

Order of Worship for Sunday, November 19, 2023 Harvest Home Sunday
Give an Answer – “Can I Be Grateful Despite Adversity?”
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 God blesses us with more than can be fathomed, so that we will do good things in the name of Christ.

SERVICE OF THE ACOLYTE

† CALL TO WORSHIP

L: In the midst of difficulty, the Lord sets a table of rejoicing for us.

P: Though the world seems focused on turmoil, yet will we praise God!

L: Our lives should be witnesses to God’s goodness and power.

P: Our hearts should encompass compassion and service to God’s people.

L: Help us to be your workers and witnesses in today’s world, O Lord.

P: Enable us to be faithful and strong for you.

*OPENING PRAYER

Lord of bounty and blessing, we come to you this day in gratitude for all that we have been given. We are grateful for the blessings and for the opportunities to be of service to others in your holy Name. Bless each of us here, that we may become true blessings to others. For we ask this in Jesus’ Name. AMEN

† OPENING HYMN We Gather Together UMH #131

† 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 Now Thank We All Our God UMH #102

SELECTED SCRIPTURE Psalm 123 // Matthew 6:25-34

MESSAGE How Can I Be Grateful Despite Adversity?

BLESSING OF HARVEST HOME FOOD DONATIONS TO LOCAL FOOD PANTRY

† CLOSING HYMN Come, Ye Thankful People, Come UMH #694

† COMMISSION & BLESSING

PENNS VALLEY CHARGE ANNOUNCEMENTS – Calendar also on PennsValleyParish.info

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 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.

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

November 25 – Deck the Halls at St. James Coburn starting at 9am. Volunteers needed.

November 26 – Christ the King Sunday: Get your Advent Devotional at worship

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 3 – First Sunday of Advent: Pick up your Nativity ornament at worship

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

December 24 – Sunday morning worship at Trinity 10am (Sunday School at 8:45am), Candlelight Christmas Eve Services with Communion 3pm at Sprucetown and 6pm at St. James in Coburn

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