Order of Worship for November 15, 2026 Angel Packs: God's Love in Action

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 The love of Jesus Christ shows up through willing, obedient 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: The Spirit of the Lord calls us to bring good news to those who are hurting.

P: We come to worship the God who heals the brokenhearted.

L: God calls us to proclaim freedom, offer comfort, and restore hope.

P: We come to worship the God whose love brings light into darkness.

L: For God so loved the world that He sent His only Son, not to condemn the world, but to save it.

P: May that same love be seen in us, through our words, our prayers, and our actions.

Let us worship the God who loves, restores, and makes all things new!

† OPENING PRAYER

God of compassion and mercy, You see every person whom the world has overlooked. You know every sorrow that has gone unspoken, every wound that needs healing, and every heart longing for hope. We thank You for Your Son, Jesus Christ, who came not to condemn the world, but to save it. Open our eyes to the dignity and worth of every person created in Your image. As we gather in worship today, help us listen with compassion, learn with humility, and respond with love. Remind us that even the smallest act of kindness, offered faithfully, can become a blessing in someone's life. May Your Spirit guide our worship, strengthen those who serve, and bring comfort and hope to those who need it most. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. AMEN.

† OPENING HYMN Take My Life, and Let It Be UMH #399

† 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 Where He Leads Me UMH #338 v. 1 only

SELECTED SCRIPTURE Isaiah 61:1-3 // John 3:16-17

SERMONETTE When Love Shows Up

GUEST SPEAKER Susan Evans Nogler, FierceLove4Good.com; Angel Pack Partnership

† CLOSING HYMN The Church of Christ, in Every Age UMH #589

† COMMISSION & BLESSING

Reflection: *We may never know the difference a simple act of compassion makes in someone else's life. That's okay. We need only answer the call to bring God's love into it.*

PENNS VALLEY CHARGE ANNOUNCEMENTS – Calendar also on PennsValleyParish.info
- **Our Advent Book Study** on Josh Scott's "Advent Can Still Change the World is coming. We meet by Zoom from 7-8pm for four Mondays starting November 30th. The study is open to anyone. Registration is required. Visit PennsValleyParish.info for details. The book is excellent even if you do not do the study.
- **District Day for laity about Congregational Care is Sat., Dec. 5 9am – 2pm at Woodycrest UMC, State College. Lunch provided. Register by Nov. 22nd** Register online or the sign-up sheet.
– This month's East Penns Valley Food Pantry items are instant potatoes, applesauce and cake mixes, please drop off at Trinity Woodward and St. James Coburn. Sprucetown's item of the month for the Penns Valley Food Bank, in addition to non-perishable food items, is sandwich bags.
November 16 – Trinity Woodward UMC Trustees and Ad Board meeting 7pm. All are welcome!
November 18 – Soup Kitchen at St. James is one week early due to Thanksgiving. Contact: Paula Smith
November 19 – Ladies Coffee & Conversation 9:30am at St. James UMC. All ladies are welcome.
November 22 – Harvest Home Sunday – Rethink Series finale
November 22 – Penns Valley Community Thanksgiving Service 3pm at St. James UMC, Coburn
November 29 – 1st Sunday of Advent: All in attendance receive a gift from Pastor Theresa
December 24 – Christmas Eve services: 3pm at Sprucetown UMC, 6pm at St. James Coburn UMC

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