

AVON LAKE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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Baptism of the Lord Sunday

January 10, 2010

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING MUSIC

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER – Announcements, Joys & Concerns

PRELUDE *Sonata No. 1 in E Flat* Mozart

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We come to this place knowing there is a cost.

P: We come to this place ready to risk.

L: We come in joy and in sorrow.

P: We come in doubt and in faith.

ALL: We come to learn from one another how to be disciples of Jesus.

*HYMN OF PRAISE "The Church's One Foundation" No. 442

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Faithful God, we confess that we are too often people of fear rather than people of faith. We confess that we act more often to protect our comfort rather than to risk for new visions of hope. We confess that we more often cling to the past rather than plan joyfully for an unrevealed future. We confess that we even try to use you to justify our inertia. Grant us a giddy and daring spirit, Faithful God, so that we may become people of confidence and adventure, delighting in the work of building a new realm of holiness with you. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: Friends, Believe the good news of the gospel!

P: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.

ANTHEM *How Firm a Foundation* Larson
(Chancel Choir—Doug Day, piano)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON (p. 851)

Isaiah 43:1-7

L: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

P: Thanks be to God.

SERVICE OF STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY *Prelude on "In Babilone"* Beck

*DOXOLOGY No. 592

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*HYMN "Spirit of the Living God" No. 322

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE; LORD'S PRAYER (using debts and debtors)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON (p. 1265)

John 1:6-8, 19-28

L: ..the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON **Who Do You Think You Are?** Dr. Bill Lindeman

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *The Confession of 1967*

Out of Israel, God in due time raised up Jesus. His faith and obedience were the response of the perfect child of God. He was the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel, the beginning of the new creation, and the pioneer of the new humanity. He gave history its meaning and direction and called the church to be his servant for the reconciliation of the world. God the Holy Spirit fulfills the work of reconciliation in human life. The Holy Spirit creates and renews the church as the community in which we are reconciled to God and to one another. The Spirit enables all people to receive forgiveness as they forgive one another and to enjoy the peace of God as they make peace among themselves. In spite of our sin, the Spirit gives us power to become representatives of Jesus Christ and his gospel of reconciliation to all. The new life in Christ takes shape in a community in which we know that God loves and accepts us in spite of what we are. We therefore accept ourselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace. Amen.

*HYMN "Lord Jesus, Think on Me" No. 301

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *God of Grace and God of Glory* Held

*All who are able may stand.

One rosebud on the baptismal font is given to the Glory of God in celebration of the birth of Emily Grace Hay, born December 26. The proud grandparents are Scott and Carol Hay.

The other rosebud on the baptismal font is given to the Glory of God in celebration of the birth of Mason Alexander, born December 22. The proud grandparents are Mark and Cheryl Monjot.

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The flowers on the communion table are given to the Glory of God in celebration of the birthdays of Amy and Alix Dansizen by Cindi and Mark Dansizen.

Interim Minister  
 Pastor Emeritus  
 Director of Christian Education  
 Director of Music  
 Youth Director  
 Office Administrator  
 Treasurer

Bill Lindeman  
 Alfred A. Hart  
 Carolyn Dzuro  
 Muriel Homer  
 Linda Duffy  
 Cindi Dansizen  
 Marcy Uhl

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Coffee Servers
 Greeters
 Hall Monitor
 Head Usher
 Ushers

 Sound Room
 Worship Assistant

Becky Betts and Donna Bradley
 Todd and Peggy Thompson and Family
 Cris Till
 Joyce Nicola
 Bob Nicola, Bill and Kathy Hamilton
 Rich and Cheryl Kurey
 Lee Lohr
 Dave Brunner

An FM system is available for those who would appreciate sound amplification. Large print bulletins are also available. Ask an usher.

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. To any who might be worshipping with us for the first time, we extend a special greeting. You are cordially invited to take part in all our church activities.

Parents please note: In the event you need to take a restless infant or child out of the Sanctuary, speaker systems are in both the foyer and the crib room so that you may listen to the worship service.

We ask that all worshippers sign the Friendship Register and pass the pad on to the person next to them.

Sunday School Classes (after passing of the peace during worship until 11:15)

Crib Room (Birth – 18 months)	Room 6
Toddler Room (18 months – 3 years old)	Room 7
4’s & 5’s Class (4 – 5 years old)	Room 4
1 st – 2 nd Grade	Room 5
3 rd & 4 th Grade Game Show Workshop	Hart Hall Loft
5 th & 6 th Grade Art Workshop	Back of Hart Hall
7 th & 8 th Grade	Youth Room
9 th Grade Confirmation Class	Youth Director’s Office
10 th -12 th Grade	Library

A member of the Mission Committee will be passing out empty grocery bags today, to collect paper products for the Lorain County Cooperative Ministries. This organization assists homeless and low income people in Lorain County with food, furniture and other needed supplies. The paper products are not covered by food stamps. Please do not include extra large sizes. The bags should be returned to the church by Sunday, January 24th.

