

Welcome to this time of worship at
Shiloh United Church of Christ

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NOVEMBER 29, 2020 – 9:15 AM

Our Mission Statement

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

CELEBRATION OF THE GOSPEL by the people of God
gathered in the meeting house of Shiloh United Church of Christ

Meditation:

Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness.

- Desmond Tutu, 20th century

The Prelude to Christian Worship. “Of the Parent’s Heart Begotten” No. 118

Welcome and Concerns

***Call to Worship**

One: We come into God’s presence in hopeful anticipation.

All: We await the coming of the Son of God.

One: The sun may be dimmed, the moon may lose its light, the stars may fall from the sky...

All: Still, God is with us.

One: Like clay in the hands of the potter

All: We are the work of God's creative hand.

One: We are all God's people.

All: Our God is slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love. Let us worship our loving God!

***Unison Prayer of Invocation**

In this season as the days grow shorter and the shadows lengthen, we gather in eager expectation for the Light of the World to dawn. Help us, God, to lay aside all the works of night and even our cynicism as we enter this sacred season. During this hour of worship, send your Spirit to empower us to live in the light with hope. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Hymn. “Have Thine Own Way, Lord”

LIGHTING THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE – THE PROMISE OF HOPE

Advent is a time for God’s people to reawaken their longings.

We wait in hope for the Lord.

We long for every hurt to be healed.

We wait in hope for the Lord.

We long for every tear to be dried.

We wait in hope for the Lord.

We long for every injustice to be made right.

We wait in hope for the Lord.

We celebrate God’s promises and long for those yet to unfold.

We wait in hope for the Lord.

Candle Lighting

This morning we light the first candle which reminds us that even in the midst of darkness, the light of hope shines. Jesus Christ is the promised One of God, the light of the world. May this light of hope illuminate our hearts throughout this Advent season.

Witness to Our Sacred Story

- First Lesson: Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
- Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
- Third Lesson: Isaiah 64:1-9

Sermon “The Heavenly Potter”

Piano Solo by Jessie Sechriest “The Holly And The Ivy”

Pastoral Prayer

Silent Prayer

The Lord’s 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.

Presenting our Tithes and Offerings before God
(Offering plates are located next to the bulletins in the Narthex)

Invitation to the Offering

In response to the promise of God, let us give thanks through the presentation of our gifts and offerings.

***Offertory Response** “Doxology” No. 780
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, You heavenly host: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

God of hopeful waiting, we give thanks for all of the ways in which you reveal yourself to us. Help us to clear away the many distractions of this season and offer our whole lives as gifts to you. May these offerings nurture all of the ways in which your promise is breaking into the world in acts of compassion and justice. May these gifts nurture your rule of peace. Amen.

Hymn “Watcher, Tell Us of the Night” No. 103

***Benediction** *(those who are able, please stand)*

One: Go into the world and keep awake!
All: The time is drawing near when God’s hope will be revealed.
One: Go into the world and keep watch!
All: The signs of God’s light are breaking into the world.
One: Go into the world and nurture hope for justice and peace
this day and always.
All: Amen.

The Postlude “Sing We Now Of Christmas”

Prayers for the Week

Morning Prayer: (onlineministries.creighton.edu)

Loving God, I sense that all is your creation
and everything, and all of us,
are being drawn back toward your loving heart.



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Help me to be a person of peace,
To speak about it in an uneasy world,
And to live it among the people
you have put into my life every day.

Light in me a desire to prepare for your coming to stand in the darkness, waiting, eager and filled with joy. In Jesus' name. Amen.

A Bedtime Prayer to Stop an Anxious Heart (onlineministries.creighton.edu)

*God of strength and protection,
I turn to you because I need help.
I long to be free enough
to trust that I can lean on you.*

*But I become afraid.
Help me to trust in you, Lord.
Your strength and power are a gentle place of protection.*

*Be a safe refuge when I am being trampled.
I long for your help, your protecting care.
Help to deliver me from the cold
loneliness of these dark nights. In Jesus' name. Amen.*

Prayers for Our Community of Faith

Nancy Hamme, Helen Luckenbaugh, Stewart and Marie Wagner, Marguerite Lochman, Arlene Myers, Charlotte Rohrbaugh, Helen Byers, Charles Smith, Mary Emma Elicker, Elmer Duttera, Catherine Lochman, Elona Ellis, Mary Ann Downs, Vanessa Seifarth, Bev Kirk, Julene Bechtel, Jim Bentzel Sr. Phil Myers, Joanne Overviller, Milton Hoak, Dottie Limbert, Donna Krone, Elva Winter, Mary Rodgers, Oscar Bupp, Bob and Margie Behler, Chuck and Sandy Baboian, Sandy Barnes, Staff and Residents at Providence Place, Audrey Gerber

Those Who Grieve for Their Loved Ones

The Minck Family, The Fix Family, The Harper Family, The Arnold Family, The Krout Family



Christmas without singing is like a day without sunshine! You are invited to attend a **Drive-in Carol Sing Along and Donation Collection** on **December 6 at 1:00 PM**. We will meet in the parking lot and stand by or sit in our cars to sing while music to accompany the carols is played from the steeple of the church. Song sheets with words will be provided. Donations for the Soup Kitchen, Truck Drivers, Tree of Warmth and Adopt a Family will be collected while we sing. Someone will come to your car for any of the donations you might bring. Please join us for this unique celebration of the holiday! Stay tuned for additional activities as circumstances develop during the Advent/Christmas season.

