



PANTHER VALLEY ECUMENICAL CHURCH
December 24, 2022
Christmas Eve 7pm
“Lessons in Carols”

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

*Our Worship can be viewed on our website
PantherValleyChurch.org*

FAITH ~ FAMILY ~ FRIENDS

The beautiful poinsettias decorating our sanctuary are dedicated by PVEC congregants in honor/memory of loved ones, friends and family. See the last page of the bulletin for more information.

*Flowers given in loving memory of Anthony & Katherine Newbold
by Henry and Terrie.*

**The church office will be CLOSED on
Monday, December 26th
Monday, January 2nd.**

**Tonight's readers are Terrie and Henry Newbold, Penny Newell
and Anne Ellis.**

PRELUDE

HYMN #234 "O Come All Ye Faithful" v. 1

THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE & READING Carol Phillips

THE COLLECT (in unison)

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

THE BIDDING Rev. Dn. Hile

THE 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.

First Lesson ~ Genesis 3:8-15

God announces in the Garden of Eden that the seed of woman shall bruise the serpent's head.

HYMN #196 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" v. 1 & 2

Second Lesson ~ Genesis 22:15-18

God promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed shall the nations of the earth be blessed.

HYMN # 211 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" v. 1 & 2

Third Lesson ~ Isaiah 9:2-7

Christ's birth and kingdom are foretold by Isaiah.

HYMN #216 "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" v. 1 & 2

Fourth Lesson ~ Isaiah 11:1-9

The Peace that Christ will bring is foreshown.

HYMN # 213 "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" v. 1 & 2

Fifth Lesson ~ Luke 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.

THE OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

CHOIR ANTHEM "The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came"

Sixth Lesson ~ Matthew 1:18-23

St. Matthew tells of the birth of Jesus.

HYMN #219 "What Child is This" v. 1 & 2

Seventh Lesson ~ Luke 2:8-16

The shepherds go to the manger.

CHOIR ANTHEM "Adeste Fidelis"

Eighth Lesson ~ Matthew 2:1-11

The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.

HYMN # 253 "We Three Kings" v. 1 & 2

Ninth Lesson ~ John1:1-14 (**ALL STAND**)

St. John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Rev. Dn. Hile

SPECIAL MUSIC

“O Holy Night”

Alison Bancroft, Soloist

LIGHTING OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CANDLES

Penny Newell & Anne Ellis

(Will light the first candle from the end of each aisle to be passed down the row.)

HYMN #239

“Silent Night” v. 1, 2, 3

THE BLESSING

May he who by his Incarnation gathered into one, things earthly and heavenly, fill us with the sweetness of inward peace and goodwill; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be upon us and remain with us always. Amen.

HYMN #246

“Joy to the World” v. 1, 2, 4

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Please pray for:

Our Church's subsistence, Our World, Rick Wilson & Family in the passing of his brother Steve then his father Angus...Rest in Peace, The Weinbergs, Terrie, Terrie's sister Barbara, Susan Magnotta, The Calandriello Family, Jodi Jolley, John, Elyssa, Jackie, JoAnn, Kathy & John, Kim & Family, Lois, Sally & Pam, Lisa, Elise from Calico Flowers whose husband died on Thanksgiving

Tomorrow, Christmas Day, there will be no service at PVEC, however, the following churches have prerecorded services for Christmas Day:

*The United Methodist Church GNJ - <https://vimeo.com/777154997/8aeb86b7e0>

*The Presbyterian Church USA - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=73lp_captU8

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Ali Bancroft ~ In memory of Rosemary Boyer

Anne Cuff ~ Part-time Pastor Fund

Anne Ellis ~ In memory of Viola S. Ellis, Richard & Anne Ellis

~ In memory of Jane & John Matey, Doris Michinsky

Catherine M. Fletcher ~ In memory of her husband Sylvester J. Fletcher

~ And to the Part-Time Pastor Fund

Joan Gibbs ~ In memory of Frank Gibbs

~ And to the Part-Time Pastor Fund

Mary Lightfoot ~ In memory of Robert & Veronica Lightfoot, beloved parents

~ In honor of Rob, Stacey, Amanda & Peter, and all her beautiful grandchildren

Derek & Jennifer Mandery ~ In memory of Donald Mandery & Sonia Manague

~ In memory of Richard & Jay Drake

~ And to the Christian Education Fund

Henry Newbold ~ In memory of Corbin & Jean Wald

~ In memory of Anthony & Katherine Newbold

~ In honor of The Music – Choir & Bells

Carol Phillips ~ In memory of loved ones

Betty Schultheis ~ In memory of Ron

Donna Weinberg ~ In honor of God's work at PVEC

PANTHER VALLEY ECUMENICAL CHURCH

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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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