

Avon Lake Presbyterian Church

Friends in Christ, Serving Together with Love

January 14, 2024



The Voice from Heaven

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

*"And a voice came from Heaven,
'You are my Son, the Beloved,
with you I am well pleased.'"*

Mark 1:11

JANUARY 14, 2023

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.

PRELUDE

Let the Whole Creation Cry
SALZBURG

Setting by
Johann Pachelbel

WELCOME

INTROIT

Prepare the Way of the Lord
PREPARE THE WAY

No. 95

CALL TO WORSHIP *Genesis 1, Psalm 29, Mark 1*

One: Listen for God's word...

All: calling forth creation.

One: Listen for God's word...

All: working with power and majesty.

One: Listen for God's word...

All: speaking blessings.

One: Listen for God's word...

All: in this moment.

OPENING PRAYER *Genesis 1, Psalm 29*

All: God of power and majesty, you call forth creation, acting with strength and power. We praise you, as we stand in awe of your glory. You are mighty and powerful, and yet you care for us, pouring your Spirit of love upon us, recreating us for your work in the world. You are at work in our midst, offering a new day of hope and possibility. Open our hearts to the sound of your voice. Send the power of your Spirit among us, that we might become agents of your love and peace. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

Sing of God Made Manifest
SALZBURG

No. 156

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Lynn Bondurant

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *Genesis 1, Mark 1*

Let us take a moment for personal reflection.

All: God, we are so tired. The holidays were a wonderful, busy time, as we celebrated the birth of Jesus. As we return to life without festive celebrations, we long to avoid feeling let down or discouraged. Teach us to listen for your gentle voice. Help us awaken to the quiet stirrings of new life in our hearts and in our communities. As your children, called into being by your word, remake and renew us, that we may follow you with joy. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *Mark 1*

One: You are God's child, God's beloved creation. Receive God's offer of new life and new beginnings.

ANTHEM*Canon of Praise, from Kanon*Johann Pachelbel
Hal Hopson

Doug Day, piano

***PASSING OF THE PEACE** *Mark 1*

One: You are members of God's beloved community. Greet one another with the peace of Christ. 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[Acts 19:1-7](#); [Mark 1:1-11](#)**SERMON**

"The Voice from Heaven"

Pastor Rick Stein

OFFERING/DOXOLOGYPraise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

No. 606

OFFERTORY PRAYER**CLOSING HYMN***O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High*

No. 618

DEO GRACIAS

Verses 1, 2, 4, and 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 *Oh, Wondrous Sight! Oh, Vision Fair. Oh, Love, How Deep*

DEO GRACIAS

Setting by
Richard Hillert

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.

The 2023 Annual Report is in the works. Please email your information to Kenzi at alpresby@avonlakepc.org by January 21, 2023.

Taters & Games: Join your ALPC family for an afternoon of (you guessed it), taters and games! We'll cook up our best baked potatoes, put them out with your favorite toppings, then pull out the board games and card games for a cozy winter afternoon activity. Feel free to bring any games you want to share. January 21, 11:30 a.m.

Ornaments from the Family and Angel Trees may be picked up from the narthex table. Thank you so much to all who contributed!

Please keep in your prayers this week...

Lee L.'s family in the Ukraine; keep them safe and bring an end to this war. We pray not only for the end of the war in Ukraine but an end to violence everywhere.

All those who have been affected by cancer, either personally or through loved ones. Pray for **Joyce B.'s daughter, Brenda**. We lift up special prayers for **Lynne S.** who continues to receive infusions and recently suffered a broken hip. Please pray for **Matt & Sybil W.'s nephew, Tommy**, who is being treated for leukemia. Pray for **Beth S.** as she continues chemo treatment. Lift up **Joe U.** as he prepares for further cancer treatments. Give him and his wife, **Carol U.**, strength as they once again go through the process. **Penny H.'s daughter, Jen L.**'s cancer has returned; please pray for her healing through surgery and radiation.

Keep **Jan M.'s daughter Jessie** in your prayers for her continued healing from serious health issues.

Pray for continued healing for **Cathy G.** following her abdominal surgery.

Lift up **Charlie and Debbie S.** as they face health issues.

Lift up **George L.** for continued healing and ask for strength for him and his wife **Sue S.** during this time.

Please keep **Noel Peel** in your prayers for spiritual healing.

Continue to include **Bill & Deb G.** in your prayers; Bill has COVID and pneumonitis.

Pray for a smooth recovery for **Joy H.** as she continues rehab after surgery.

This Week at the Church

- Monday:** The church office will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King Day. Walking Group meets at the church at 8:30 a.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. Circle of Hope will meet at 10:00 a.m. in the pastor's office. 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.
- Friday:** Walking Group meets at the church at 8:30 a.m.
- Next Sunday:** Worship begins at 10:00 a.m. followed by Taters & Games at 11:30 a.m.
- Birthdays:** Madeline W., *today!* Jenn C., 1/15; Susan R., 1/18; Darlena G. 1/20; Tom C., 1/21

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

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

Volunteers Today

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

Skip & Nancy Albrecht
Cheryl Dean
Mike Ciarrone
AmyLynn Kaspar
Anita Cheriyan, Nancy Baldwin
Lynn Bondurant
Emilee Oliva

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