

Order of Worship Sunday, January 26, 2025 3rd Sunday After Epiphany Guest Speaker: Sue Hunter
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

SERVICE OF THE ACOLYTE († Trinity & St. James, please rise.)

† CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 15 UMH p. 747

L: O Lord, who shall abide in your tent? Who shall dwell in your holy hill?

P: The one who walks blamelessly, and does what is right, and speaks truth from the heart;

L: who does not slander with the tongue, and does no evil to a friend,
nor takes up a reproach against a neighbor;

P: in whose eyes a reproach is despised, but who honors those who fear the Lord;

L: who does not put out money at interest, and does not take a bribe against the innocent.

P: The one who does these things shall never be moved.

† OPENING PRAYER

We believe, O Lord, that you have not abandoned us in our trails of trouble. You let us believe that you are the reason for happiness. You will reveal in the Scriptures what is Love, Happiness, and to believe what is written. We will go out to speak of your love and not forget your word. AMEN.

† OPENING HYMN Trust and Obey v. 1 & 4 UMH #467

(Sprucetown only...here is where you take over with the service) ∨

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 only

HYMN OF PREPARATION O, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing v. 1, 2 and 6 UMH #57

SELECTED SCRIPTURE Psalm 93 // 1 Corinthians 13:1-3 // Matthew 3:3-10

MESSAGE The Twelve Days of Christmas [notes on the back]

- 1 Pear tree – Isaiah 26:20, Jeremiah 17:11
- 2 Turtle doves – Leviticus 5:7, Luke 2:24
- 3 French hens – Matthew 26:75, 1 Corinthians 13:13
- 4 Calling birds – Colly birds=Black=coaly
- 5 Golden rings – Exodus 25:26 = 5 Books, Law of Moses
- 6 Geese a-laying – 6 Days to create the world Genesis 1:3-31
- 7 Swans a-swimming – Isaiah 11:2-3
- 8 Maids a-milking – Esther 2:9, Matthew 5:3-10
- 9 Ladies dancing – Victory over the Philistines, 1 Samuel 18:6 or 9; Fruit of the Spirit Galatians 5:22-23
- 10 Lords a-leaping – Ten Commandments, Exodus 20:1-17
- 11 Pipers piping – 11 faithful Apostles; Matthew 27:3-10, Acts 1:26, Acts 2:14, Revelation 18:22
- 12 Drummers drumming – 12 points of the Apostles' Creed

† CLOSING HYMN Joy to the World UMH #246

† COMMISSION & BLESSING

PENNS VALLEY CHARGE ANNOUNCEMENTS – Calendar also on PennsValleyParish.info

January 23-26 - Pastor Theresa is on vacation. Urgent pastoral care: Rev. Sandy Kraft 570-575-8225.

January 29 – Soup Kitchen at St. James. For more information, reach out to Paula Smith.

February 2 – Communion Sunday

February 6 - Ladies Coffee & Conversation for all ladies 9:30am at St. James in 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.

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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