

Order of Worship for Sunday, January 14, 2024 2nd Sunday After the Epiphany, Year B
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 calls for us when we are young, middle-aged, and when the sun is setting in our lives. How can we fail to respond like Samuel: "Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening"?

SERVICE OF THE ACOLYTE

† CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Speak to us, Lord, for your servants are listening.

P: The One who fashioned us in our mother's womb calls us this day.

L: Lead us, O God, and we will follow.

P: The One acquainted with all our ways leads us into life. Bless us, Spirit of Wisdom and truth, and guide us home.

† OPENING PRAYER

Awesome God, you knew us before we were born. You love us into life. Open our hearts and our spirits today to hear your word for us. And, upon hearing the word, may we be convinced of our call to ministry and mission through the church. Bless us with your presence and your powerful love, for we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

† OPENING HYMN Come Thou, Fount of Every Blessing UMH #400

† 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")

PASS THE PEACE OF CHRIST WITH ONE ANOTHER

HYMN Open My Eyes, That I May See UMH #454

SELECTED SCRIPTURE 1 Samuel 3:1-20 // 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 // John 1:43-51

MESSAGE Please, Bother

† CLOSING HYMN Here I Am, Lord UMH #593

† COMMISSION & BLESSING

PENNS VALLEY CHARGE ANNOUNCEMENTS – Calendar also on PennsValleyParish.info

January 14 – Sprucetown UMC Potluck Lunch following 11am worship. Ad Council meets after lunch.

January 15 – Trinity Trustees and Ad Board meet 7pm. All are welcome.

January 17 – 3rd Wednesday Bible Study 10-11:30am at St. James UMC, Coburn. Bring your Bible. We will supply one if needed. If you benefit from taking notes, bring along what you need. This is a casual study open to everyone.

January 17 – Organizational meeting of the Charge Staff Parish Relations Committee 7pm at St. James UMC.

January 18 – Ladies Coffee & Conversation hosted by St. James UMC, Coburn 9:30am.

January 31 – Soup Kitchen at St. James UMC, Coburn

February 4 – Communion Sunday

February 7 – 1st Wednesday Bible Study at Sprucetown 10-11:30am. Bring your Bible. We will supply one if needed. If you benefit from taking notes, bring along what you need. This is a casual study open to everyone.

February 11 - Sprucetown UMC Potluck Lunch following 11am worship. Ad Council meets after lunch.

February 14 – Ash Wednesday, service time and location tba

UPCOMING:

Easter Sunday is March 31, 2024

Gideon's Guest Speaker Sunday is April 21, 2024

2024 General Conference of the United Methodist Church is April 23-May 3, 2024

2024 Susquehanna Annual Conference is May 30-June 1, 2024

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