

Welcome to the Panther Valley Ecumenical Church

We are glad you are worshiping with us today!



PANTHER VALLEY ECUMENICAL CHURCH

October 23, 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

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20th 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 # 357

Just as I Am, Without One Plea

Verse 1

Just as I am without one plea
But that Thy Blood was shed for me
And that Thou bid'st me come to Thee
O Lamb of God I come, I come

Verse 2

Just as I am and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot
To Thee Whose Blood can cleanse each spot
O Lamb of God I come, I come

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

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

**Worship the Lord with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.**

Know that the Lord is God.

**It is he that made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise.**

Give thanks to him, bless his name.

**For the Lord is good;
his steadfast love endures for ever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

COLLECT (see insert)

THE LESSONS

LEADER: The first lesson is from The Old Testament: Joel 2:23-32.
(see insert)

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

PSALM # 65 (see insert)

LEADER: The second lesson is from 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18.
(see insert)

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: ALL STAND, Luke 18:9-14
(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

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

CHOIR ANTHEM

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 # 357

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Verse 5

Just as I am Thou wilt receive
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve
Because Thy Promise I believe
O Lamb of God I come, I come

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 by a friend in honor
of Maureen Bloom's birthday.***

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Announcements & Upcoming Events

Please pray for:

Kim & Family, Phil, Rick, Sally, Lois, The Johnson Family, Keith/Friends, Patrick McNeal, Rob & Cecelia, Tony, Paul, Betsy & Sarah, Kathy

2022 ANNUAL REPORT & BUDGETS DUE NEXT WEEK!

Committee & Commission Chairs please get your section(s) to Nikki **no later than Friday, October 28, 2022.** Thank you!

Thank you soup makers and soup buyers!

Our sale was so successful there was not a spoonful left over and \$587 was raised. \$500 is our contribution to Trinity UMC's Caravan of Hope and the remaining \$187 is going to the PVEC Food Pantry.

FYI The Trunk or Treat Event for October 30th has been cancelled.

The November Rummage Sale is only 2 weeks away!

Please contact Penny or Cylvia to help or bake. Thank you!

Important Dates

Fri. 10/28 Annual Report & Budget due to Nikki

Fri. 11/4 9am-3pm Rummage Sale

Sat. 11/5 9am-12pm Rummage Sale

(Bring your donations on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9am-2pm.)

Sat. 11/19 3:30-6:30pm Family/Friends Thanksgiving Dinner hosted by Youth Squad -

All are welcome! RSVP by 11/12/22.

Sun. 12/4 Hanging of the Greens

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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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