

Order of Worship Sunday, February 2, 2025 4th Sunday After Epiphany/Communion Sunday
Hear Pastor's Sermon by Phone 24/7 at 814-422-6238 - Website: PennsValleyParish.info
† - Please rise in body or spirit where you see this symbol.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING WORDS Love guides the way through every season, in every situation, and in every life.

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

† CALL TO WORSHIP

L: God has called us to share the good news of God's love.

P: But who am I, that God should call me?

L: You are a beloved child of God.

P: But I am weak I'm not a great speaker or preacher.

L: God is with you; don't be afraid.

P: Lord, help me to trust in your presence with me. Help me to serve you.

† OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God, we come to you with day, seeking your guidance and strength. You have called us to ministries for which we feel inadequate. Help us to understand that it is your love that will support and sustain our efforts. Give us the courage to place our trust in your abiding presence. We ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

† OPENING HYMN Here I Am, Lord UMH #593

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 We'll Understand It Better By and By UMH #525

SELECTED SCRIPTURE Jeremiah 1:4-10 // 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 // Luke 4:21-30

MESSAGE Hearing from God & The Challenge of Authentic Listening

- The Comfort of Familiarity
- The Cost of Truth
- The Power of Love
- The Humility to Listen

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† CLOSING HYMN Lord of the Dance UMH #261

† COMMISSION & BLESSING

PARTING THOUGHT: Jesus came to say that God thinks strangers, foreigners and enemies are important enough to save, important enough to love because we can handle the truth.

PENNS VALLEY CHARGE ANNOUNCEMENTS – Calendar also on PennsValleyParish.info

We are looking for volunteers to assist with live streaming at St. James and Sprucetown. See the pastor. February 6 and 20 - Ladies Coffee & Conversation begins at 9:30am at St. James Coburn. All welcome! February 9 – Potluck Lunch following worship at Sprucetown UMC. Bring a covered dish to share if you like. Administrative Board and Trustees meeting following lunch. All are welcome.

February

March 18 – You are invited to the Mountain Valley District Lent Worship Service on Tuesday, March 18, at 6:30 pm hosted by Greater Buffalo Run Valley UMC, 112 Trinity Court, Bellefonte. A special offering will be received for the Sierra Leone Initiative.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Ash Wednesday is March 5, 2025 – Lent begins

Palm Sunday is April 13, 2025

Easter Sunday is April 20, 2025

2025 Susquehanna Annual Conference is May 29-31 in Williamsport

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