Avon Lake Presbyterian Church

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"Friends in Christ, Serving Together with Love"

Christ the King Sunday **10:00 am** **November 20, 2022**

PRELUDE *A Thanksgiving Prelude for Flute and Organ* Charles Callahan
Susan Richardson, flute / Rick Fortney, organ

WELCOME

THRESHOLD MOMENT

CHORAL INTROIT *Psalm 150* Paul Liljestrand

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
All: Worship the Lord with gladness.
Leader: Come into God's presence with singing.
All: Enter God's presence with thanksgiving.
Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.
All: God's steadfast love endures forever.

OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

Almighty God, you have led us into a land of milk and honey. As we rejoice in your manifold blessings, turn our thoughts to those who go hungry. As we celebrate the bounty of your table, focus our appetite on food that does not perish. Help us find our true sustenance in Christ, that our souls may never hunger. And move us to draw our nourishment from him, that our spirits may never thirst. Amen.

***HYMN** *We Gather Together* (KREMSER) No. 336

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Almighty God, maker of heaven and earth, fill our hearts with gratitude on this day of thanksgiving. You have brought us into a land flowing with milk and honey. You have blessed us with waters that well up eternal life. Open our mouths to proclaim the bounty of your good land, for by your power alone do we prosper. Help us to live each day with true gratitude for your many blessings. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Let your requests be known to God, and Christ will guard our hearts and minds, and the Spirit will give us peace that passes all understanding.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Leader: As we celebrate God's bounty in our lives, let us give thanks for the blessings of friendships of friends and family. Now let us share this thanksgiving by sharing the signs of Christ's peace with one another this day.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Come into the King's Chambers* Daniel Gardner

O Come into the King's chambers and worship before His throne.
O Come into the King's chambers and His glory shall be shown.
O come into His holy presence and magnify His name.
O come into the King's chambers; you will never be the same.

LORD'S PRAYER

***PRAYER RESPONSE** *Glorify Thy Name* Donna Adkins

Father, we love You, we worship and adore You,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.
Glorify Thy name, Glorify Thy name, Glorify Thy name in all the earth.
Jesus, we love You, we worship and adore You.
Spirit, we love You, we worship and adore You.

SCRIPTURE READING Deuteronomy 26:1-11; John 6:25-35 Cheryl Dean

ANTHEM *Thou Art Holy* Craig Courtney

SERMON "God's Wonderful Abundance" Pastor Rick Stein

DEDICATION OF OUR PLEDGES

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

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

***HYMN** *Now Thank We All Our God* (NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT) No. 643

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Now Unto Him* David Morris
(in unison)

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 *Now Thank We All Our God* (NUN DANKET ALL GOTT) Setting by Hans-Hieinz Haase

Now Thank We All Our God (NUN DANKET ALL GOTT) Setting by Paul Kickstat

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**Please stand if you are able.*

Have a blessed and peaceful Thanksgiving!

"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."
1 Thessalonians 5:18

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 (440-933-6240).

Donations appreciated! Let's help our neighbors with their Thanksgiving feasts. The Mission Committee is holding a food drive of non-perishable canned and/or packaged foods. Suggested items include: corn, sweet potatoes, pumpkin, applesauce, pickles, olives, gravy, creamed soups, broth, evaporated or sweetened condensed milk, assorted canned fruit, pie fillings, stuffing mix, pie crust mix, bread mixes, boxed potatoes, mac & cheese, Jell-o, pudding, cookies, chocolates, ketchup, mayonnaise, hot sauce, pasta, crackers, etc.

Second Harvest Food Bank volunteer opportunity: Tuesday, November 22, 9:30am-12pm. Contact Sybil at 440-453-1265 or call the church office to talk to Kenzi. Sign up is also available online at https://cerv.is/0293rALPRESBYTERIAN2022

Movie Afternoon, hosted by the Deacons, will be Sunday, December 4th at 2:30pm in the Sanctuary. Get ready for the journey of Mary & Joseph with the classic film "The Nativity." Popcorn and drinks will be provided.

The Star of Bethlehem, presented by Lynn Bondurant will take place December 4th & 11th after worship.

Please keep in your prayers this week…

Bill Gantz is undergoing chemo and radiation treatments for cancer.
Gail Carter's sister, Linda, is awaiting immunotherapy as a treatment for her cancer.
Donna Bradley is doing well in her recovery from surgery and would appreciate continued prayers of healing.
Noel Peel can use prayers for continued well-being.
Peggy Willis has been experiencing pain and would like prayers of healing.
Special prayers go out to those who have lost their four-legged loved ones this week.

This Week at the Church

Monday:	Walking Group meets at the church at 8:30am. Church Staff will meet at 10:00am in the church office.
Tuesday:	Men's Lunch Group will meet at noon. Contact Bill Till for more information.
Wednesday:	Walking Group meets at the church at 8:30am. Cornerstone Preschool will be closed for Thanksgiving break. The church office will be closed. Handbell Choir will practice in the sanctuary at 6:30pm, followed by Chancel Choir at 8:00pm.
Thursday:	Happy Thanksgiving! Enjoy the holiday. The church office will be closed.
Friday:	Walking Group meets at the church at 8:30am. The church office will be closed.
Saturday:	Memorial service for Al Zadroga begins at 1:00pm.
Next Sunday:	Worship begins at 10:00am.

Birthdays: Sarah Mills, 11/21; Tommy Reighard, 11/24; Jackie Day, 11/25; Susan Reighard, 11/26

Chancel Choir

Jackie Day	Joan Wojcicki Fortney	Jeff Hansen
Tammy Dusek	Jan Mackert	Jim Smucker
Sue Mabe	Sharon Pervo	Ed Carter
Susan Richardson	Beth Shoemaker	Doug Day
Marcy Uhl	Linda Swartz	Mike Dean
Sarah Waggoner	Dave Brunner	Ed Homer
Gail Carter	Clayton Dusek	Bob Palisin

Doug Day & Muriel Homer, accompanists

Volunteers Today

Greeters	Barb Lehmkuhkl, Anita Cheriyan
Worship Assistant	Cheryl Dean
Projections Team	Beth & Craig Shoemaker
Sound Board	Mike Ciarrone
Ushers	JoAnn & Alan Wainscott

Church Staff

Transitional Minister	Rev. Rick Stein	440-846-7343
Director of Music Ministry	Rick Fortney	
Director of Preschool	Julie Erker	440-933-7646
Treasurer	Marcy Uhl	
Office Administrator	Kenzi Roberts	
Lock Up Custodian	Ed Homer	

Tithes and offerings may be given at any time through SimpleGive and are always appreciated.