



PANTHER VALLEY ECUMENICAL CHURCH
February 12, 2023

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

Our Worship can be viewed on our website
PantherValleyChurch.org

FRIENDS ~ FAMILY ~ FAITH

PRELUDE

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God said, "I will be your God."

All: God has promised. God remembers. God is faithful.

One: God said, "I will lead you in the paths of truth."

All: God has promised. God remembers. God is faithful.

One: God said, "I will forgive you."

All: God has promised. God remembers. God is faithful.

One: God said, "My kingdom is near."

All: God has promised. God remembers. God is faithful.

OPENING PRAYER

God help us, help us to walk in obedience to you. Lord, help us to turn from the foolishness of thinking that we know better than you what is best for our lives. That'd be like Noah saying to you, God, "I know how to build a boat better than you." Or, "I can take this on my own," how foolish would that have been? God help us not to be that foolish in our lives today. Help us as we read your word to obey it. Help us as you lead us by your spirit all throughout today. Then help us to do all that you put on our hearts to do, as you give us opportunities to share your word.

HYMN #494 "Kum Ba Yah" (vv. 1, 2, 5, 6)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the rain and seas.

You made a covenant with all creatures, promising life and hope.

God of pathways and instructions.

You show us how to walk and build our lives.

Yet we forget our connection to you and one another.

We think we are the center of the universe.

We wander from your paths of truth into paths of deceit and pride.

**Forgive us and lead us back into the arms of your love
and the gentle rocking of your waves that support us.**

We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: In faith we call out to a loving & forgiving God.
We seek to put aside our old life & return to Christ.
God surely answers our prayers.

People: Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE Genesis 7:6-12

MESSAGE - Dan Ledwith

LORD'S PRAYER

We invite you to pray the prayer in the language you are used to speaking.

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

THE OFFERING & Noisy Offering

Prosperity is given to the greater community of believers, so that all of God's children may benefit. Let us demonstrate that we are the body of Christ through our extravagant sharing of God's blessings this day. Let us give out of our joy, rather than out of a sense of obligation, as we offer to our God the gifts of our hearts. We offer several ways that you can give your fiscal pledge: dropping it into the "church" located in the Narthex, by mail, through our website, or add PVEC to your online bill pay. Thank you for your generosity.

OFFERTORY- CHOIR Hymn #467 "Trust and Obey"

DOXOLOGY

OFFERTORY PRAYER

**Living God, May the love of God for animals.
The love of Noah for his family, be present in our offerings this day.
May we be found faithful with the many gifts you have given us
that we give back to your mission. Amen.**

CLOSING PRAYER

Dear God, Thank you for the story of Noah & the life you gave him and his family. We know that we often turn away from you when we sin, but we thank you that our story does not end. Thank you for the gift of forgiveness you give us each day through your son, Jesus Christ. It is in his name we pray, Amen.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Today's Alter Flowers were given by Carol Phillips in honor of Lindsey O'Brien and in memory of Helen Malaska

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Announcements & Upcoming Events

Please pray for: Our Church, the Parishioners of PVEC, our world, our families & friends, Kat, Franklin, the Quick Family, Nadia, Chuck's mom in hospice, Rob & Cecilia, Amanda, and Kim & family.

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| Sun. 2/12 | Souper Bowl Sale Pick-up after service (Cash, check, or credit card)
Council Meeting |
| Sun. 2/19 | Dan Ledwith is preaching |
| Sun. 2/26 | Rev. Wil Joseph from Knowlton UMC is preaching |
| Sat. 3/11 | \$5 Pancake Breakfast sponsored by Youth Squad 9-11am |
| Sun. 3/12 & 3/19 | Dan Ledwith is preaching |
| Fri. 3/24 | Youth Squad Meeting 6-7:30pm |
| Sun. 3/26 | Darasue Braun is preaching |
| 4/21, 4/22, 4/29 | Spring Rummage Sale |

Sat. 6/24

(Donations can be dropped off at the church office.)
Fish & Chips Dinner

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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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