The Deacons will be hosting the **2nd annual Chili Cook-Off next Sunday, January 17th** from

This Week at the Church

Sunday Morning

Confirmation Class begins with worship at 10:00 am.

Sunday School begins with worship at 10:00 am.

Wired Word Adult Study will be in Room 3 (Session Room) after worship.

Topic—Christians and other speak against Uganda's Anti-Gay Bill.

Healing Ministry Adult Study will be in the library after worship.

Sr. High Game Night will be from 6:00—8:00 pm in all parts of the church.

Monday, January 11

The Walking Group will meet at 9:00 am in the church office.

The Deacons will meet at 7:00 pm in the Session Room.

The Human Resources Committee will meet at 7:30 pm in the pastor's office.

Tuesday, January 12

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet at 11:00 am in the Session Room.

Care and Share will meet at Jakes on the Lake at 12:30 pm.

Girl Scouts will meet at 6:30 pm in the back of Hart Hall.

Together on Tuesday will meet at 7:00 pm at a member's home. Call the Strauch's.

Wednesday, January 13

The Walking Group will meet at 9:00 am in the church office.

The Jr. High Youth Net will meet at 5:15 pm in the Youth room.

Bell Choir practice is at 6:45 pm in the church foyer.

Sarah Circle will meet at 7:00 pm at Janet Parker's home.

Chancel Choir practice is at 8:00 pm in the Sanctuary.

Thursday, January 14

PW Rummage Sale planning will be at 7:00 pm at the Bean Coffee Café.

Cornerstone Preschool Open House will be at 7:00 pm.

Friday, January 15

The Walking Group will meet at 9:00 am in the church office.

Job Seeker's Group will meet at 3:30 pm in the Session Room.

The Scottish Dance Group will meet at 7:45 pm in Hart Hall.

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The January Issue of *Saints Alive!* was mailed out last Friday. There are copies on the table in the foyer if you would like one.

Please Note: Bill's office hours are Monday through Friday, 9:00 am — 5:00 pm. Drop by any morning, or please call to schedule an afternoon appointment by calling 864-923-5536 or e-mailing B.lindeman@centurytel.net. and nancybill71@bellsouth.net.

Youth Net is on Wednesday, January 13th from 5:15 to 6:15 pm for the Jr. High only.

Snacks will be provided.

ATTN: All Sr. Highs—we will be having Game Night tonight from 6:00—8:00 pm. We will have Wii and XBOX on projected screens and other games. Please bring your favorite, but appropriate, games to play with others. We will be joined by the John Knox Presbyterian Church Sr. High Youth Group. All friends are welcome!

Today: We are looking for volunteers to sign-up to be responsible for **shoveling the snow from the church's sidewalks and doorways** during the winter months. We have acquired a snow blower! We desperately need people to **sign up each week**, because we don't want the preschool's parents and grandparents and all the people who come to the church during the week to fall! The sign-up sheet is in the foyer. Any questions, please contact Cindi in the church office (933-6240).

Please join us for a fun time with a new small group: **Scrapbooking in Hart Hall on January 23, 9:00 am until 9:00 pm.** No frills, just space away from home. Set-up a table, bring your own snacks, converse with friends and scrap. Call Cindi at 933-6240 or e-mail alpresby@centurytel.net if you are coming.

These Days, a daily devotional guide for January, February and March, is available on the foyer table.

Please plan to stay after the worship service today for coffee, tea or lemonade with sweet treats provided by The Francy's. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer for any family or church group that would like to provide 3-4 dozen sweet treats for the coffee hour on any given Sunday. For more information, please call the church office 933-6240.

Sunday Flowers—Thanks to all of you who have sponsored the weekly flowers for the Communion table. If you'd like to sign up for future Sundays, please do so on the Flower Calendar in the lobby by the literature table. **Write your name on the calendar week and complete a "Sunday Flowers" form, located on the table beneath the calendar: note the occasion (to be included in the bulletin), dollar amount (\$35.00 minimum) and if you have anything special in mind.** Then turn the form into the office. On your chosen Sunday, just drop your check marked "*flowers*" in the collection plate and take the flowers home to enjoy after the 11:00 service. If you have any questions, please call the office or Janet Hukill at 933-7860.