

Welcome to the Panther Valley Ecumenical Church

We are glad you are worshiping with us today!



# **PANTHER VALLEY ECUMENICAL CHURCH**

**October 9, 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](http://PantherValleyChurch.org)*

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## 18<sup>th</sup> 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 #89

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

#### Verse 1

Joyful joyful we adore Thee  
God of glory Lord of love  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee  
Opening to the sun above  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness  
Drive the dark of doubt away  
Giver of immortal gladness  
Fill us with the light of day

#### Verse 2

All Thy works with joy surround Thee  
Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays  
Stars and angels sing around Thee  
Center of unbroken praise  
Field and forest vale and mountain  
Flowery meadow flashing sea  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain  
Call us to rejoice in Thee

### 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 29:1, 4-7.  
(see insert)

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 66:1-11** (see insert)

LEADER: The second lesson is from 2 Timothy 2:8-15.  
(see insert)

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL: ALL STAND, Luke 17:11-19**  
(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**

## **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 #89**

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

### **Verse 3**

Thou art giving and forgiving  
Ever blessing ever blest  
Wellspring of the joy of living  
Ocean depth of happy rest  
Thou our Father Christ our Brother  
All who live in love are Thine  
Teach us how to love each other  
Lift us to the joy divine

## **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 her 51<sup>st</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
and to celebrate her granddaughter, Riley's, birthday.*

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## **Announcements & Upcoming Events**

### **Please pray for:**

Victims of Hurricane Ian, Pat, Sandy, Kathy, Tammie & Glenn, Patti & Family, Lenny & Norma, Phil, Rick, Sally, Lois, The Family and Friends of Melissa Wagner, Rob, Cecelia, Scott, Jake & Brandon, Jane

**FYI - The church office is closed on Monday, 10/10 for Columbus Day.**

## **2022 ANNUAL REPORT & BUDGETS**

Cylvia is advising that all Committee & Commission Chairs begin working on their section(s) of the annual report at this time. **Reports are due to Nikki by Friday, October 28, 2022.** Thank you!



**GET YOUR SOUP ORDERS IN ASAP!**

Soup can be picked up after services on **Sunday, October 16, 2022, from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM.** Soups include:

Corn and Crab, Lentil, Split Pea, Chicken Noodle, Cream of Broccoli, Beef Barley. Acorn Squash, Manhattan Clam Chowder, Hamburger, Potato Leek, Bean and Bacon

**Pints: \$5.00 – Quarts: \$9.00 Payment is cash or check payable to Panther Valley Ecumenical Church.** Please call the church office **NOW** to place your order (908-852-5444) or email [pvecsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:pvecsecretary@gmail.com).

The PVEC Youth Squad will be having their first meeting **NEXT Friday**, October 14 from 6:30-7:30pm at church. Ages 11-16 are welcome!

**Help is requested for the November Rummage Sale/Christmas Boutique/Bake Sale.** Please contact Penny or Cylvia if you can assist. Thank you!

**Important Dates**

**Fri. 10/14** 6:30-7:30pm Youth Squad Meeting

**Sun. 10/16** 11am-1pm Fall Soup Sale

**Fri. 10/28** Committee & Commission Reports Due

**Sun. 10/30** Trunk or Treat for Sunday School

**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 PVEC 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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**Music Director:** Diane Van Dongen

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