

Order of Worship for September 15, 2024 – 17th 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 There is practice and there is purpose; Jesus clarifies that there is a difference.
Devotion. Our hearts reveal our true devotion.

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: We are called to follow Jesus.

P: But following Jesus isn’t easy.

L: No. It will demand our dedication and our energy.

P: It will change our whole lives.

L: Come, all of you. Come and learn of the Lord Jesus.

P: Lord, we come, seeking your wisdom and your guidance.

OPENING PRAYER

**Lord, we have come this day to hear your words of healing love and hope. Enter our hearts and our spirits
and teach us to follow you. Give us courage and strength to be your faithful disciples. AMEN.**

OPENING HYMN Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty UMH #64

† 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

HYMN OF PREPARATION This is My Father’s World UMH #144

SELECTED SCRIPTURE Proverbs 1:20-33 // James 3:1-12 // Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

MESSAGE Dirty Hands and Clean Hearts

† CLOSING HYMN Sent forth by God’s Blessing UMH #664

† COMMISSION AND BLESSING

PARTING THOUGHT “Traditions can be picked up and put down. Our hearts, however, stay with us, and what they produce will ultimately reflect the content of our lives and intentions.” – Kyle E. Brooks

PENNS VALLEY CHARGE ANNOUNCEMENTS – Calendar also on PennsValleyParish.info

September 16 – Trinity Trustees & Ad Board meeting 7pm

September 17 – Historic Paradise Church Cemetery Assn meeting 7pm at St. James

September 18 – PV Charge 3rd Quarter Staff Parish Relations Committee meeting 7pm at Trinity in Woodward. 2025 Pastoral compensation and charge conference forms will be discussed.

September 19 – 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.

September 22 – Paradise Church Cemetery Sunday, learn why it was designated an historic landmark 50 years ago by the United Methodist Church; recognition of the HPCCA members and cemetery work day volunteers at St. James service. Invite any you know with a family connection to the location!

September 22 – “Hands to the Plow” District Conference at 3pm at Mt. Nittany UMC. Registration information is on the bulletin board including a QR code to go to the page online, on our website, or contact Pastor Theresa to be registered to attend. Full church members have full voting privileges.

September 25 – Homecoming Parade Soup Veggie Chopping – To volunteer, contact Paula Smith.

September 26 – St. James Homecoming Parade Soup Sale. Volunteers, contact Paula Smith.

September 29 – Trinity Woodward Church Fall Hayride and Picnic, loading wagons at 3pm, bring a covered dish to share for the picnic at 5pm. (Raindate is the following Sunday)

October 3 – Ladies Coffee & Conversation for all ladies in the valley 9:30am at St. James in Coburn

October 6 – Homecoming & World Communion Sunday; Guest Speaker Pastor Michael Stine at Trinity and St. James, Pastor Jim Jacobs at Sprucetown with potluck lunch to follow

October 29 – Charge Conference, 6:30pm at Faith UMC, 107 Two Steeples Lane, Spring Mills. All are welcome to attend. Full members have voting privileges. Arrive early to look through the conferencing material. Additional information is available on the flyer on the bulletin board.

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