

Order of Worship Sunday, January 29, 2023

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

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 The promise of the Beatitudes is for something good to emerge from the dust of something not good.

SERVICE OF THE ACOLYTE

† CALL TO WORSHIP

L: What does God require of us?

P: God wants justice.

L: What else does God want?

P: God wants faithful love.

L: Anything else?

P: God wants us to walk humbly with God.

† OPENING PRAYER

Come, Holy Wisdom, and show us your ways. In our confusing world, many voices demand our attention. Teach us to look with your eyes. Help us walk humbly beside you – doing what is right, speaking your truth. You alone are our guide and guardian on paths of peace and reconciliation. Amen.

† HYMN Christ for the World We Sing UMH #568

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 A Recipe for Happiness Matthew 5:1-12

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

SELECTED SCRIPTURE Psalm 15 // Matthew 5:1-12

MESSAGE God's Promise of Blessing

† CLOSING HYMN Hymn of Promise UMH #707

† COMMISSION & BLESSING

PENNS VALLEY CHARGE ANNOUNCEMENTS – Calendar also on PennsValleyParish.info

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

March 5 – Watch The Chosen episode 6 Indescribable Compassion 6pm at St. James in Coburn.

Youth will meet for Pizza Study at 5pm dismissing at 5:55 to watch The Chosen.

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