

Order of Worship for Sunday, January 7, 2024 Epiphany of the Lord Sunday
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 As we focus on the Light of the World, God's vision of justice and love grows clearer and shines more brightly in our thoughts and actions.

SERVICE OF THE ACOLYTE

† CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The Magi waited and watched, knowing something wondrous would be happening.

P: We waited for the birth of Jesus; now something wondrous is about to take root.

L: The darkness that invaded all lives was banished by the light of that star.

P: The darkness what surrounds us is gone!

L: Let us celebrate the bright shining of God's love in our lives.

P: Let us become those who will bring the light of God's love to others.

† OPENING PRAYER

God of Promise and mysterious Light, be with us this day as we journey in our faith; to meet your Gift. Give us courage and hope along our way, as your light will continue to glow brightly in our path, leading us to service and discipleship in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

† OPENING HYMN The First Noel UMH #245

† 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 Infant Holy, Infant Lowly UMH #229

SELECTED SCRIPTURE Isaiah 60:1-6 // Matthew 2:1-12 // Luke 2:41-52

MESSAGE Epiphany

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† CLOSING HYMN Go Tell It on the Mountain UMH #251

† 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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