

# Avon Lake Presbyterian Church

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"Friends in Christ, Serving Together with Love"

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

10:00 AM

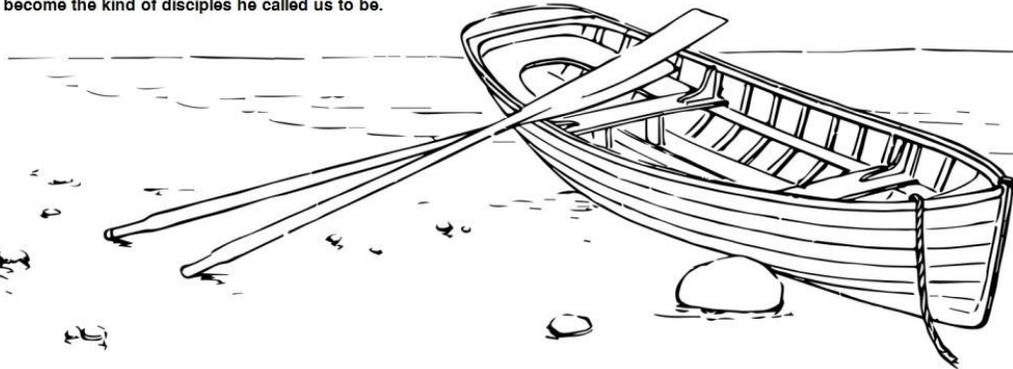
January 16, 2022

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"Do you hear  
what I hear?"

## Discipleship by the Sea

Follow Jesus along the shoreline and  
become the kind of disciples he called us to be.



Worship live in the sanctuary or remotely online, 10am Sundays!

Streaming on Facebook and YouTube. Replaying on AL-CTV daily at 6am and 6pm.

### GATHERING MUSIC/PRELUDE

*Majesty*

Jack Hayford  
arr. Jack Schraeder  
Hebrews 2:9

*'We see Jesus ... now crowned with glory and honor.'*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** – The lunch bunch crew is packing brown bag lunches for Haven House after church today. Session will have a budget meeting on Zoom at 2:00 pm today. Youth will have a Game Night at the church at 6:00 pm tonight.

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus says, "Now is the time!"

**ALL: Startle us, God, from our busyness and routines. Show us how very close your Kingdom is.**

Leader: Jesus says, "God's kingdom is at hand!"

**ALL: Deliver us, God, from faith in our own strength.**

**Free us from the traps of violence, dishonesty, and greed.**

Leader: Jesus says, "Receive the good news from God!"

**ALL: Embolden us, God, to trust you anew. For we are as fragile as breath,  
and draw our strength from your mercy and compassion.**

### OPENING PRAYER

Loving God, in this season of Epiphany, your kingdom has drawn close - so close we can almost touch it. Help us to see that we already live under your rule of peace. May our worship today draw us closer to you and to one another. When we measure greatness by status and success, you challenge us to find true greatness in following Jesus. You call, and like Jonah, we often run away in our unwillingness to preach mercy to others. You call, and like the disciples, we often rush after you, only to falter and fall away when the shadows deepen. Yet your strength and kindness never

falter, even for the resistant Jonah or the enthusiastic fishermen. And your strength and kindness never abandon us. Loving God, it is you we worship this day. Amen.

**\*HYMN** "Come, Christians Join to Sing" (MADRID) No. 267

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Read Responsively)**

Leader: God alone offers strength and hope. Let us welcome God's kingdom, making it our refuge. Pour out your hearts, trusting God with everything.

**ALL: God, we know that you alone are unshakeable. You alone are our stronghold and our refuge. You deliver and glorify us, yet we fail to love and glorify you in return. We live as if we can save ourselves, as if we can be our own stronghold and fortress against the storm. Yet we are fragile as breath. We are consumed by our desires to succeed and dominate. We blindly strive to get our way, and are greedy for all sorts of wealth.**

Leader: And so, we confess our failings to you and to one another, trusting in your forgiveness and your grace. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Beloved, God repays us according to our deeds, and yet in Jesus Christ, we have nothing to fear. Trusting God with everything, we rest in God's faithful love. Allowing Christ to change our hearts and our lives, we find God's strength and hope.

