

Welcome to the Panther Valley Ecumenical Church

We are glad you are worshiping with us today!



PANTHER VALLEY ECUMENICAL CHURCH

August 28, 2022

Worship in the Episcopal Tradition

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

Our Worship can be viewed on our website

PantherValleyChurch.org

FAITH ~ FAMILY ~ FRIENDS

12th 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 #185

When Morning Gilds the Skies

When morning gilds the skies
my heart awakening cries:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Alike at work and prayer,
To Jesus I repair:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

The night becomes as day
When from the heart we say:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
The powers of darkness fear
When this sweet chant they hear:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

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:

JUBILATE Psalm 100

**Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.**

**Know this: The Lord himself is God;
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.**

**For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting;
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

COLLECT (see insert)

THE LESSONS

LEADER: The first lesson is from The Old Testament: Jeremiah 2:4-13.
(see insert)

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 81:1, 10-16 (see insert)

LEADER: The second lesson is from Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16.
(see insert)

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: ALL STAND, Luke 14:1, 7-14
(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.**

JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYER OF ST.FRANCIS

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let us sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is discord, union;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

**Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we
are born to eternal life. Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTES FOR MISSION

Christian Education

Dan Ledwith

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.*

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Be this, while life is mine,
my canticle divine:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Be this th' eternal song
Through all the ages long:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

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.

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 by Carol Phillips in honor of Teagan Smith.

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Hymn: <https://digitalsongsandhymns.com/songs>

Announcements & Upcoming Events

Please pray for:

Sherry, Lenny & Norma, Jerry, Simone – surgery, Rob, Cecelia, Billy, Patrick Gordon, Lois, Sally, Phil, Olivia – surgery

Today, 8/28 completes the Christian Outreach collection of school supplies for Allamuchy students. **We are grateful to all those who have donated small & large quantities, including some group members who use our church.**

Thank you, Donna, her assistants, and brownie bakers for last week's \$5 Chicken Dinner efforts. **You are appreciated!**

THE YOUTH SQUAD'S MONTHLY PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISERS will begin in October to raise funds for camperships. Let Liz Silva know if you can help. Thank you!

Mental Health Services are available through Atlantic Behavioral Health. Call 888-247-1400 Mon-Fri 8am-6pm.

Do you know Dot Samanns?

She has been volunteering on the church grounds for a few weeks to chase away the gaggle of geese who want to take up residence on our property.

Thank you, Dot, ~ and John!

MANY THANKS! (And don't forget – we still need YOU!)

We are enjoying Jeanette as our guest preacher and appreciate her gifts and wit.

Shout out to Kathy Z. for keeping up with the restocking needs, packing, and requests from our Lord's Pantry users this summer. She has been busy! We have several new people stopping in and as always, we appreciate the donations from members, groups that use the church, and the community.

Nikki would like to thank Donna & Penny who volunteered in the office for her while she was away for a few days recently. You are awesome!

Behind the scenes, Cylvia deserves kudos for EVERYTHING she is doing to keep the church functioning effectively while we wait for our next pastor. Her efforts are greatly appreciated!

Thanks to Zoe & Betty Johnson for being our 'team treasurers' until someone else can take over.

We are grateful to Carol for organizing the Allamuchy School Backpack Program once again and Lynne for her efforts to match PVEC member volunteers ❤️ with others who may need assistance.

***REMINDER* PVEC now has a Clothing/Shoes Drop Off Bin on our property.**

Please bring your items to the left side, upper parking lot and place them inside the blue bin.

Invitation to PVEC Members - The Zumba group currently using fellowship hall from 9:30 to 10:30 is moving their class days to Mondays & Thursdays starting the week of September 12th. There is room for up to 10 new participants to join the class. The cost is \$10 per week which allows you to attend 1 class or both classes that week. **ALL ADULT AGES ARE WELCOME!** If interested, please contact Nikki with your name and number to receive a text message from the instructor who will reply with further details.

Calling all crafters! There is another Craft N' Crop event here in Fellowship Hall on Saturday, Sept. 10 from 9am-5pm. Bring anything you like to work on and enjoy the day. RSVP to Pat Hawkins @ 908-310-6830 or pathawkins56@hotmail.com.

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CAN MAKE A
DIFFERENCE

Volunteer



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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.

Guest Preacher: Rev. Deacon Jeanette Hile

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