

Order of Worship for September 22, 2024 – Paradise Church, Historic Landmark Sunday  
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.

Special Offering: We are collecting donations today and next Sunday in the marked container to support  
the mission of the Historic Paradise Church Cemetery Association. Thank you.

CENTERING WORDS Breathe in and invite the Spirit of Wisdom to fill your soul. Breathe out,  
recalling the Spirit of Love that connects you with all God’s children, past, present and future.

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: Jesus calls us to servant ministry.

**P: We must be willing to help others, not counting the cost or rewards.**

L: Pretense, disharmony, greed have no place in discipleship.

**P: Serving God means receiving each person as though they were a beloved child.**

L: Lord, help us to truly become your disciples.

**P: Create in us hearts for ministries of compassion and kindness.**

OPENING PRAYER

**Lord, be with us this day, helping us to put our priorities in order; so that we may faithfully serve you by  
serving your people. Heal our spirits. Enable us to follow your ways all the days of our lives. AMEN.**

OPENING HYMN Happy the Home When God Is There UMH #445

† 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 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah UMH #127

SELECTED SCRIPTURE James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a // Mark 9:30-37

MESSAGE Why Paradise Church Cemetery is a Landmark That Impacts Us Today

† CLOSING HYMN How Great Thou Art UMH #77

† COMMISSION AND BLESSING

PARTING THOUGHT “Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.”

Colossians 3:23-24

PENNS VALLEY CHARGE ANNOUNCEMENTS – Calendar also on [PennsValleyParish.info](http://PennsValleyParish.info)

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 1 – Sprucetown UMC Ad Board and Trustees Meeting 7pm, all are welcome to attend

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 roast turkey potluck lunch to follow

October 15 – Meet our new Bishop Hector Burgos Nunez 6:30-8pm at Faith UMC, Bellefonte

October 16 – Pastor Theresa attending the District Retreat, will answer messages after

October 27 – Edie Hertzog serving the pulpit. Pastor Theresa on vacation Oct. 22-28.

October 29 – Church 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.

#### ABOUT OUR CHURCH:

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