

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

Meditation

"Joy is the infallible sign of the presence of God."

- Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, 20th century

The Prelude to Christian Worship. "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming". Rasley

Welcome and Concerns

***Call to Worship (Psalm 126)**

One: When the Lord restored our fortunes, we were like those who dream.

All: Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with shouts of joy.

One: Restore our fortunes once more, O God!

All: That our tears may turn into shouts of joy, our weeping may give rise to singing.

One: Come, worship the God who clothes us with garments of salvation.

All: Let us worship our God with celebration and joy!

***Unison Prayer of Invocation**

God of Hope, Peace, and Joy, from times of old you have done great things for your people. Awaken us to the dawn of your glory. Fill our mouths with laughter, our tongues with shouts of joy. Anoint us with an oil of gladness, and give us a garland of light. May we be known among all people as the sons and daughters of the light, children of God, who shine with sacred joy. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Hymn. "Joyful, Joyful We adore Thee". No. 4

LIGHTING THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE – THE PROMISE OF JOY

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

Sorrow may last for a night, but joy comes in the morning.

In the darkness, we long to see the light.

Sorrow may last for a night, but joy comes in the morning.

In the silence, we long for a comforting word.

Sorrow may last for a night, but joy comes in the morning.

In hardship, we long for an act of love.

Sorrow may last for a night, but joy comes in the morning.

In Christ, we celebrate and rejoice in the promise of joy.

Sorrow may last for a night, but joy comes in the morning.

Candle Lighting

Today we light three candles. The **first candle** radiates the hope given through Jesus Christ. The **second candle** calls us to embrace and extend Christ's peace to an unsettled world. The **third candle** extends the promise of joy to restless souls. Though darkness is present and earthly trials weigh heavy, the promise of Advent offers true joy that sustains a weary people.

Witness to Our Sacred Story

First Lesson: Psalm 126

Second Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Third Lesson: Luke 1:46-56

Sermon

“A Mother’s Joy”

Handbell Choir “O Come, Little Children” Shulz/Arr. Helman

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

Mary said yes to God. Mary accepted the burden and the responsibility of being God’s chosen. She gave her whole self over to God. God calls to each of us. How do we respond? What do we bring? In the spirit of Mary’s “yes” let us bring forth our offerings and gifts.

***Offertory Response** “What Child Is This” (*Verse 3*) No. 148

***Prayer of Dedication**

Generous God, in the Spirit of joy we offer you our gifts and our very lives. May they be used to bring to all people the Good News of your gracious love, manifested by the birth in Bethlehem. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Hymn “My Heart Sings Out with Joyful Praise” No. 106

***Benediction – Philippians 4** (*those who are able, please stand*)

One: Rejoice in the Lord always.

All: I will say it again: Rejoice!

One: Let your gentleness be evident to all.

All: The Lord is near.

One: Do not be anxious about anything,

All: but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

One: And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

All: Amen.

The Postlude “Rejoice and Be Merry” Broughton

Prayers for the Week

Morning Prayer:

Lord of time and hope, we are rushing headlong into the holidays to come. We day planners and wonder how we will get everything done in the time allotted arrives. We begin to panic at the thought of projects still to be finished, contacts preparations for festivities that have only just begun. And the darkness of overtakes us and clouds our minds and spirits. But you are a God of time and you always have through the voices of the great prophets, and now through the One who is to come, Jesus Christ. Remind us again what this season is truly about.....love, hope, peace and joy. Calm us down. Slow us down. Help us remember that it is in loving relationship that you gave your Son to us and it is in loving relationship that your Word is carried into the hearts of the people. Shine in the hearts of your people today. Give strength to all who face difficult situations and let your compassionate light shine on them guiding their decisions and their steps. Guide our steps today, as well, that we may do your will wherever we go. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



look at our calendars and our to us before the "big Day" that need to be made, obsessive holiday planning Light. You bring hope to us, as

Evening: (by Rebecca Barlow Jordan)

Bless us with rest tonight, Jesus, and a good night's sleep. Forgive us for the things we did or said today that did not honor you. Thank you for loving us so much and that you know us through and through. We need your help every day. We thank you for the strength you give and for helping us know that with you, even hard things are possible. Bless our family and our home, and keep us safe through the night. May your angels guard us and watch over us, just like you promised. In Jesus' 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, 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, Richard Gruver

Those Who Grieve for Their Loved Ones

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



You are invited to attend a second **Drive-in Carol Sing Along on Sunday, December 20 at 1:00 PM**. There will be an improved sound system for this event. A special food collection for the Salvation Army will be held as they have announced they are struggling to meet the needs of the people. Monetary donations for the Salvation Army will also be accepted along with the Christmas offerings for Shiloh Fire Company, Mr. Sandy's, the Dover Food Bank and the York County Food Bank. Please join us for some Christmas Spirit, singing and fellowship (with social distancing and masks).

If in-person worshipping is held, **Christmas Eve services will be at 3:00 PM and 8:00 PM**. Consistory would like your help with planning these services. They are asking you to complete a brief survey related to your plan for attending one of the services. If you are planning to attend one of the services, please email or call the office with your answer to these three survey questions:

- Which service to you plan to attend, the 3:00 PM or the 8:00 PM service?
- How many people will be in your group?
- Would you like this to be your reservation?

Social distancing creates a challenge for the services, and Consistory would like to accommodate everyone's needs. With your input, plans can be made to make this evening a memorable and meaningful event. Please respond by **Friday, December 11**. Thank you for help.





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!

2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available in **the welcome center**. You may pick them up during office hours.



*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 **Third Sunday in Advent**
- MON 7:00 Consistory
- TUES 6:30 Boy Scouts (100)
- WED 7:30 Soup Prep
- 9:30 Bible Study (100)
- 5:30 TOPS (100)
- THURS 6:30 NA Group (100)
- 7:00 Poinsettia Tree Decorating
- SUN 9:15 **Fourth Sunday in Advent**
- 1:00 Drive-in sing along (parking lot)



- THE ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of my husband Emerson (Bud) Rogers by Mary Rogers.
- THE BULLETINS are dedicated to the glory of God and in honor of our children, Duane and Carrie, Randy and Wendy, Brian and Holly, and grandchildren, Lexi, Cole, Lauren, Hunter Kaylin, Wes, Peyton, and Jack by Jay and Joyce Mummert.
- LITURGIST: Norma Hull

THE CHURCH STAFF

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Early Learning Center Director.....	Allison Hartnett
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Missionary Benefit

I have grown up in this church and have witnessed how much of a giving church this is. I have many items made in **Costa Rica for sale to benefit our Missionary there**. I will have them located in the gallery after church starting **November 22 through December 20 as permitted**. Below are items listed that are available. Visit shilohuccyorkpa.org to view the items. You can reach Linda Little at 717-309-4523 if you are interested.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Suggested donation</u>
Wooden ornaments	\$10
Butterfly hot plate	\$6
Wall Crosses (4, ex. Small-large)	\$13.50
Clay nativity	\$6
Red clay nativity	\$10
Animal whistle	\$9
Frog	\$6

<u>Item</u>	<u>Suggested donation</u>
Change purse	\$4
Key chains/with name	\$7/\$8
Volcanic rock necklace	\$4-\$5
Animal themed coasters	\$5 or 5 for \$20
Butterfly in case	\$15
Bracelets	\$5-\$6
Earrings	\$5-\$8
Magnets	\$2
Extracts	\$3

The Carlisle Truck Stop Ministry, Inc. is conducting 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.



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.



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.



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**.

