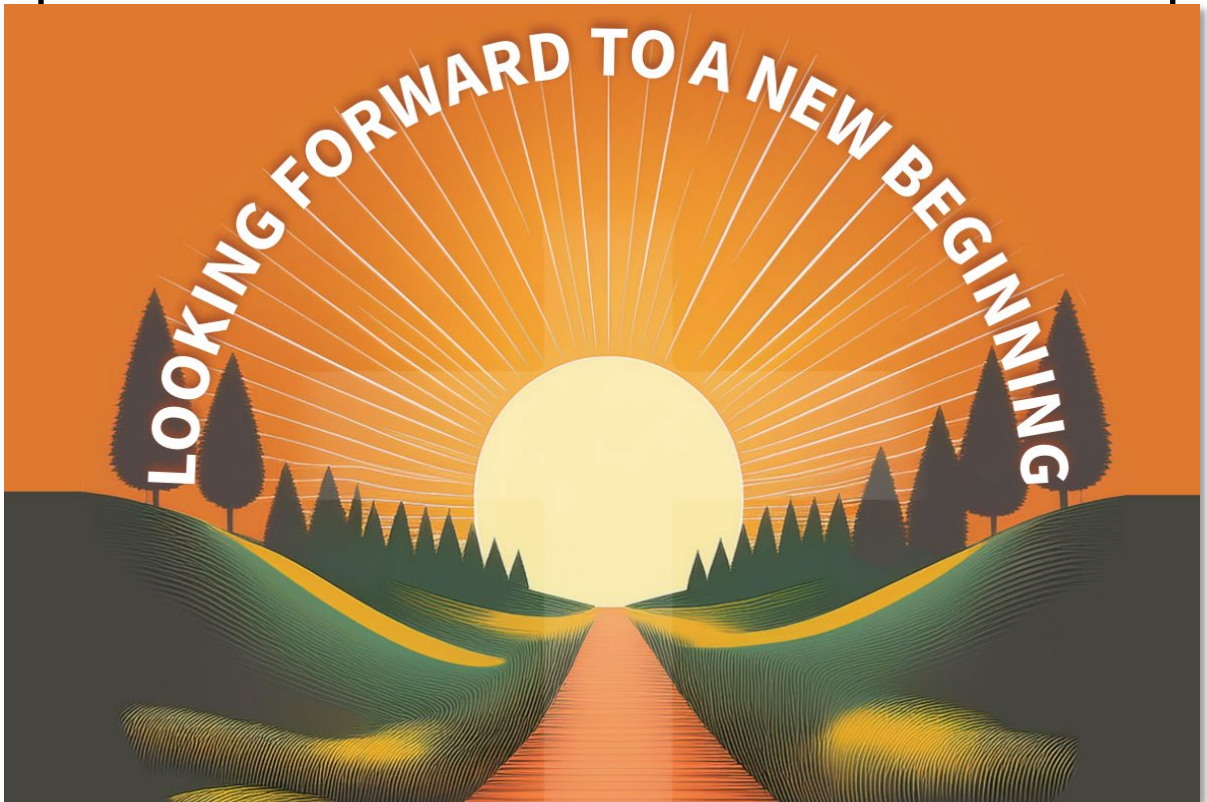


Avon Lake Presbyterian Church

Friends in Christ, Serving Together with Love



November 24, 2024

*“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.”*

GATHERING MUSIC

Thanksgiving Prelude

Charles Callahan

WELCOME

HANDBELL PRELUDE

Thanks Be to Thee

G.F. Handel
Arr. John F. Wilson

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: My heart exults in the Lord; my strength is exalted in my God.

All: There is no Holy One like the lord, no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God.

One: For the pillars of the earth are the Lord's, and on them God has set the world.

All: The Lord will guard the feet of the faithful ones and judge the ends of the earth.

One: Let us worship God!

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT

Thank You, Lord!

Dennis L. Jernigan

OPENING PRAYER

***OPENING HYMN**

Opening Hymn Melody

Come, Ye Thankful People Come

No. 367

For the Beauty of the Earth

No. 14

We Gather Together

No. 336

YOUNG-AT-HEART MESSAGE

Rev. Bob Palisin

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us take a moment for personal reflection.

All: Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Hear the good news! The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

ANTHEM	<i>Thanksgiving Canticle</i>	Johann Crüger Arr. Mark Hayes
SCRIPTURE READING	Jeremiah 23:1-6 John 18:33-37	Sherry Spenzer
SERMON	“What Kind of King?”	Rev. Kurt Walker
STEWARDSHIP HYMN	<i>Though I May Speak</i> GIFT OF LOVE	No. 693
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE	<i>Awesome Power</i>	John G. Elliott
STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE		
DEDICATION OF PLEDGES	<i>For the Autumn Sky</i>	Ruth Elain Schram
*OFFERING	<i>Glory to God Who Shines on Me</i>	Paul M. Vasile
BENEDICTION		
BENEDICTION RESPONSE	<i>Now Unto Him</i>	David Morris
POSTLUDE	<i>Now Thank We All Our God</i> NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT	Johann Crüger Arr. Gary Lanier

PRAYER CONCERNS

Darlana Gallant, who has been sick.

