

Order of Worship Sunday, February 9, 2025 5th Sunday After Epiphany
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.

CENTERING WORDS Jesus gathers us to himself in the church in order to teach us how to do the calling and the sending we will do for him that makes disciples.

† 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: Great is the grace and glory of God.

P: We give thanks with hearts of joy.

L: Great is the strength and mercy of our creator.

P: We give thanks with hearts of hope.

L: Great is the courage and hope of our Lord.

P: We give thanks with hearts of faith.

All: Great is the mercy and compassion of the Holy One.

† OPENING PRAYER

Divine Deliverer of compassion, you call us to follow your voice, "Whom shall I send?" you asked us. With hearts of hope and souls filled with courage, we respond, "Here I am. Send me." You evaporate our shame and joyously embrace our authentic selves. May we continue to open ourselves to you, and may we embrace our full humanity as you do. AMEN.

† OPENING HYMN Stand Up and Bless the Lord UMH #662

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 The Voice of God Is Calling UMH #436

SELECTED SCRIPTURE Isaiah 6:1-13 // 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 // Luke 5:1-11

MESSAGE Try Again: When Jesus Calls You Forward

† CLOSING HYMN Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore UMH #344

† COMMISSION & BLESSING

PARTING THOUGHT: My fear is that at the last judgment I'll not be condemned for my unsuccessful preaching, but rather that Christ will say, 'Nice to see you but, where are the others I asked you to bring with you?' [A variation on a quote from Will Willimon]

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 9 – Potluck Lunch following worship at Sprucetown UMC. Please stay for lunch.

Administrative Board and Trustees meeting following lunch. All are welcome.

February 20 - Ladies Coffee & Conversation begins at 9:30am at St. James Coburn. All welcome!

February 26 – Soup Kitchen ministry at St. James UMC. To join, contact Paula Smith 814-422-8150.

February 27 - A Concert of Praise and Worship featuring the Chi Rho Singers 7pm at Greater Buffalo Run Valley UMC, 102 Trinity Court Bellefonte.

March 4 – St. James Trustees meet at 6:30pm, Ad Board at 7pm. Note this is a Tuesday night.

March 5 – Community Ash Wednesday Service hosted by St. James UMC, Coburn at 7pm. Service includes imposition of ashes.

March 6 – Ladies Coffee & Conversation hosted by St. James UMC, Coburn 9:30am. All ladies welcome.

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:

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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