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM** *Call to Remembrance* Richard Farrant

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE; AND LORD'S PRAYER**

**OFFERTORY** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" No. 606  
**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**\*HYMN** "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" (MIT FREUDEN ZART) vs. 1, 3 and 4 No. 645

**SCRIPTURE READING** Psalm 62:5-12; Mark 1:1-20 Michele Cold

**SERMON** "Do You Hear What I Hear?" Pastor Rick Stein

**\*HYMN** "Rejoice, the Lord is King" (DARWALL'S 148<sup>TH</sup>) vs. 1, 3 and 4 No. 363

**BENEDICTION**

**HANDBELL POSTLUDE** *Simple Gifts* Shaker Tune  
Arr. Linda McKechnie



**Today we welcome the Reverend Rick Stein.** Pastor Rick has gladly accepted the assignment to be the "gap pastor" at Avon Lake Presbyterian Church. He is the former Covenant Pastor at First United Presbyterian Church in Elyria. Rick served First United from October, 2006 until his retirement on December 31, 2019. His wife, Mary, is also retired from Baldwin Wallace University where she worked for 46 years. They have two daughters (and son-in-laws), five grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. They are enjoying retirement and spending time with their family. They also enjoy gardening and going to their small "getaway home" in Marblehead, Ohio. Rick's cell number is 440-864-7343. Please feel free to call him with any pastoral needs. He is looking forward to serving our congregation and helping us begin the next chapter that God has called us to embark on.

# 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.

Due to the new CDC guidance reflecting a rise in COVID cases, masks are requested of all people inside the church building regardless of vaccination status. Please wear a mask to worship.

**As you enter or exit the sanctuary this morning**, please feel free to take a small stone to carry with you as a tangible reminder of how Jesus taught us by the sea and an outward reminder to be the disciples he called us to be.

**Please note:** In the event you need to step out of the Sanctuary, speaker systems are in both the foyer and the crib room so that you may listen to the worship service.

**Please also note:** When leaving the Sanctuary *during the service*, take care to close the door softly.

**During our hanging of the greens event**, our creative youth decorated wooden angel ornaments with the names of the loved ones we lost this past year. These are on the table near the office door and available to take home until January 31, 2022. If you prefer to have the ornament delivered to you, please call Cindi in the church office (440-933-6249) and she will make arrangements to get it to you.

**Birthdays this week:** Susan Richardson, 1/18; Darlena Gallant, 1/20; Tom Callahan, 1/21; Bill Marshall, 1/23.

**Good news – the bathroom project** is nearing completion. It will not be long until we can feast our eyes on the improvements. As the final payment draws near, any additional donations toward the project are welcome. If you are interested in contributing in this way, please indicate "bathroom project" on you check or payment.

**Per Capita 2022 -** All Presbyterians are called to take part in the ecclesiastical and administrative work shared by the whole church through per capita giving. The annual rate is a per-member apportionment that is assessed biennially by the General Assembly. (Book of Order, G-3.0106) All congregations — large and small — are encouraged to participate, either through an annual budget item or through a special direct appeal to their congregations. In your monthly offering envelope packet, there is a special offering envelope specifically for your contribution to the Per Capita. Per Capita is a "head tax" assessed by the denomination to help with the cost of the work in the local Presbytery, the Synod, and the work of the General Assembly. The amount you need to pay **per member is \$34.91**.

**Today: Annual Reports** are due to Cindi via email at [avonlakepc.org](mailto:avonlakepc.org).

**Today: You can pick up your offering envelopes** in the Narthex on the table. Everyone who is a member has offering envelopes to take home.

**Lakeshore photos wanted!** Many of you have beloved vacation destinations near lakes. During the Sundays between Epiphany and Lent (now through the end of February), we want to project images of lakeshores you provide! Please choose photos from lakes featuring nature, fishing, and boats rather than people. We will use the pictures in slideshows each week. Bring or email them to the church office or email them to [alpcprojector@gmail.com](mailto:alpcprojector@gmail.com).

