

Welcome to this time of worship at
Shiloh United Church of Christ
2251 Willow Road, York, Pennsylvania 17408
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Our Mission Statement

*“Shiloh United Church of Christ is called to
show Christ’s love for all
through witness, word, and worship.”*

CHILDREN'S BULLETINS and LARGE PRINT BULLETINS
are available in the Narthex.

WELCOME AND CONCERNS

PRELUDE

*“Marching to Zion”
“Only Trust Him”
“Thank You, Lord”*

Brass Triumphant

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer.

All: May we find in fuller measure what it is, in Christ we share.

One: Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts wait the coming of the Spirit into open our minds and hearts

All: Sovereign God, of earth and heaven, in our age of change and doubt

One: Keep us faithful to the gospel, help us work your purpose out.

All: Here, in this day’s dedication, all we have to give, to receive; we who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

One: Let us pray!

Have mercy on us, O God of Healing. We call out to you for ourselves, our community, and our world that has so much suffering. At times we are discouraged to name what we need, by society or family expectations that were uncomfortable with needs. So often we were simply never taught how to hold this part of us with tenderness and boundaries. But your Word invites us in to name what torments us and to receive your love and acceptance. Grant us your grace to take in the strength of your belonging. Amen.

***HYMN**

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

Insert

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Let us pray!

Gentle and holy God, we acknowledge to you, to one another and to ourselves that we are not what you have called us to be. We have stifled our gifts and wasted our time. We have avoided opportunities to offer kindness, but have been quick to take offense. We have pretended that we could make no contribution to peace and justice in our world and have excused ourselves from risk-taking in our own community. Have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and help us to live our lives differently, we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, whose call to follow haunts our every prayer. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One fact remains that does not change: God has loved you, loves you know, and will love you always. This is the good news that brings us new life.

EXCHANGING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

One: Let us greet each other in Christian Friendship.
The peace of God be with you.
All: And also with you.

WITNESS TO OUR SACRED STORY

First Reading: Psalm 133
Second Reading: Romans 11:1-2a; 29-32

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Come Thou Fount”
“Nothing But the Blood”

Brass Triumphant

Third Reading: Matthew 15: (10-20) 21-28

MESSAGE

*HYMN *“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”* #403

PRAYER

THE LORDS 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Holy, Holy, Holy

Brass Triumphant

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERING BEFORE GOD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

The prophet Isaiah proclaimed that God’s house is “a house of prayer for all peoples.” And it is in such a place where offerings are acceptable to God. Here, in this place of extravagant welcome, may our offerings of time, energy, money, resources, skills, hope, and prayer be lifted up to our God. May they be discerned for the good that ripples out beyond our walls and felt by all who enter them. Amen.

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE *“Take My Gifts”* (Vs 3) #562

Take whatever I can offer, gifts that I have yet to find, skills that I am slow to sharpen, talents of the hand and mind, things made beautiful for others in the place where I must be: take my gifts and let me love you, God who first of all loved me.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

One: Let us pray!
Let us give thanks for all that we share, as well as the way that we share. May our gratitude for this community and the Spirit’s presence in this space guide us in how to show up in our lives. May we know how to give but also how to receive, how to say, “yes” and when we need to say, “not today.” Let us lift up, and take in, the gift of thanksgiving. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN *“Standing on the Promises”* Insert

BENEDICTION

May God’s extravagant welcome go with us wherever we go. May we learn what it means to belong as God’s beloved and extend this acceptance out in the world. Let us remember that with deep love, the waters of justice flow. And with grounding in our own dignity, the fire of freedom lights up the world. Amen.

POSTLUDE *“I Stand Amazed”* Brass Triumphant

WE ARE DELIGHTED THAT YOU JOINED US FOR WORSHIP TODAY!

