

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

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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.”***

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

Meditation - *True happiness comes from the joy of deeds well done, the zest of creating things new.* **Antoine de Saint-Exupery**

The Prelude to Christian Worship. “But Now I See”.Williamson

Welcome and Concerns

***Call to Worship**

One: Wait for the Lord.

All: God is as near to us as our very breath.

One: Wait for God’s wisdom.

All: Wisdom is planted in our very souls.

One: Prepare for the coming of Christ.

All: Christ lives in our very lives.

One: Wait, prepare, be ready to celebrate.

All: God is here. Love is present here and now. Let us worship our ever present God!

***Unison Prayer of Invocation**

Holy God, we hear echoes of your Wisdom in Christ Jesus, the One you sent to dwell in our midst and lead us to abundant life. Keep us alert to the call to follow, ready to respond with joy in your holy moment, which is always Now. In Jesus’s name we pray. Amen.

Hymn. “Lift Every Voice and Sing”. No. 593

Witness to Our Sacred Story

First Lesson: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Second Lesson: Psalm 78:1-7

Third Lesson: Matthew 25:1-13

Sermon

“Be Wise!”

Hand bell Choir “Fairest Lord Jesus” Arr. Lloyd Larson

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

Readiness for Mission is what we can learn from the Wise Bridesmaids. Their lamps are filled and available to be sparked into light at the moment the Bridegroom appears to begin the wedding feast of justice, love, and peace. Let us be ready, too, with our tithes and offerings, to support the work of our congregation and the wider church.

***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**

Welcoming God, receive these gifts of love, as celebrations of your presence in our lives. Shine through our gifts and ministry, that others may have light for their journey. Live through our gifts and ministry, that all may experience and celebrate your loving presence. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Hymn*"Be Now My Vision"* No. 451

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

One: Go out to stay awake! Go out to keep alert and be ready!
**All: We do not know the day or the hour,
but we do know that God goes with us at all hours, on all days.**
One: Go with the love of God, the peace of Christ,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit.
All: We go to witness and serve! Amen.

The Postlude *"Immortal, Invisible"* Birchwood

Prayers for the Week

Morning:

*Lord, open my lips;
And my mouth will proclaim your praise. (Psalm 51:15)*
New every morning is your love, Great God of light,
and all day long you are working for good in the world.
Stir up in us a desire to serve you,
to live peacefully with our neighbors,
and to devote each day to your Son, our Savior,
Jesus Christ. Amen.



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Evening Prayer:

God, come to my assistance.

Lord, make haste to help us. (Psalm 70:1)

As you have made this day, O God, you also make the night.

Give light for our comfort.

Come upon us with quietness and still our souls
that we may listen for the whisper of your Spirit
and be attentive to your nearness in our dreams.

Empower us to rise again in new life to proclaim your praise,
and to show Christ to the world. In His Holy name we pray. 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

TREE OF WARMTH 2020

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.



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**.

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.



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!



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.



- 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.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Cookie Collection and Distribution



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. Over 15,000 bags of cookies have been handed out in each of the last several years. The purpose is to let truckers and travelers know that we're thinking of them, that we are here for them, and to provide a 'taste of home' while they are on the road. The Ministry says many drivers have contacted them to say how much they appreciate our thoughts and prayers for them. **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."



Youth Fellowship will again 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.

BULLETIN SPONSORSHIP is available on the sign-up sheet is 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.



GROCERY GIFT CARDS = CONTRIBUTION TO CHURCH. Weis and Giant grocery gift cards are available for purchase. 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. Please contact the office if you interested in purchasing one.

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



*"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 **Worship/Congregational meeting**
 MON 7:00 Consistory (100)
 TUES 6:30 Boy Scouts (100)
 WED 9:30 Bible Study (100)
 5:30 TOPS (100)
 THURS 6:15 Hand Bell Choir Rehearsals (Sanct.)
 6:30 NA Group (100)
 SAT Consistory Retreat
 SUN 9:15 **Worship**



Attendance last Sunday: 85

- THE ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the glory of God and in memory of our parents Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Hodgson Sr. and Dora M. Ross and James W. Klein by Helen and Dick Hodgson.
- CHANCEL FLOWERS are presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of Carol and David Mansfield by Brian and Ebru Mansfield.
- THE BULLETINS are dedicated to the glory of God and in loving memory of our Parents, Charles and Carolyn Schriver and Harold and Carrie Hahn by Marlyn and Julia Hahn.
- LITURGIST: Sallie Hagerman

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