

Avon Lake Presbyterian Church

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"Friends in Christ, Serving Together with Love"

Transfiguration of the Lord

10:00 am

February 19, 2023



PRELUDE

O Jesus, I Have Promised (MUNICH)

Setting by Randall Sensmeier

WELCOME

THRESHOLD MOMENT

God is our Refuge and Strength

Allen Pote

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Listen, for God is still speaking.

All: Listen, for God is still present. Worship, for God is in our midst.

OPENING PRAYER

All: God of glory, grace us with your presence. Overwhelm us with your love. Guide us with your wisdom and fill us with your Holy Spirit, as we worship and praise this day.

*HYMN

When Morning Gilds the Skies (LAUDES DOMINI)
Verses 1, 3, and 4

No. 667

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(please take a moment of silence for personal reflection)*

All: Mighty and glorious God, even as we tremble in your presence, we rejoice in your willingness to live among and within us. Forgive us when we act as if we can separate ourselves from your powerful presence. Forgive us when we hide ourselves from you, forgetting that in you, nothing is hidden. Lift our eyes to see your glory. Lift our hearts to receive for grace. Lift our eyes to reflect the mountain of your love, that we may shine for all to see. In your glory and grace, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Don't be afraid. We are beloved children of God. We belong to a God whose love and grace always draw us to our home in God.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: As we strive to walk in the ways of Christ, let us share Christ's peace with those near us. May the peace of Christ be with you all!

All: **And also with you!**

CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM

Many Gifts, One Spirit

Allen Pote

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Open the Eyes of My Heart (OPEN THE EYES)*

No. 452

All: **Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,
Opens the eyes of my heart;
I want to see You, I want to see You. (2x)**

Holy, holy, holy;

Holy, holy, holy;

Holy, holy, holy; I want to see You. (2x)

LORD'S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING

[2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9](#)

Mark Otterson

SERMON

"The Glory of God"

Pastor Rick Stein

***OFFERING/DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

No. 606

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

***HYMN**

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name! (CORONATION)

No. 263

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Change the World with Love

Joseph Martin

POSTLUDE

Shine, Jesus, Shine!

Graham Kendrick

**Please stand if you are able.*

Welcome, Sue Perry!

Sue Perry comes to us from Front Door Ministry, based out of First Lutheran Church in Lorain, Ohio. This ministry works to provide food, gas money, prescriptions, and many other assistances to dozens of people each week. Visit <https://firstlutheranlorain.org/outreach/frontdoor/> for more information.



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

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.

Sheets and blankets are being collected by the Mission Committee for Good Knights and Valor Home. Good Knights makes and delivers free kid-sized beds and supplies mattresses and bedding; they especially need twin-sized blankets and throws for children and teens. Valor Home, which caters to Veterans without stable housing, needs size XL-twin sheets. Monetary donations for both organizations may be made with the notation "ALPC-Sheets."

Meetings and gatherings at the church should be scheduled through the church office. If you need to be in the building or use the church office, we would like to have it on our calendar to avoid conflicts. For the safety of all, we need to know who is in the building and when. Please contact Kenzi in the office at 440-933-6240 or by email at alpresby@avonlakepc.org to get your plans on the calendar. The calendar can be viewed at avonlakechurch.com/calendar.

Transitional Congregation Potluck: Your Transitional Team invites you to a congregational potluck lunch after worship February 26 in Hart Hall. Please sign up in the narthex. The following questions, which you can find copies of next to the sign up sheet, are what we will be discussing at the gathering:

1. *What is the one thing in congregational life that supports your life and gives you satisfaction? (i.e., small group environment, worship participation, etc.)*
2. *What is God calling us to do as a congregation, now and in the future? What are our strengths?*
3. *What characteristics do we need in a future leader(s)/pastor(s)?*

There is no need to turn in answers prior to the meeting. Just bring your thoughts and ideas to be discussed with others at your table. We will further discuss your thoughts as a whole group afterwards. We are making arrangements for a zoom link for those of you who will not be able to meet in person. These details will follow soon. We look forward to meeting with you and hearing what your thoughts are.

This Week at the Church

- Monday:** Walking Group meets at the church at 8:30am. Session will meet at 7:00pm.
- Tuesday:** The church staff will meet at 10:00am. Yarn Ministry will meet at 11:00am in the narthex. Prayer Group will meet at 3:00pm on Zoom.
- Wednesday:** Walking Group meets at the church at 8:30am. Handbell choir will meet at 6:30pm. Ash Wednesday service will begin at 7:30pm. Chancel choir will meet immediately following the worship service.
- Friday:** Walking Group meets at the church at 8:30am.
- Saturday:** OSL will meet at 9:00am in the narthex.
- Next Sunday:** Worship begins at 10:00am followed by a potluck with the Transition Committee.
- Birthdays:** Daniel Shramo, 2/20; Nancy Albrecht, 2/22; Catherine Graves, 2/23

Please keep in your prayers this week...

All those who have been affected by cancer, either personally or through loved ones. Pray for our dear friend, **Donna Bradley**. Pray for Joyce Bihary's daughter, **Brenda**, and Eddie Lou Bush's daughter, **Betsy**. Pray for Pastor Rick's brother, **Kent**, and Susan Richardson's niece, **Jeananne**.

Chancel Choir

Dave Brunner
Ed Carter
Gail Carter
Doug Day
Jackie Day
Mike Dean
Clayton Dusek
Tammy Dusek

Joan Wojcicki Fortney
Barbara Graves
Cathy Graves
Jeff Hansen
Ed Homer
Marcia Lucietta
Sue Mabe
Jan Mackert
Bob Palisin

Sharon Pervo
Susan Richardson
Beth Shoemaker
Jim Smucker
Sharon Smucker
Linda Swartz
Marcy Uhl
Sarah Waggoner

Doug Day, accompanist

Volunteers Today

Greeters
Worship Assistant
Projections Team
Sound Board
Ushers

Barb Hall, Joe LaGrassa
Mark Otterson
Beth Shoemaker, John Mills
Mike Ciarrone
Kathy & Bill Hamilton

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
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