

Avon Lake Presbyterian Church

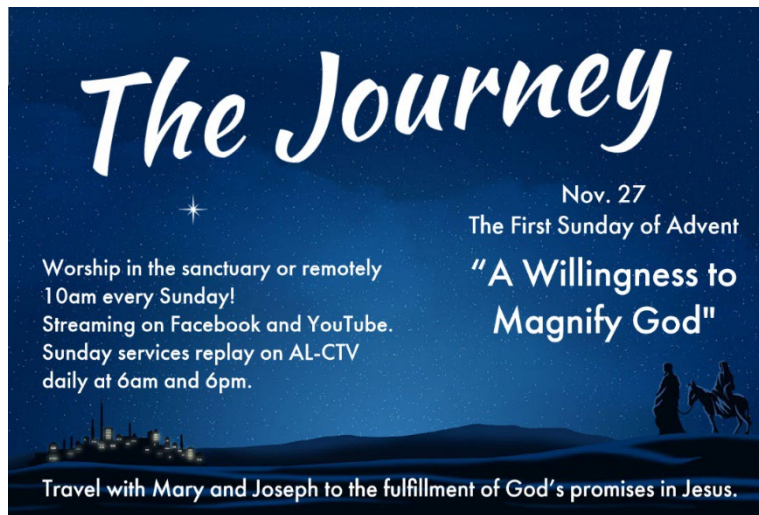
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"Friends in Christ, Serving Together with Love"

First Sunday of Advent

10:00 am

November 27, 2022



PRELUDE

Of the Father's Love Begotten (DIVINIUM MYSTERIUM)

Arr. Lorie Line

O Come, O come, Emmanuel (VENI EMMANUEL)
Joan Wojcicki Fortney, cello / Rick Fortney, piano

George W. Warren
Arr. Billy Madison
Edited Robert Ewing

WELCOME

THRESHOLD MOMENT

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: May our souls magnify God.

All: May our spirits rejoice in God, Our Savior.

Leader: God gives rest from all that afflicts us.

All: God Goes wherever we go.

Leader: This is the God of mysteries, of prophecies and promises.

All: This is the God who lifts up the lowly and fills the hungry with good things.

Leader: May our souls magnify God.

All: May our spirits rejoice in God, our Savior.

OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

Before your Word becomes flesh, O God, connect us with the wild, the ancient, the urgent. Connect us to your words uttered in human voice, from tent and tabernacle, full of fear and mercy. Connect us to your words uttered in angelic voice, from the holy Name. Attune our minds and hearts to you, O God of mystery and greatness. Amen.

*HYMN

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus (HYFRYDOL)

No. 82

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

We confess, O God, that we expect no angel to speak to us. If this is our greatest sin, we are grateful. Make us ever more conscious of how present you are with us – present with us, yet far beyond us. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Mary said to the angel, "How can this be?" The angel said, "Do not be afraid; nothing is impossible with God." In God's boundless love, we are forgiven. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: On this first Sunday of Advent, let us share the signs of Christ's peace with one another.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

What Can I Give Him?

Don Cason
Arr. Tom Fettke

**What can I give Him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wiseman, I would do my part;
Yet, what can I give Him? Give Him my heart.
Yet, what can I give Him? Give Him my heart, give Him my heart.**

LORD'S PRAYER

*PRAYER RESPONSE

Child of Love

Tina English

**Jesus, Jesus, blessed Lord Thou art.
All shall praise You, King of every heart.
Jesus, Jesus, blessed Lord Thou art.
All shall praise You, King of every heart.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 1:26-38; Luke 1:46-56

Lynn Bondurant

ANTHEM

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
Joan Wojcicki Fortney, cello / Rick Fortney, piano

Felix Mendelssohn
Arr. Gary Lanier

SERMON

"A Willingness to Magnify God"

Pastor Rick Stein

*OFFERING/DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

No. 606

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

*HYMN

Joy to the World! (ANTIOCH)

No. 134

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE (in unison)

Emmanuel

Bob McGee

**Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called Emmanuel;
God with us, revealed in us; His name is called Emmanuel.
Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called Emmanuel;
God with us, revealed in us, His name is called Emmanuel.**

POSTLUDE

Go Tell It on the Mountain
Joan Wojcicki Fortney, cello / Rick Fortney, piano

American Folk Hymn
Arr. Gary Lanier

**Please stand if you are able.*

As we enter the church this Advent Season, we see lights, lanterns, and stars all around us. These images remind us of the guiding light we have for our own life journey. Feel free to take a small wooden Bethlehem Star from the central table in the narthex as a constant reminder of God who loves us, Jesus who was born and died for us, and the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

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).

Please silence cell phones during our worship services.

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.



The Worship & Spiritual Life Committee would like to thank all those who stayed after church last Sunday (11/20) to Hang the Greens and transform our church for Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany! We also thank the Deacons for providing the pizza lunch, ice cream, and fellowship. A very big nod of appreciation to Kenzi, her dad, and her daughter for constructing the amazing Bethlehem star on the front wall of the sanctuary. We are truly ready to journey with Mary and Joseph to God's grace through Jesus Christ.

Please keep in your prayers this week...

Bill Gantz is undergoing chemo and radiation treatments for cancer.

Gail Carter's sister, Linda, needs prayers as she battles 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.

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.

Wednesday: Walking Group meets at the church at 8:30am. Handbell Choir will practice in the sanctuary at 6:30pm, followed by Chancel Choir at 8:00pm.

Friday: Walking Group meets at the church at 8:30am.

Next Sunday: Worship begins at 10:00am. "The Star of Bethlehem" as presented by Lynn Bondurant will follow worship for those interested in joining this adult education class. Movie Afternoon featuring "The Nativity Story" will take place in the sanctuary at 2:30pm.

Birthdays: Debbie Reichlin, 11/28; Sarah Waggoner, 11/28; Ruth Ann McCarbery, 11/29; Eric Mills, 11/29; Kodee Dahl, 11/30; Ed Homer, 11/30; Ellie Doran, 12/1; Kathy Navarro, 12/1; Laura Callahan, 12/3; Noel Peel, 12/3

Chancel Choir

Jackie Day
Tammy Dusek
Sue Mabe
Susan Richardson
Marcy Uhl
Sarah Waggoner
Gail Carter

Joan Wojcicki Fortney
Jan Mackert
Sharon Pervo
Beth Shoemaker
Linda Swartz
Dave Brunner
Clayton Dusek

Jeff Hansen
Jim Smucker
Ed Carter
Doug Day
Mike Dean
Ed Homer
Bob Palisin

Doug Day & Muriel Homer, accompanists

Volunteers Today

Greeters
Worship Assistant
Projections Team
Sound Board
Ushers

Laura & Tom Callahan
Lynn Bondurant
Beth Shoemaker, Denny Waggoner
Mike Ciarrone
Debbie & Ken Reichlin

Church Staff

Transitional Minister
Director of Music Ministry
Director of Preschool
Treasurer
Office Administrator
Lock Up Custodian

Rev. Rick Stein
Rick Fortney
Julie Erker
Marcy Uhl
Kenzi Roberts
Ed Homer

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