

Order of Worship Sunday, December 29, 2024 1st Sunday After Christmas, Year C: Come, Let Us Adore Him!
Hear Pastor's Sermon by Phone 24/7 at 814-422-6238 - Website: PennsValleyParish.info
For the transformation of the world, we make disciples.
We study God's Word and offer praise and worship, strengthening each other for outreach beyond the church walls.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING WORDS May all God's messengers praise the Lord!

SERVICE OF THE ACOLYTE

† CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We gather this morning ready to listen.

P: Open our ears, Lord.

L: We gather this morning ready to learn.

P: Open our minds, Lord.

L: We gather this morning ready to love.

P: Open our hearts, Lord.

L: We gather this morning ready to worship.

P: Open our spirits to receive you, Lord.

† OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, Lord of all peoples and all nations, we give you thanks for the fullness of your grace and glory that has appeared among us in the birth of Christ. Teach us the wonder of your ways, the glory of your love. Forgive us when we have tried to limit your love to our people, our country, and our church. This is good news for all people. Help us to live that good news and to share it with others. AMEN.

† OPENING HYMN It Came upon the Midnight Clear UMH #218

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 - (The Lord's Prayer "trespass")

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

HYMN OF PREPARATION Angels We Have Heard on High UMH #238

SELECTED SCRIPTURE 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26 // Colossians 3:12-17 // Luke 2:41-52

MESSAGE A Different “Home” Alone

† CLOSING HYMN Go, Tell It On the Mountain UMH #251

† COMMISSION & BLESSING

PARTING THOUGHT What will we do to help others, young and old, become who God made them to be?

PENNS VALLEY CHARGE ANNOUNCEMENTS – Calendar also on PennsValleyParish.info

January 2 - Ladies Coffee & Conversation for all ladies 9:30am at St. James in Coburn

January 5 – Epiphany - Communion Sunday

January 8 – St. James Trustees meeting at 6:30pm, Administrative Board at 7pm. All are welcome. If you are unable to attend, please let Paula Smith know in advance to assure a quorum.

January 12 – 2nd Sunday Potluck Lunch following worship at Sprucetown UMC. Bring a covered dish to share. Worship at 11am, lunch follows, then the Administrative Board/ Trustees meeting. All are welcome.

January 15 – Soup Kitchen at St. James UMC. Contact Paula Smith to learn how to get involved.

January 16 - Ladies Coffee & Conversation for all ladies 9:30am at St. James in Coburn

January 20 – Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

January 20 – Trinity Trustees and Administrative Board meeting at 7pm. All are welcome. If you are unable to attend, please let Peggy Huey know in advance to assure a quorum. Thank you.

January 22 – Penns Valley Charge Staff Parish Relations Committee 1st Quarter meeting 7pm at St. James, 501 Main Street, Coburn.

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