

Order of Worship for Sunday, December 5, 2021 – 2nd Sunday of Advent: LOVE
For the transformation of the world, we make disciples. We study God's Word and offer praise and
worship as we strengthen each other for outreach beyond the church walls.

Theresa M. Heiser, Pastor Visit the charge site at PennsValleyParish.info
Listen to the message 24/7 at 814-422-6238. Visit PennsValleyParish.info for more details!

Pastor Theresa is in "quarantine" until Dec. 11th

Guest: Susan Johnson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Ladies Aid at Trinity Woodward meets Tuesday night at 6:30pm. All interested ladies are welcome!
- Sprucetown Ad Board and Trustees meet Tuesday night at 7pm. All are welcome!
- Have Coffee with the Pastor Dec. 8th ONLINE via Zoom at 8:30am; and Dec. 15th at Burkholder's Market at 8:30am; and Dec. 21st at IngleBean Café at 9am.
- CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES; 3pm at Sprucetown UMC, 6pm at St. James UMC, Coburn

CENTERING WORDS People of faith, prepare your heart and straighten your ways!

SERVICE OF THE ACOLYTE *Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary. Pure and holy, tried and true. With thanksgiving I'll be a living sanctuary for you.*

CALL TO WORSHIP / ADVENT CANDLE LITURGY

One: The Lord is coming to his temple.

Many: We watch and wait for his coming.

One: *Light the second candle of Advent*

One: We light this candle as a symbol of the purity of heart only God can bring. For he shall purify his people like gold and silver, until they shine forth his righteousness.

Many: Come, Lord Jesus, come!

OPENING PRAYER

Refining God, you have sent us prophets and we have not listened. We have not always determined what is best or made way for your reign in our lives, our church, and our society. Forgive us, we pray, and renew your covenant within us, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN.

OPENING HYMN People, Look East UMH #202

BLESSING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS – DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him all creatures here below. Praise him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Preparing for Christ's coming

JOYS AND CONCERNS - (The Lord's Prayer "trespass")

SELECTED SCRIPTURE Malachi 3:1-4 // Luke 3:1-6 // John 3:16-17

MESSAGE Redeeming Grace: Mary and Joseph...a Love Story

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

The messenger of God's holy covenant is coming!

Prepare the way of the Lord!

The messenger comes to prepare the way before us!

Prepare the way of the Lord!

Who can endure, who can stand when the Lord appears?

Prepare the way of the Lord!

CLOSING HYMN Love Came Down at Christmas #242

COMMISSION & BLESSING

CHORAL BENEDICTION Silent Night, Holy Night v. 3 #239

NEXT WEEK: "Sleep in Peace"

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