beth S., who continues with chemotherapy treatments.

Joe U., who will be undergoing further treatment for his cancer.

Charlie & Debbie S., who are both facing health issues.

George L., for continued healing.

Noel P., who seeks spiritual healing.

Joy H., who is now home and recovering well after her surgery.

Rick & Joan F., who have COVID.

Lee L.'s family in the Ukraine; keep them safe and bring an end to this war.

Joyce B.'s daughter, **Brenda**, who is receiving cancer treatments.

Matt & Sybil W.'s nephew, **Tommy**, who has leukemia and recently suffered a stroke.

Penny H.'s daughter, **Jen L.** whose cancer has returned and is on a treatment of chemo pills.

This Week at the Church

Monday: The church office will be closed in observance of President's Day. Walking Group meets at the church at 8:30 a.m. Session will meet at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday: The church staff will meet at 10:00 a.m. Yarn Ministry will meet at 10:30 a.m. in the narthex. Prayer Group will meet at 3:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Wednesday: Walking Group meets at the church at 8:30 a.m. Handbell Choir will meet in the Sanctuary at 6:45 p.m., followed by Chancel Choir at 8:00 p.m.

Thursday: Bible Study will begin at noon in the Pastor's office. Yoga begins at 6:30 p.m. in the church narthex.

Friday: Walking Group meets at the church at 8:30 a.m.

Saturday: The Order of St. Luke will meet at 9:00 a.m.

Next Sunday: Worship begins at 10:00 a.m. Saints Alive articles are due.

Birthdays: Mary Lou LaG. *today!* Emilee O., 2/22; Nancy A., 2/22; Cathy G., 2/23

Chancel Choir

Dave Brunner
Doug Day
Jackie Day
Clayton Dusek
Tammy Dusek
Joan Wojcicki Fortney
Deb Gantz

Barbara Graves
Cathy Graves
Jeff Hansen
Ed Homer
Sue Mabe
Jan Mackert
Makayla McAfee

Bob Palisin
Sharon Pervo
Susan Richardson
Beth Shoemaker
Linda Swartz
Marcy Uhl
Sarah Waggoner

Volunteers Today

Greeters
Worship Assistant
Sound Board
Projections
Ushers
Sunday School
Children's Sermon

Marian Conn, Barbara Schweitzer
Lee Lohr
Gary Uhl
AmyLynn Kaspar
Mike & Cheryl Dean
Terry Vine
Matthew Wendling

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