

Order of Worship Sunday, January 15, 2023

New Year, Same Promises: God's Promise of Faithfulness

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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 Let your light shine. Be a light to your community. Be a light to the nations. Be a light to the whole world. Let YOUR light shine.

SERVICE OF THE ACOLYTE

† CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Called to be light,

P: we come this day to shine.

L: Called to follow Christ,

P: we come this day to serve.

L: Called to love God,

P: we come to worship and praise.

† OPENING PRAYER

God of Isaiah, you are our God, too. You spoke to the prophets, but your message did not end with them. There is still work to be done, and we pray to hear your call afresh. Help us joyfully claim our role as your beloved servants, knowing that you provide all that we need to do our work. You walked with us before we were even born, and you continue to hold us by the hand each day of our lives. We pray with the confidence of those who have been filled with your light. We pray with the assurance of those who have been called into fellowship with your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

† HYMN Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise UMH #103

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 God's Eyewitnesses John 1:29-42

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

SELECTED SCRIPTURE Psalm 40:1-11 // 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

MESSAGE God's Promise of Faithfulness

† CLOSING HYMN Just As I Am, Without One Plea UMH #357

† COMMISSION & BLESSING

PENNS VALLEY CHARGE ANNOUNCEMENTS – Calendar also on PennsValleyParish.info

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

January 18 – 1st 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!

POSTPONED: January 22 – Watch The Chosen episode 4: The Rock on Which it is Built at 6pm at St. James in Coburn. Youth Group for grades 7-12 will meet for Pizza Study at 5pm and dismiss at 5:55 to watch The Chosen. Don't forget you're the Chosen Study Guide! Links to watch the episodes on your own and a personal study guide are available on our website.

January 25 – Soup Kitchen at St. James Coburn is now the last Wednesday of the month.

Contact: Paula Smith for details.

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.

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 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.

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