- **THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of Rev. Chuck Baboian by Jeanette and Bob Heilman.
- **THE BULLETINS** are dedicated to the glory of God and in loving memory of Michael J. Steward who is greatly missed. He is the father of our godchildren Michael, Melissa, Melinda & Matt by Dick & Helen Hodgson.
- **VIDEO TEAM:** Lew Wallace, Sallie Hagerman, Dani Bentzel, Reen Bentzel, Matt Hildebrecht, & Nathan Limbert.
- **LITURGIST: 8:30AM:** Sally Curren **11:00AM:** Joyce Mummert
- **GREETERS: 8:30AM:** Jack & Diane Jordan **11:00AM:** Dick & Helen Hodgson
- **NURSERY DUTY: 8:30AM:** Nathan Limbert **11:00AM:** Volunteer
- **MUSIC:** Brass Triumphant, Sandy Bamberger

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:

Morning Prayer (*www.holylandprayer.com*)

Dear God,

Thank you for this new day and all of the blessings it brings. We ask for your guidance and presence as we go about our daily tasks and responsibilities. Please give us the strength and resilience to face whatever challenges may come our way, and help us to be a source of love and support for those around us. We pray for your protection and care for all those in need, and for your wisdom and discernment to guide us in making good choices. We trust in your love and care for us, and we pray for your continued presence in our lives. Amen.

Evening Prayer (*www.holylandprayer.com*)

Dear God,

As I come to the end of this day, I thank you for the many blessings you have given me. I am grateful for my health, my family, my friends, and all the good things in my life. As I prepare for sleep, I ask for your protection and guidance. Please watch over me and my loved ones, and keep us safe from harm. Help me to let go of any worries or concerns, and give me peace of mind. Thank you for your love and grace. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

Sandy Baboian, Julene Bechtel, Julie Beall, Jim Sr. and Rosemary Bentzel, Rosabel Bentzel, Helen Byers, Bev Kirk, Donna Krone, Dottie Limbert, Catherine Lochman, Jay Mummert, Arlene Myers, Joanne Overmiller, Randy Reisinger, Donna Robertson, Charlotte Rohrbaugh, Cedric Simpson, Stewart Wagner, Elva Winter

THOSE WHO GRIEVE FOR THEIR LOVED ONES

The Baboian Family, The Brenneman/Hershey Family, The Guillard Family

We will be collecting a Free Will Offering for Brass Triumphant in the baskets located in the narthex.



Please be advised that the **kitchen project** has begun. Therefore, the kitchen will be **unavailable for use until further notice**. We apologize for the inconvenience.

Pastor Melinda is on **vacation from Tuesday, August 8 through Tuesday, August 22**. Contact the office with any concerns or if you require Pastoral Care.



The Women's Guild will be meeting is on **August 28, at 1:00 pm in room 202**. The program will be from our new study book **Encouraging One Another. Chapter Six: Your Experience Can Encourage Others!** Julia Hahn will be leading this chapter. A special offering will be taken for Sally Jane Johnson. *We invite all women of the church to join us at any time.*



You're invited! An **Ice Cream Social** will be held on **Sunday, August 27**. It will be held from **4:00 PM – 6:00 PM in room 100**. A variety of toppings will be provided to place on the ice cream. Please consider joining others for an afternoon of fellowship and a wonderful treat. Friends and neighbors are also welcome. *A sign-up sheet will be placed in the Gallery beginning Sunday, August 6.* We hope to see you there! ~The Outreach Committee

Our Missionaries Sally Jane and Crosby Johnson will be making a home visit to PA on **Wednesday, August 30th through Monday, October 2nd** They are in **search of a vehicle to borrow during their stay**. They are excited to come worship with Shiloh UCC and attend activities such as Bible Study, Women's Guild, Soup Kitchen, etc. as they are able. If you are interested in meeting with them personally for lunch or dinner, or can help them with a vehicle, please contact the office or call Wanda Bentzel at 717-764-1864.



From Our Missionaries



OFFERING is continually being collected for our missionaries, **Sally Jane and Crosby Johnson**.

GROCERY GIFT CARDS = CONTRIBUTION TO CHURCH. Weis and Giant grocery gift cards are available for purchase in the gallery. For every dollar of gift cards purchased, \$.05 is donated to the church by the grocery store. This contribution is used to support our Missionaries, Sally Jane and Crosby Johnson in Costa Rica.



“No matter who you are, or where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here at Shiloh UCC, where God is still speaking”

THIS WEEK

SUN	8:30 & 11	Worship/Brass Triumphant
	9:45	Sunday School (100)
	5:00	TOPS (100)
	6:30	NA Group (100)
SUN	8:30 & 11	Worship
	4:00	Ice Cream Social (100)

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 88

THE CHURCH STAFF

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