

Order of Worship for Sunday, February 5, 2023

New Year, Same Promises: God's Promise of Guidance – Holy Communion

Hear Pastor's Sermon by Phone 24/7 at 814-422-6238 - Website: PennsValleyParish.info

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 God's wisdom, righteousness, standards, and expectations of us never change. What ebbs and flows are our desire to know God's truth and follow his commands.

SERVICE OF THE ACOLYTE

† CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Happy are those who worship the Lord and delight in God's precepts.

P: They rise before dawn as a light to the upright.

L: They are gracious, merciful, and righteous.

P: They shine their light before others for all the world to see.

L: They will never be moved.

P: Let this be our worship.

† OPENING PRAYER

Invisible God, you have revealed yourself to us in Jesus Christ, sharing your own Spirit in communion with our spirit. As we come to worship disclose yourself more fully as we hear your written word and pray in the Spirit of Jesus Christ. Amen

† HYMN Wonderful Words of Life UMH #600

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 Let Your Light Shine Matthew 5:13-16

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

SELECTED SCRIPTURE Psalm 112:1-10 // Matthew 5:13-20

MESSAGE God's Promise of Guidance

SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE UMH p. 12 [All may receive holy communion.]

- Confession and Pardon
- The Great Thanksgiving
- The Lord's Prayer
- Receiving the Bread and Cup

† CLOSING HYMN Sent Forth by God's Blessing UMH #664

† COMMISSION & BLESSING

PENNS VALLEY CHARGE ANNOUNCEMENTS – Calendar also on PennsValleyParish.info

February 5 – TONIGHT 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.

February 12 – Sprucetown Church's Potluck Lunch follows 11am worship. Bring a covered dish to share. Our winter Ad Board and Trustees meeting follows lunch. All are welcome.

February 16 – Ladies Coffee & Conversation at St. James UMC at 9:30am. All ladies welcome!

February 22 – Soup Kitchen at St. James Coburn is now the last Wednesday of the month.

Contact: Paula Smith for details.

February 22 – East PV Ministerium Lent Service: Ash Wednesday Service at 7:30pm at Grace UCC in Spring Mills (the church just down the lane from Faith UMC) with Pastor Craig Munnell presiding.

February 22 – March 29 Wednesdays 7-8pm – Online Lent Study: *Don't Give the Enemy a*

***Seat at Your Table*.** You are invited to join Pastor Theresa and a small group of friends

Wednesday evenings during Lent to study an excellent book written by Louie Giglio. We will

watch a video clip and discuss the book which expands on Jesus' battle with the devil in the desert and is a timely subject of study. More information is available at PennsValleyParish.info. The book is a recommended read even if you do not participate in the study.

March 1 - East PV Ministerium Lent Service at St. John's Lutheran, Millheim 7pm with Julie Holm presiding featuring the Parable of the Sower

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

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