PS Yes, masks should be worn, and social distancing needs to be practiced even though we are outside.



The **Sunday School and Youth Fellowship** are adopting families again for the Christmas season. This year we have a family with a single mother and 2 children plus a grandmother who is raising her two grandchildren. Because of the uncertainty of being in church each Sunday, we decided not to place a tree in the gallery. This year we are asking you to support the families by donating money to **Adopt-A-Family**. We have volunteers who will use that money to purchase as much as we can from the requested items on their lists. Using a separate envelope designated for Adopt-a Family you can place your donation in the collection plate or mail it in by **December 9**. You can also designate an amount for Adopt -A-Family on your church offering envelope. Thank you for your support during this Christmas season.

We are taking orders for **Poinsettias**. Price is \$6.50 each. Envelopes for your orders are available in the Welcome Center or the narthex. The orders may be placed in the offering, placed in a basket at the Welcome Center or turned in at the Sing Along on Dec. 6. The deadline to order is **December 7**. Please make checks payable to Shiloh UCC. Thank you.



Youth Fellowship will be selling **Texas Roadhouse Gift cards** for Christmas. Sign-up sheets are in the Gallery and office to sign up. **Deadline to order is December 6, 2020** and cards will be delivered on **Sunday December 13**. Youth Fellowship will receive 10% of the sales.

During The month of November, I will be accepting memberships for the **Homewood Auxiliary at Plumcreek** for a \$3.00 donation per person or \$5.00 per couple. You will receive a quarterly newsletter with updates from all the Homewood sites. Please see Shirley Lohmann for a membership until the **end of November**.



Since Sunday School is not meeting yet, we will not be putting the tree up in room 100. However, we will have a collection box for the **Tree of Warmth** donations in the gallery of the church. We will collect the donations from **November 15 to December 13**. Donations will be given to the Dover Area Schools. Now more than ever, donations are greatly needed and appreciated.

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As a reminder, Consistory is seeking additional **Ushers and or Greeters** to volunteer during Sunday worship services. A new list will be created with members who have been attending. Please contact Maira in the office or a member of Consistory if you are interested.



CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS WITH A FESTIVE MASK!

The cost is whatever you wish to donate. Please use the envelopes provided and place them in the offering plate in the Narthex. Proceeds will benefit Shiloh UCC Missionaries Sally Jane and Crosby Johnson in Costa Rica. Thank you for your support!

- Masks are made with 100% cotton fabric
- Two styles: Surgical (pleated) and Olson (No Pleats)
- Adult Size Large: Universal, one size fits all
- Adult Size Small: scaled down version providing a snugger fit for young adults and women with smaller faces
- Both styles have an inside pocket, providing the option to insert a filter for added protection
- Stock will be replenished regularly, so please check back!
- If you have a request for a specific fabric, quantity, or child size, please email Mary Reiber at mreiber125@gmail.com.

Each year, between Thanksgiving and Christmas, **Carlisle Truck Stop Ministry, Inc.** conducts a cookie collection and distribution event. Individuals from local churches and other groups prepare homemade cookies and place 6-8 cookies in decorated bags along with a note, tract or Bible verse. These bags are dropped off at the trailer and then distributed to the local truck stops, trucking depots, restaurants, motels, and businesses to be handed out to drivers, employees and motel guests. **This year at Shiloh there will be a table placed in the gallery near the parlor on November 29 to collect cookies until December 13.** On the 13th the cookies will be collected and taken to the Carlisle Trucker's Ministry. Please contact Brian Curren with any questions.



Beginning **November 29**, the **SOUP KITCHEN** crew is asking for donations of wrapped candy (i.e. any snack-sized wrapped candy or mini candy canes). Please put candy donations in the boxes labeled "Soup Kitchen" in the church Gallery or kitchen. The **deadline for donations is Sunday, December 13.** We will fill small gift bags with the candy and distribute them at Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen in December. Thank you!

*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 9:15 **First Sunday in Advent**
 TUES 6:30 Boy Scouts (100)
 7:00 Worship & Music (100 or Sanctuary)
 WED 9:30 Bible Study (100)
 10:00 Staff (202)
 5:30 TOPS (100)
 THURS 10:00 Shiloh Home Ec (100)
 6:30 NA Group (100)
 SUN 9:15 **Communion**
 1:00 Drive-in Sing Along (Parking lot)



- THE ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the glory of God and in Gratitude for all Our Blessings by Chuck and Sandy Baboian.
- LITURGIST: Brad Jacobs



BULLETIN SPONSORSHIP is available on the sign-up sheet in the narthex. The cost is \$20 and may be placed in your regular offering envelope. Please call the church office **2 weeks prior** to your date to have your "Special" wording placed in the bulletin.

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



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