

Order of Worship for August 11, 2024 – 12th Sunday After Pentecost, Year B
Hear Pastor’s Sermon by Phone 24/7 at 814-422-6238 Website: PennsValleyParish.info
For personal transformation, we study God’s Word to learn how we shall live, offer praise and worship
and strengthen each other. For the transformation of the world, we make disciples.

CENTERING WORDS Bring your whole heart before God – all your grief, anger, frustration,
joy, hope and praise. God loves and welcomes you just as you are!

SERVICE OF THE ACOLYTE The Sanctuary Song *Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and
holy, tried and true. With thanksgiving I’ll be a living sanctuary for you.* (sing twice)

† CALL TO WORSHIP

L: A voice cries in the wilderness:

P: “Prepare the way of the Lord!”

L: A challenge us uttered from on high:

P: “Make straight the paths of our God.”

L: Every valley will be lifted up.

P: Every mountain will be made low.

L: The winding path will be made straight,

P: and every rough way with be made smooth.

OPENING PRAYER

**Merciful God, you sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the
way for our salvation. Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may
greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. AMEN.**

OPENING HYMN Great Is Thy Faithfulness UMH #140

† 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”)

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST – St. James UMC & Sprucetown UMC

REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH & MEMBERSHIP TRANSFER – Jennifer Lawrence

HYMN OF PREPARATION Precious Lord, Take My Hand UMH #474

SELECTED SCRIPTURE 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33 // 1 Samuel 17:45-47 // Matthew 23:11-12 //
1 Peter 5:5-6

MESSAGE Winning the Battle with Our Pride

† CLOSING HYMN Just as I am, without one plea UMH #357

† COMMISSION AND BLESSING

PENNS VALLEY CHARGE ANNOUNCEMENTS – Calendar also on PennsValleyParish.info

District Conference Gathering – You are invited to join in worship, celebration and holy conferencing as we organize our State College District of the Susquehanna Conference starting at 3pm Sept. 22nd at Mount Nittany UMC, 1500 E. Branch Road, State College. We will worship together, celebrate the ministry in our District, establish a new name for the district, affirm our District Committees and put hands to the plow as we move out in mission and ministry within our communities. Registration information is forthcoming. All clergy and laity (especially Lay Representatives) are strongly encouraged to attend.

August 15 – Ladies Coffee & Conversation begins at 9:30am at St. James UMC, Coburn. Ladies from the valley are invited to chat and have a wonderful time. You do not have to belong to this or any church.

August 16-24 – Centre County Grange Encampment and Fair – Attention campers, if you would like to hear the message from your tent or camper, call sermon by phone at 814-422-6238.

Grange Fair Sunday; the Penns Valley Mens' Chorus performs for the service at 9am and the Pomona Grange church service is 7pm, both at the Southside Stage.

September 3 – Sprucetown Church Ad. Council and Trustees meeting at 7pm.

September 4 – St. James Trustees meet at 6:30pm and Ad Board at 7pm.

ABOUT OUR CHURCH:

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The Penns Valley Charge is part of the Penns Valley Cluster; State College District; Susquehanna Annual Conference; Northeastern Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church

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