

Sunday, October 19, 2025 Series - Armor Ready: Living Daily in the Armor of God
Welcome to Sprucetown UMC! Hear Pastor's Sermon by Phone 24/7 at 814-422-6238 PennsValleyParish.info
† - Please rise in body or spirit where you see the cross

Key Memory Verse:

"How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" Romans 10:15b

CENTERING WORDS Shoes give us mobility and stability. Peace with God prepares us to bring peace into every space we enter.

SERVICE OF THE ACOLYTE

† CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We come to worship the God who walks with us on every path, through calm and storm, over mountain and valley.

P: Our steps are guided by His peace; our hearts are steadied by His presence.

L: Christ calls us not to stand still, but to move, to carry good news into weary places and bring hope where hearts have grown heavy.

P: We are ready to lace up our lives with peace, to walk as messengers of His love.

L: How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who declare, "Our God reigns!"

All: We come to walk in the way of peace — strengthened, sent, and sustained by Christ our Lord.

† OPENING PRAYER

God of steady steps and sure paths, you know how easily our feet stumble when life gets uneven. Some of us come today feeling tired, worn down by the week behind us. Some of us are unsure where to step next. But you meet us right here, reminding us that your peace is not just a quiet place, it's a power that steadies us and moves us forward. As we worship today, help us to feel your calm take root in our hearts. Help us to breathe deeply, to release what weighs us down, and to be filled again with your presence. Send us out when we leave this place, not rushing, not afraid, but ready to walk in step with your Spirit, carrying peace into every space we enter. In the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace, we pray. Amen.

† OPENING HYMN Let There Be Peace on Earth UMH #431

† 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

- Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

HYMN OF PREPARATION Glory Be to the Father UMH #70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

SELECTED SCRIPTURE Ephesians 6:13-15 // Isaiah 52:7 // Romans 10:10-15

MESSAGE The Shoes of Peace: Ready to Move

† CLOSING HYMN Rescue the Perishing UMH #591

† COMMISSION & BLESSING

PARTING THOUGHT: Whatever I treasure in my heart today will shape my words tomorrow.

How Will You Walk as a Messenger of Peace This Week? Where are your steps leading you?

- Into a conversation that needs healing?
- Into a workplace where tension runs high?
- Into a home where forgiveness is overdue?

PENNS VALLEY CHARGE ANNOUNCEMENTS – Calendar also on PennsValleyParish.info

October 26 – Sprucetown Church’s Homecoming Service featuring guest speaker and friend of the church Rev. Kraig Faust. All are welcome at the celebration and lunch following the service. [This will be our first lunch of the season!](#) Sign up to bring one of the dishes on the menu.

November 2 – Bring donations of non-perishable food items or gifts of support for the local food pantry through November 23rd, Harvest Home Sunday.

November 2 – Our Church Conference, 6pm at Grace UMC, Centre Hall. Full members of the church are encouraged to attend to holy conferencing for our church.

Nov. 23 – Deck the Halls! Join us immediately after worship to decorate the church for Advent.

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