

Order of Worship for October 25, 2026 Rethink What is of Good Repute

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we seek to grow in faith, love boldly, and make disciples by continually asking:

How am I loving God? How am I loving the people God puts in front of me?

How am I inviting others to embrace the hope of Christ in their lives?

† - Please rise in body or spirit where you see the cross

CENTERING WORDS Philippians 4:8 invites us to consider whatever is of good repute. But a good reputation is not always deserved, and an unfavorable report is not always untrue. As followers of Christ, we are called to discern what is genuinely worthy of a good report and to consider what our own words lead others to believe.

† 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: We gather to worship the God who is faithful in every generation.

P: We come to remember His goodness and trust His promises.

L: The world offers many voices, many opinions, and many reports.

P: Teach us to recognize what is true and worthy of praise.

L: May our thoughts be guided by God's Word and our words reflect God's goodness.

P: May the reports we carry encourage faith, strengthen hope, and reveal the love of Christ.

All: Come, let us worship the Lord!

† OPENING PRAYER

Faithful God, we come before You surrounded by voices competing for our attention. Some encourage us, others discourage us, and still others leave us wondering what to believe. Quiet the noise long enough for us to hear Your voice. Teach us to recognize what is true, honorable, and worthy of a good report. Help us to speak honestly without surrendering hope, and to see our circumstances through the promises of Your Word. May our worship today shape not only what we think, but what we share with others. In Jesus' name, AMEN.

† OPENING HYMN O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing UMH #57 v. 1-5 only

† 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 (The Lord's Prayer – "trespasses")

PASSING OF THE PEACE [St. James UMC & Sprucetown]

HYMN OF PREPARATION Take My Life, and Let It Be UMH #399

SELECTED SCRIPTURE Numbers 13:25–33; 14:6–9 // Luke 6:43–45 // Philippians 4:8–9

SERMON Rethink What Is of Good Repute

† CLOSING HYMN We've a Story to Tell to the Nations UMH #569

† COMMISSION & BLESSING

Reflection: When I tell others what I've seen and heard, am I helping them understand the truth more faithfully—or simply passing along my fears, frustrations, and assumptions?

PENNS VALLEY CHARGE ANNOUNCEMENTS – Calendar also on PennsValleyParish.info

– We are a collection partner for Angel Packs items for victims of human trafficking. The list of items needed is available near the collection bin. Thank you for supporting FierceLove4Good!

– This month's East Penns Valley Food Pantry item is family sized boxes of Cheerios. You may bring any non-perishable food item, including the Cheerios, to Trinity Woodward or St. James Coburn. Sprucetown's item of the month for the Penns Valley Food Bank, in addition to non-perishable food items, is toilet paper. A donation box is located inside the church door.

October 27 – 4th Quarter PV Charge SPRC Meeting 7pm at St. James UMC

October 28 – Soup Kitchen at St. James Coburn UMC. Contact: Paula Smith to volunteer

November 5 & 19 – Ladies Coffee & Conversation 9:30am at St. James UMC. All ladies are welcome.

November 7 – Our Church Conference, 1pm at Sprucetown UMC. Members of the church are encouraged to attend the holy conferencing for our church and vote on 2027 officers and more.

November 8 – Rev. Dr. Michael Stine fills the pulpit. Pastor Theresa on vacation Nov. 8-10.

November 15 – Guest Speaker: Susan Evans Nogler from Angel Pack ministry FierceLove4Good

November 22 – Harvest Home Sunday

November 29 – 1st Sunday of Advent

November 30-December 21 – Advent Book Study: Advent Can Still Change the World, by Josh Scott.

Register on our website at PennsValleyParish.info. Meeting Mondays 7-8pm by Zoom

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