Sybil Wendling’s mother, Pat, who is recovering from surgery.

Mike Dean’s brother, Anthony, who has stomach cancer.

Sandee Seib’s mother who is in hospice.

Kristian Bendoraitis’ mother-in-law who had emergency surgery on Friday for a brain bleed.

Welcome to Avon Lake Presbyterian Church!

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 need to contact the pastor or any other staff member, please call the church office at 440-933-6240.

Please silence cell phones during our worship services.

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

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

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.



Would you like to be included on the prayer list? Fill out a blue card or scan this code.

Advent is almost upon us! One tradition in our congregation is the lighting of candles on the Advent wreath. We need couples, families, or small groups who are willing to light those candles and bring forward elements of the Nativity. There will not be any speaking parts – Kristian will handle that. A sign-up sheet will be in the narthex for the Sundays in Advent and the Christmas Eve service. Please consider being a part of this tradition. Thank you.

Calling all singers! ALPC has been invited to participate in Avon Lake's Light Up the Park on December 6, 6:00-7:00 p.m. This opportunity is open to the entire congregation. Please contact Rick to join the fun! rickfortney@avonlakepc.org

Christmas Breakfast will be Sunday, December 15 in Hart Hall. Choir members can join us at 8:30 a.m., followed by the general congregation at 9:00 a.m. Sign-up in the narthex!

Christmas Caroling will take place Sunday, December 15. Plan to meet at the church at 6:30 p.m. Please contact Rick at rickfortney@avonlakepc.org for more information.

Calling All Angels, an Advent study of fearlessness and strength, is being offered every Sunday in December. Join us at 9:00 a.m. before worship or at 11:45 a.m. after worship.

New! Music Monday! Kids, tweens, and teens in grades 5th through 8th are invited to sing, play hand chimes, and enjoy fellowship every Monday at 4:30 p.m. beginning tomorrow, November 25.

Poinsettias will fill our Sanctuary on December 15! Order forms are available on the narthex table.

This Week at the Church

- Monday:** Walking Group meets at the church at 8:30 a.m. Music Monday will begin at 4:30 p.m.
- Tuesday:** The church staff will meet at 9:30 a.m. Men's Lunch Group will meet at noon. Prayer Group will meet at 3:00 p.m. on Zoom. The session will meet at 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday:** The church office will be closed. Walking Group meets at the church at 8:30 a.m.
- Thursday:** Happy Thanksgiving! The church office will be closed. Yoga is canceled tonight.
- Friday:** The church office will be closed. Walking Group meets at the church at 8:30 a.m.
- Saturday:** Order of St. Luke will meet at 9:00 a.m.
- Next Sunday:** Worship begins at 10:00 a.m.
- Birthdays:** Tommy Reighard, *today!* Jackie Day, 11/25; Susan Reighard, 11/26; Sarah Waggoner, 11/28; Debbie Reichlin, 11/28; Ruth Ann McCarbery, 11/29; Eric Mills, 11/29; Ed Homer, 11/30; Kathy Navarro, 12/1

Church Leaders and Volunteers

Pulpit Fill	Rev. Kurt Walker
Director of Music	Rick Fortney
Director of Christian Education	Emilee Oliva
Worship Assistant	Sherry Spenser
Soundroom	Paul Butrey
Projections	Elizabeth & Craig Shoemaker, AmyLynn Kaspar
Ushers	Bob & Janet Parker
Accompanists	Doug Day, Muriel Homer

A Special Note

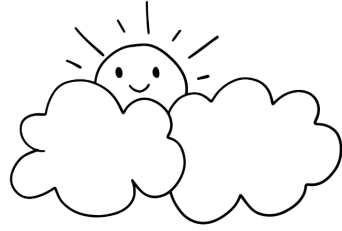
This week brought a surprise absence of Pastor Kristian. He had a family emergency to attend to on Thursday and on Friday, ALPC was in the position of needing to find pulpit fill. We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Rev. Kurt Walker for stepping in quickly as our worship leader today!

The church staff would also like to share our appreciation for the flexibility our worship volunteers have demonstrated this week; this flexibility has been integral in having as smooth of a service as possible during Pastor Kristian's absence.

Finally, thank you to our wonderful congregation for being you! The past few years of transition have had many ups and downs and you have endured the roller coaster with grace and patience. We are still transitioning and working out some kinks and we appreciate your continued patience and support.

To everyone, have a happy and blessed Thanksgiving!

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Regular Office Hours

Monday-Thursday: 9am-4pm

Friday: 9am-Noon