

Order of Worship for Sunday, November 12, 2023 24th Sunday after Pentecost
Give an Answer – “Who is Responsible for My Oil?”
Hear Pastor’s Sermon by Phone 24/7 at 814-422-6238 - Website: PennsValleyParish.info
For the transformation of the world, we study God’s Word in context to be equipped to live Jesus’ Way.

CENTERING WORDS Beloved of Christ, get up and get dressed, it is time to go to a wedding! Christ chose you. Are you prepared to live in Christ’s love?

SERVICE OF THE ACOLYTE

† CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We are pulled in many directions.

P: Many duties and tasks seek to lay claim on our lives.

L: This day, in this place, let service to God be your choice.

P: This day, in this place, we open our hearts and spirits to God.

L: Blessed be the God of creation who has called us here.

P: Praise be to God who sustains and nurtures our lives.

OPENING PRAYER

Through the week of stress and demands, we come to you this day, O Lord. Awaken us again to your comforting and loving presence in our lives. Help us to be open to the many ways in which you have called to us and sustained us. Make us ready to be of service to you. AMEN.

† OPENING HYMN For the Healing of the Nations UMH #428

† 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.

JOYS AND CONCERNS - PASTORAL PRAYER (The Lord’s Prayer “trespass”)

HYMN Near to the Heart of God UMH #472

SELECTED SCRIPTURE Psalm 78:1-7 // Amos 5:18-24 // Matthew 25:1-13

MESSAGE Who is Responsible for My Oil?

† CLOSING HYMN O Jesus, I Have Promised UMH #396

† COMMISSION & BLESSING

PENNS VALLEY CHARGE ANNOUNCEMENTS – Calendar also on PennsValleyParish.info

Harvest Home Food Drive – Bring non-perishable food items to benefit the local food pantry through November 19th!

The Advent Study “All the Good: A Wesleyan Way of Christmas” will be offered starting November 30th. We will look at preparing the way for God, the impact and significance of prayer, the substance of good works and caring for others and sharing God’s mission to the world. Information about the study is on the bulletin board and our website. We’ll meet 4 Thursdays by Zoom 7-8pm. Registration is required. The book is highly recommended even if you do not participate in the study.

November 12 – Monthly potluck lunch following worship at Sprucetown UMC

November 16 - Ladies Coffee & Conversation at St. James in Coburn at 9:30am. All ladies welcome.

November 19 – Harvest Home Sunday, last day to bring food and we will bless the donations.

November 19 – Penns Valley Community Thanksgiving Service at 6pm hosted by Faith Alive Fellowship on Rt 45 near the high school. Volunteer choir should show up to rehearse at 5:30pm.

Copies of “Here I Am to Worship” are available near the bulletins. Please take one for that night.

November 20 – Trinity Woodward Trustees and Ad Board meets at 7pm.

November 29 – Soup Kitchen at St. James UMC. Contact Paula Smith for details, 814-880-6023.

November 30 – All the Good: A Wesleyan Way of Christmas Zoom Study 7pm, register on our website

December 2 – Christmas Party at St. James UMC in Coburn, 2-4pm. Watch a short Christmas show, decorate cookies baked by Heather Luse, take photos at the photo booth, and much more! All welcome.

December 10 – Christmas Lunch following worship at Sprucetown UMC. Join us!

December 24 – Sunday morning worship at Trinity (time tba), Candlelight Christmas Eve Services with Communion 3pm at Sprucetown and 6pm at St. James in Coburn

December 31 – We will follow our regular worship schedule

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