

Welcome to the Panther Valley Ecumenical Church

We are glad you are worshiping with us today!



PANTHER VALLEY ECUMENICAL CHURCH

July 24, 2022

Worship in the Episcopal Tradition

*Connecting with the Community,
Growing Disciples, and Serving Jesus Christ*

Our Worship can be viewed on our website

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7th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

We invite you to begin your personal preparation at the beginning of the prelude.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from our Lord Jesus Christ.

HYMN #546

The Church's One Foundation

Verse 1

The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord
She is His new creation
By water and the Word
From heav'n He came and sought her
To be His holy bride
With His own blood He bought her
And for her life He died

Verse 2

Elect from every nation
Yet one o'er all the earth
Her charter of salvation
One Lord one faith one birth
One holy name she blesses
Partakes one holy food
And to one hope she presses
With every grace endued

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

LEADER: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

ALL: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Almighty God have mercy upon us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

LEADER: Lord, open our lips.

ALL: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

LEADER: Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Come let us adore him.
Let us now say together:

VENITE Psalm 95:1-7

O come, let us sing to the Lord;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

For the Lord is a great God,

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the depths of the earth;

the heights of the mountains are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it,

and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

O come, let us worship and bow down,

let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture,

and the sheep of his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice!

COLLECT (see insert)

THE LESSONS

LEADER: The first lesson is from The Old Testament: Hosea 1:2-10.
(see insert)

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 85 (see insert)

LEADER: The second lesson is from Colossians 2:6-15, (16-19).
(see insert)

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Luke 11:1-13 (ALL STAND)
(see insert)

LEADER: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

ALL: Glory to you Lord Christ.

LEADER: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you Lord Christ.

SERMON

THE APOSTLES' CREED

***I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;***

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

***He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.***

***He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.***

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

*He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

LORD'S PRAYER

And now as our Lord Jesus Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LEADER: Show us your mercy, O Lord;

ALL: **And grant us your salvation.**

LEADER: Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

ALL: **Let your people sing with joy.**

LEADER: Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

ALL: **For only in you can we live in safety.**

LEADER: Lord, keep this nation under your care;

ALL: **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

LEADER: Let your way be known upon earth;

ALL: **Your saving health among all nations.**

LEADER: Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

ALL: **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

LEADER: Create in us clean hearts, O God;

ALL: **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

THE OFFERING

Ascribe to the Lord and bring honor and gifts unto His name.

OFFERTORY

THE DOXOLOGY

(unison)

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

HYMN #

The Church's One Foundation

Verse 5

Though with a scornful wonder
Men see her sore oppressed
By schisms rent asunder
By heresies distressed
Yet saints their watch are keeping
Their cry goes up how long
And soon the night of weeping
Shall be the morn of song

BENEDICTION

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

LEADER: Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Today's Altar Flowers are given to celebrate Zoe Milelli's son Matthew's birthday.

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Stewardship Snippet (7th Sunday after Pentecost - Year C) July 24, 2022

Luke 11:9-10

Jesus gives us a lesson in Spiritual Fitness!

So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.

Your spirit needs exercise! The best way to stay in spiritual shape is to pray daily, both informally (for instance, when you are driving) and formally (with hands folded, head bowed, as at mealtime or bedtime). And at least once a week go to the "gym" where you can get a spiritual workout. You know I'm talking about church. Worship with your brothers and sisters, hear the Word of God proclaimed in music, Scripture and sacrament. For advanced spiritual exercises you can meditate, engage in lectio divina, fast for a few hours, join a Bible study, engage in service, embrace generosity as a discipline, practice love or just day sit in holy silence for a few minutes each day.

Donna Weinberg, Stewardship Chair

Announcements & Upcoming Events

Please pray for:

Pat (for surgery recovery), Ralph who is hospitalized, Edna, Joann, The Guthrie & August Families, Helen, Ann, Laura, Lori, Phyllis, John and Gabrielle, Kat, Anne, Cathy, Samantha, Ukraine, The World, Our Church

Council Enews for 7/17/22

Submitted by Cylvia Ultz, Council Chair

The Council had decided that to address the issue of increased communication, we would write a monthly message to the congregation following our meeting. So here's issue #2.

The Rev. Deacon Jeanette Hile has been our guest preacher for 3 weeks so far, and she continues to amaze us. **We are definitely in great hands for worship throughout this interim time.** Thank you God, for helping us make this happen. And just a reminder, we will not be "live streaming" our services on Facebook, but the recorded versions are being put up on our website on Monday mornings. We did have one glitch for the 7/10 service; Nikki couldn't find the recording, so that one never got posted. Please remember that we are all amateurs at this technology and are doing our very best to maintain the online presence. Pastor Ninabeth made it all look so easy! We miss her. Beginning this coming Sunday we will continue our **Minutes for Mission** to highlight the Commissions of PVEC. If you find yourself wishing you could help in some way, please contact the speaker or any member of Council and we will happily point you in the right direction. All volunteers joyfully accepted!

Mandatory Safe Sanctuary Training is coming up on July 25 for all VBS and Sunday School teachers. Please tune in to the Zoom meeting, so that we can fulfill our requirements for this very important way of keeping our children safe.

With numbers of Covid cases in Warren County once again in the HIGH range for community transmission, the Council revisited the mask issue. **We strongly recommend that people wear masks inside**, but there is no mandate being put into place.

Please continue to pray for PVEC as we get ready to finalize our call document and submit it to the UCC for consideration.

Peace,
Cylvia

Thank you, Donna & helpers, for last week's **\$5 Chicken Dinner!**

The next one will be help on Thursday, August 18, 2022, 5:30-7:30pm

Menu to be announced.

Fall Rummage Sale & Christmas Boutique

Penny & Cylvia are planning the event for Friday, November 4th 9am-3pm & Saturday, November 5th 9am-12pm.

There will also be a bake sale so baked goods will be appreciated! They are also in need of someone willing to coordinate the bake sale so please get in touch if you can help them.

Donations will be accepted Tuesdays & Thursdays beginning in September.

Coffee Hour Reminder

Donna & Penny host after worship the first Sunday of every month. There is a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall for the other dates if you want to volunteer. Thank you!

Can you help? We have a longtime Food Pantry client in need of some gently used clothing if by chance you can help. She is looking for any clothes/shoes for a 3-year-old boy. Let Nikki know if you have anything. Thank you!

There is **new group using Fellowship Hall for Senior Citizen Zumba classes** on Tuesday & Thursday mornings from 9:30-10:30 am. Great to have people in the building! ***And for PVEC members who were not aware**, we have PVEC facilities being used by outside groups every night of the week except Thursdays currently. There is also another Craft N' Crop Event booked for the day on Saturday, September 10th.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Buildings & Grounds

John and Connor Samanns

Volunteers

are just ordinary people
with extraordinary
hearts.

They offer the
gift of their time
to teach, to listen,
to help, to inspire,
to build, to grow,
to learn.

They expect no pay,
yet the value of their
work knows no limit...

They've known the
unexpected joy
of a simple hug.

They've planted tiny
seeds of love
in countless lives.

Volunteers

are just ordinary people
who reach out
and take a hand
and together
make a difference
that lasts a lifetime.

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~Welcome—we were built for you!~

Panther Valley Ecumenical Church is a multi-denominational church serving northwest New Jersey since 1969. We are formally affiliated with:

The Episcopal Church, The United Church of Christ,
The Presbyterian Church USA, and The United Methodist Church.

We are a congregation of many Christian traditions who worship together in accordance with Christ's prayer: "that they may all be one."

May God's Blessing go with you this week.

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