

Announcements *Please see insert.*

Prayer for Illumination

1st Reading Isaiah 63: 7 – 9

Anthem *Celebrate the Dawn* by Joseph M. Martin and Mary Martin

2nd Reading Matthew 2:12 – 23

Sermon *Our Bible* Delivered by Jack Hoffmeister

*** Hymn #261** *God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us*

Offering our Gifts and Tithes

Offertory Music

*** Doxology #592** Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

*** Prayer of Dedication**

Joys and Concerns

The Prayer of Jesus

*** Hymn # 481** *Praise The Lord God's Glories Show*

*** Charge and Blessing**

*** Choral Response**

Postlude

**All that are able please stand.*

†Adapted from Abingdon Press

Palisades Presbyterian Church

Palisades, New York 10964

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*We are a Christian community welcoming all,
as we seek to grow in faith and serve others.*



Reflection...

For some years now I have read through the Bible twice every year. If you picture the Bible to be a mighty tree and every word a little branch, I have shaken every one of these branches because I wanted to know what it was and what it meant.

~ Martin Luther

The Palisades Presbyterian Church

The First Sunday After Christmas
December 30, 2007; Year A

Welcome! Worship at Palisades Church begins with meditation. The music, the quote on the cover, the quiet of this place is all meant to encourage and deepen your own inner work. Thank you for entering the spirit of this place, this hour, by honoring the silence.

Prelude

Church Bell

Introit

* Invitation to Worship[†]

Leader: Let your praise of God sound to the heavens!

People: We shout the good news of God's mighty love!

Leader: Let all the stars, the sun, the moon sing praise to God!

People: The universe that God created sings its praise!

Leader: Praise be to God!

People: Hallelujah! AMEN.

All: Come, let us worship God together!

* Hymn #256 *Let the Whole Creation Cry*

Unison Prayer[†]

Blessed Lord, into our darkness
you have brought the Light of your love.
You have given to us a reminder of the many ways
in which you care for us and guide us.

And, this has been a hectic time for so many of us.

We have invested ourselves, our energies,
and our resources in a flurry of activities;
and now we are coming to the end of this year,
with a new year in view,
and we wonder about what the time ahead will demand.

Help us place our trust and our lives in your care.
Help us to listen and follow you in all our ways.

Give us strength and courage as needed -- and then some.
Let love be the foundation from which all our actions spring.
Bless and keep us in your care,
for we ask this in Jesus' Name.

AMEN.

Silent Prayers

Choral Response

Assurance of God's Love & Pardon

* Hymn #316 Breathe on me, breath of God.
 Fill me with life anew.
 That I may love what Thou dost love
 and do what Thou wouldst do.

* We Offer One Another a Sign of Peace