

Order of Worship Sunday, January 1, 2023

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For the transformation of the world, we make disciples.

We study God's Word and offer praise and worship, strengthening each other for outreach beyond the church walls.

CENTERING WORDS Arise; shine, for your light has come!

SERVICE OF THE ACOLYTE

† CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Arise; shine, for you light has come!

**P: We are called out of our darkness into light.**

L: Lift up your eyes and look around.

**P: We rejoice in the gift of light.**

L: Come, let us worship the God of light and joy and peace.

**P: We come to kneel at the cradle of the babe, the light incarnate.**

† OPENING PRAYER

**God of hope and light, your good news has been emblazoned across the skies, the great starry night of Jesus' birth, sung by angels, celebrated by shepherds, witnessed by animals. You have given to us a new chance, a reminder of your continual love for us. Be with us in this worship, we pray. Guide our thoughts, our lives, our spirits. Heal and restore us. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.**

† HYMN We Three Kings of Orient Are UMH #254

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 Seeking the Savior Matthew 2:1-12

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

SELECTED SCRIPTURE Isaiah 30:1-21

MESSAGE Do You Hear What I Hear?

VIDEO The Shepherd [With permission from Angel Studios.] Link available on today's worship page at [PennsValleyParish.info](http://PennsValleyParish.info) to watch on your computer, tablet or phone.

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† CLOSING HYMN Go, Tell It on the Mountain UMH #251

† COMMISSION & BLESSING

PENNS VALLEY CHARGE ANNOUNCEMENTS – Calendar also on [PennsValleyParish.info](http://PennsValleyParish.info)  
January 1 – Unified Communion service to be held at 9:45am at St. James UMC in Coburn with live streaming via Zoom and message by phone 24/7 at 814-422-6238, 8:30am Worship at Faith Spring Mills.

January 4 – St. James Trustees meet at 6:30pm, Ad Board meets at 7pm. All are welcome!

January 5 – Ladies Coffee & Conversation at St. James UMC at 9:30am. All ladies welcome!

January 7 – An informational meeting will be held for all who attend the charge churches to receive an overview of where we are with denominational issues such as the 2024 General Conference, the results of the Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference and upcoming decisions from the Jurisdictional Council. The meeting will be held 2:30-3:30pm at St. James UMC in Coburn.

January 8 – Sprucetown Church will have a potluck lunch following worship! Sprucetown Ad Council and Trustees will meet following the Potluck Lunch.

January 15 – Watch The Chosen episode 4: The Rock on Which it is Built at 6pm at St. James in Coburn. Youth Group will meet for Pizza Study at 5pm, dismissing at 5:55 to watch The Chosen.

January 16 – Trinity Woodward Trustees and Ad Board Meeting 7pm at the church

January 18 – 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Meeting of the PV Charge SPRC at St. James in Coburn at 7pm

January 19 – Ladies Coffee & Conversation at St. James UMC at 9:30am. All ladies welcome!

January 31 – Soup Kitchen at St. James Coburn. Contact: Paula Smith

February 2 – Ladies Coffee & Conversation at St. James UMC at 9:30am. All ladies welcome!

February 5 – Watch The Chosen episode 5 The Wedding Gift 6pm at St. James in Coburn. Youth will meet for Pizza Study at 5pm dismissing at 5:55 to watch The Chosen.

#### ABOUT OUR CHURCH:

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