



Connecting with PCL

Worship this Sunday



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 7

"Joy That Joins"

How Does a Weary World Rejoice?

Rev. Mike Eller



How does a
weary world
rejoice? We find joy in
connection

SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE

Sunday School for all ages at **9:30am**

Worship Service at **10:30am**

*Activity Period is available for children 4th grade
and younger following the Children's Message*

SUNDAY'S LEADERS

Elder: Cory Lehnbeuter

Second reader: Susan Shanno

Candle Reading & Lighting: Trish Thams,
Tara Coleman, and Ollie

Greeters: Vicky Li (Dec. 7 & 14); Karen Peters
(Dec. 21 & 28)

Ushers: Nicole Lehnbeuter, Judy Nyirongo

Coming Up

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS, ORDER TODAY



We are currently taking orders for **Christmas Poinsettias** which will be displayed in the Sanctuary during this season. Because we have a short time between now and Christmas, we ask that if you are interested in purchasing a poinsettia this week, to let **Karen Peters** know by emailing her at jkmk142@aol.com before Saturday, Dec. 6.

The plants will be purchased from Metropolitan Plant Exchange. There are 3 options for size and price:

6" pot - \$8.99
\$17.99

6 1/2" pot - \$11.99

7" pot -

Please indicate which **size, number of plants** and whether you would like **red or white**. In addition, if you would like to **include a message** to be included in the bulletin dedicating your plant in memory or honor of someone or with a Christmas message please provide that as well.

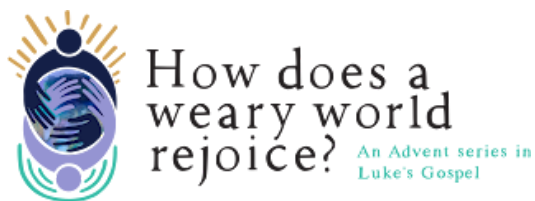
If you aren't able to place your order before this Saturday, we will have **forms available on Sunday** to fill out with your order or you can still email Karen. Payment can be made to the Church. If paying online or by check please be sure to indicate that it is for Poinsettia purchase. Any questions, please feel free to contact Karen at the above email or (201) 739-6384.

HANGING OF THE GREENS, THIS SUNDAY



Following the morning service on Sunday, stay around for our **Hanging of the Greens** as we transform our spaces for the Advent season. Whether you can hang a wreath, fluff a bow, or simply lend a cheerful hand, we'd love your help! Many hands will make light work!

2025 ADVENT THEME



This season, our worship will center on the idea that **Joy** is often a companion to many other emotions. We can feel joy in addition to feeling many other things at once: grief, anticipation, anxiety, excitement, disappointment, exhaustion. Perhaps many of us live with the myth that joy is not something we deserve—or that it is wholly out of reach.

But our joy is rooted in the truth that we belong to God. Can you tether yourself to that deep truth? You deserve to feel joy—fully. The world needs your joy, even if you are weary. Our joy is better when it is shared.

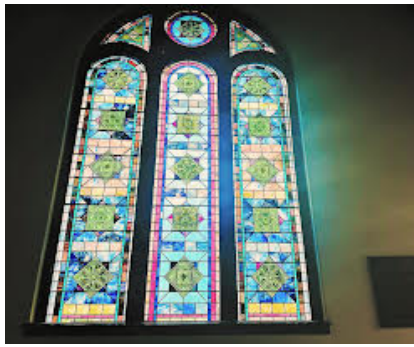
I hope you will join us for worship each week as we seek to answer the question: ***“How does a weary world rejoice?”*** (adapted from an Advent resource found at asanctifiedart.org)

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT, DEC. 21




A highlight of the Christmas season is this Sunday when children will be featured in the worship service—playing instruments and putting on this year's Christmas Pageant called ***A Very Special Child***, which is Luke's telling of the Christmas story, beginning with Zechariah and Elizabeth. Many thanks to our pageant director, Lindsey Austen!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, DEC. 21



Mark your calendars to stick around following worship on December 21 for our annual congregational meeting to **elect officers**.

SEASON OF STEWARDSHIP, PRAYERFULLY PLEDGE

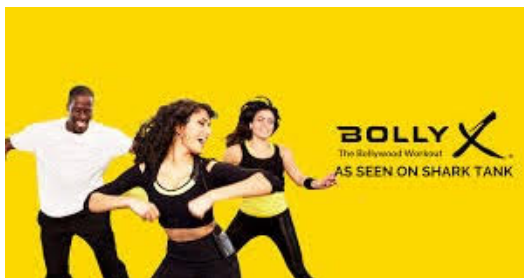
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Name _____		
Address _____		
City _____	State _____	Zip _____
I plan to give beginning _____ (date and year) each <input type="checkbox"/> week <input type="checkbox"/> month Annual Total		
For our church's ministries \$ _____ \$ _____		
Donation to Northeast NJ Presbytery \$ 38 Per Capita \$ _____		
 <p>I understand that this commitment can be changed at any time by giving notice to the appropriate church officer. <input type="checkbox"/> I would like to talk with someone about including the church or church-related institution in my will. Signed: _____ Date: _____</p>		
Tilling the soil, planting seeds Mark 4:3-9		

It's not too late to consider giving a pledge during this season of stewardship, to support our church and her ministries. Your faithful giving sustains every aspect of our shared ministry: worship and music, mission outreach, ministries, education, fellowship, and the stewardship of our building. Each gift helps us plan wisely for the present while planting strong roots for the future.

Ways to give your pledge:

If you do pledge, please consider **automated giving**, which provides convenience for you and much-needed consistency for our congregation. There are several ways to set up automated giving: **1)** You can set up an automatic payment through your bank to go to Presbyterian Church in Leonia, PO Box 448, Leonia, NJ 07605; **2)** You can give through our website, www.leoniapres.org "Giving" tab; or **3)** If you use our online church database, Breeze, you can set up automatic giving there: <https://leoniapres.breezechms.com/give/online>.

BollyX DEC/JAN OPPORTUNITIES



Get started on your **new year exercise routine** early! You may take part in a BollyX class at the church on 12/11 at 7pm, 12/18 at 7pm, 12/26 at 1pm, and/or 1/1 at 1pm.

\$15/in person; \$10/Zoom per class. 50% of all proceeds go to PCL. For more information and to register, contact Susheela Varky at susheela@bollyx.com or (804) 432-9218.

JAZZ JAM, FRI. DEC. 12



On Friday, Dec. 12th from 8-10 pm, come to the sanctuary for our Friday Jazz Jam. Bring your instrument(s) and your friends! Or come just to listen to some good, fun music.

This Week at PCL

December 7 (Sun)

9:30 am—Sunday School / Choir

10:30 am—Worship

after worship—Hanging of the Greens

2:00 pm—Renée's Piano Recital (Teaneck Public Library)

December 9 (Tues)

7:30 pm—Session Meeting

December 11 (Thurs)

7:00 pm—BollyX Class

December 12 (Fri)

8:00 pm—Jazz Jam

December 13 (Sat)

10:00 am—Support Group Meeting

December 14 (Sun)

9:30 am—Sunday School / Choir

10:30 am—Worship

Rev. Mike Eller (he/him/his)

Interim Minister

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General Office Hours

Pastor's Office

Mon-Thurs: 10-3 pm

Sun: *Schedule with Mike*

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