

Order of Worship for Sunday, November 26, 2023 Christ the King Sunday “The Last Word”
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 No matter what life (and death) bring, Christ has the last word.

SERVICE OF THE ACOLYTE

† CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Come, open your hearts to the Lord!

P: We are grateful to be here, remembering all that Christ has done for us.

L: Friends and family – all are welcome in the house of the Lord.

P: Those who are new to our church, those who seek, those who feel lost and alone.

L: Christ meets us here; he breaks the bread of salvation for us.

P: He embraces us with his transforming and forgiving love.

L: Dear friends, let us rejoice in God’s love.

P: We are called to receive that love and reach out in compassion to others.

*OPENING PRAYER

God of justice and peace, bring your dazzling light into our hearts and spirits that we might see the glorious opportunities we have to serve you. Help us to see that following your mandate to feed the hungry, bring nourishment to those who thirst, offer clothing to those in need, visit the sick and those who are imprisoned, welcome the stranger – any activity of service as an act of great privilege and joy. We praise you for the light of your son, Jesus Christ, who boldly bids us care for each other and become those who would bring good news of peace for all. AMEN.

† OPENING HYMN Crown Him with Many Crowns UMH #327

† 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 The Battle Hymn of the Republic UMH #717

PRAYER FOR CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY UMH #721

SELECTED SCRIPTURE Jeremiah 23:1-6 // Colossians 1:11-20 // Luke 23:33-43

MESSAGE The Final Word

† CLOSING HYMN He Lives UMH #310

† COMMISSION & BLESSING (Join Commission Responsively)

L: Seek the lost and care of the wounded.

P: We will strengthen the weak and encourage the downtrodden.

L: Seek justice and love mercy.

P: We will be God's mercy and love for the world.

PENNS VALLEY CHARGE ANNOUNCEMENTS – Calendar also on PennsValleyParish.info

Our 2023 Advent Devotion booklets are near the bulletins. If you did not get one on the way in, take one on the way out. The devotions begin on Friday.

The Advent Study “All the Good: A Wesleyan Way of Christmas” begins Thursday. 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.

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

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

Dec 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.

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

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

Dec 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

1st & 3rd Wednesday Bible Study begins in January. See the flyer or our website for details.

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