

Order of Worship for Sunday, November 5, 2023 All Saints Sunday - Celebrating who we are in Christ
Give an Answer – “What Good Can God Bring Out of Problems?”
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 Blessing, honor and glory to the Lord, our God. Praise the ancient of days.

SERVICE OF THE ACOLYTE

† CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We have come to affirm our historic faith.

P: To worship the God of our mothers and fathers.

L: We have come to remember God’s benefits to us the living.

P: To respond in thanksgiving to the mighty works of God in our lives.

L: We have come to affirm our trust in the God of all futures,

P: To whose name be blessing and honor, glory and power forever and ever. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

God of gentle, loving guidance, who brought the Israelites into a new land, filled with new hope and promise: Be with us today, opening our hearts and spirits to an awareness of your abiding love and presence with us. Help us to place our trust solely in you; for we ask this in Jesus’ Name, AMEN.

† OPENING HYMN Shall We Gather at the River UMH #723

† 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 Church’s One Foundation UMH #545 (Verses 1-3)

SELECTED SCRIPTURE Genesis 40:1-23

MESSAGE “What Good Can God Bring Out of Problems?”

SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE UMH pg 12

L... The body of Christ, given for you. **P: Amen.**

L... The blood of Christ, given for you. **P: Amen.**

† A PRAYER OF MEDITATION FOR ALL SAINTS DAY

L: On this All Saints Sunday, we also remember that we too are living saints, members of the family of God with all the saints of the past, the present, and the future.

And so, we remember:

P: We are God's children. What we shall be has not yet been revealed; but we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. So today and every day, may we put on Christ and live as saints who tend the poor, comfort the mourners, learn from the meek, affirm those who seek righteousness, offer mercy alongside the merciful, and work for peace with the peacemakers until Christ comes in final victory and we feast as the family of God at his heavenly banquet. Amen.

† CLOSING HYMN The Church's One Foundation UMH #545 (Last three verses on pg 546)

† 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!

November 7 – Sprucetown UMC's Board and Trustees meet at 7pm, all are welcome.

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.

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

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

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