**Preliminary Copies of the 2021 Annual Report** will be on the table in the foyer starting next week.

**The Ecclesiastical Meeting and the Annual Meeting of the Corporation** will be held on Sunday, January 30, immediately following the worship service. This is also a reminder that youth who have been confirmed are active members and have a voice and a vote at these meetings. Please plan to attend as we need your input! The 2021 Nominating Committee will submit the slate of officers for Elders, Deacons, Trustee and Nominating Committee.

**Beginning January 16th until January 31 -** the mission committee invites you to donate **NEW mittens, gloves, hats and scarves for men, women and children.** NEW homemade items are welcome. "Seriously, imagine how someone would feel if they received a new pair of gloves or a handmade scarf during this cold NE Ohio weather." We will drop donations off to The Community West Foundation, Socks plus collection location. They can store them until needed for local distribution to groups that serve people that are homeless. Questions? Beth Janis [bjanis1383@gmail.com](mailto:bjanis1383@gmail.com).

**Would you like to help sort food at the Second Harvest Food Bank with some of your church friends?**

Sign up for one of the time slots that has been reserved for our ALPC group.

- Monday, 1/24/22 9:30am-12pm, 8 volunteer slots available
- Tuesday, 2/15/22 9:30am-12pm, 8 volunteer available
- Monday, 3/21/22 9:30am-12pm, 8 volunteers available

Register online by visiting the Second Harvest Food Bank of North Central Ohio event registration page: <https://cerv.is/0293rALPRESBYTERIAN2022>. Select your desired date and follow the on screen instructions. If this is your first time using the online registration system, you will be prompted to create a Volunteer Profile. Second Harvest is located at 5510 Baumhart Rd in Lorain. Carpools can be arranged. If you need help registering online, please call Sybil Wendling at 440-453-1265.

**2022-2023 Cornerstone Preschool Registration** is open to the public.

## *Please Keep in Your Prayers*

**Pastor Charlie and his family** need all our prayers as he goes through this transition.

**Betsy**, Eddie Lou Bush's daughter, needs prayers as she goes through chemo.

**Kathy Mohr** had knee surgery on January 12.

**Sue**, Kathy Navarro's mom, fell and hurt her shoulder.

**Onnalee Pollard**, the church custodian, is living in a hotel because the upstairs of her house burned on January 9.

**Please keep all those with COVID in your prayers.**

**Margre Mills' uncle Daniel Barto** passed peacefully this past Friday in Brainerd. MN.

## *This Week at the Church*

**Monday:** Church office closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day

**Tuesday:** Staff meeting 10 AM. Ruth Circle will meet at 11:00 am in the CE office; Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet at 11:00 am in the church Narthex; Zoom prayer group will meet at 3:00.

**Wednesday:** Bell Choir meets at 6:30 PM. Chancel Choir meets at 8:00 PM.

**Friday:** Church office closed today.

**Saturday:** OSL will meet at 10:00 am in the church Narthex.

**Sunday:** Worship and Sunday school will begin at 10:00 am; Youth ice skating

# *Volunteers Today*

Worship Assistant  
Greeters  
Audio Visual Team  
Sound Board  
Ushers

Michele Cold  
Barb Schweitzer and Sherry Thompson  
Joan Wojcicki Fortney, Jay Knox, Beth Shoemaker  
Gary Uhl  
Beth and Jim Janis

## *Church Staff*

Gap Pastor  
Director of Music Ministry  
Director of Preschool  
Financial Secretary  
Lock-up Custodian  
Office Administrator  
Treasurer

Rev. Rick Stein 440-864-7343  
Rick Fortney 440-724-7189  
Julie Erker 400-933-7646  
Lynn Morway  
Ed Homer  
Cindi Dansizen 440-231-3528  
Marcy Uhl 440-724-7000

Sunday Worship – Our worship service begins at 10:00 am  
Also on Facebook and YouTube at 10:00 am  
Join us: [www.facebook.com/avonlakepc](http://www.facebook.com/avonlakepc)

Our worship service is on the Avon Lake public access channels (1024 for Spectrum and 22 for WOW!). Sunday services will begin showing the following Wednesday, at 6:00 am and 6:00 pm and then show every day at those times throughout the week.