

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

Meditation

Christmas is a gift from God that a person cannot keep until he/she gives it to someone else.

Dorothy Cameron Smith

The Prelude to Christian Worship. "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks" Smith

Welcome and Concerns

***Call to Worship**

One: Let us rejoice in God, our Savior,
Whose salvation comes in everyday events.

**All: In the face of a child God is revealed.
In the babe of Bethlehem, we are healed.**

One: Let us worship the God of wondrous works,
who offers to enter into covenant with us.

**All: In the gift of Christ we receive a new name;
salvation comes and nothing is the same.**

Hymn "Angels We Have Heard on High" No. 125

Call to Confession

***Unison Prayer of Invocation and Confession**

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ was presented in the temple and acclaimed the glory of Israel and the light of the nations. Grant that in Him we may be presented to you, and, in the world may reflect His glory. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ born to us anew as we lift up our praise to you. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Witness to Our Sacred Story

Isaiah 61:10-62:3
Galatians 4:4-7
Luke 2:22-40

Sermon "Are You Beautiful?" Rev. Charles I. Hull

Piano Solo by Jessie Sechriest "O Christmas Tree"

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

Remember the wonderful works of God, and give thanks. Remember God's generous provision for you as you bring your gifts of time, talents, and treasure. May our offerings be a channel for God's continuing revelation.

***Offertory Response "As with Gladness Those of Old" No. 159**

As they offered gifts most rare at that manger pain and bare,
So may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to you from whom they spring.

***Prayer of Dedication**

As the parents of Jesus brought sacrifices to honor you, O God, we would give our best for the witness and outreach of your church. May you be honored in all our actions, not just in these gifts. May our daily work praise you, our family life glorify you, and all our thoughts reflect your will for us. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Hymn "Go Tell It on the Mountain" No. 154

***Benediction –**

One: In our coming together we know God in new ways.
We sustain one another in our mutual covenant.

**All: As we part, God goes with us
and the ties that bind us to one another continue.**

One: God has named us and redeemed us.
Our eyes have been open to see God's salvation.

**All: The thoughts of our hearts have been revealed,
and God has clothed us with righteousness.**

One: Depart now in God's peace,
sharing that peace with all your worlds.

**All: We will not keep silent, but will speak
and act according to God's work. Amen.**

The Postlude "Herald Angels" Simone

Prayers for the Week

Morning Prayer:

As a new day dawns and we begin by acknowledging your presence with us we know that everything we do today is done with your grace and mercy poured into our very souls. Help us to witness to your lavish love for us in the person of Jesus Christ. Give us strength for the day and a hope that we will accomplish great things for you. Continue to bless us in your Holy Name. Amen.

Evening:

As the day draws to a close and our eyelids close in rest watch over us and grant us the renewal of our physical bodies. May all that we have done today show your presence in our lives. If we have failed you, forgive us. Help us to face the challenges that lay in front of us knowing that you are already in that challenge leading us onward. For we pray this and all our prayers in your Holy 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, 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, The Harman Family

The Women’s Guild will try to meet **January 4 at 1:00 p.m.** in room 100. Please be advised we will social distance and wear masks. We will work on the new book Bad Girls of the Bible, **Chapter 2: Bored to Distraction Potiphar’sWife.** Joyce Mummert will be leading our study. **We invite all women of the church to join us at any time.**



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.**



THIS WEEK

SUN 9:15 **First Sunday after Christmas**
WED 9:30 Bible Study (100)
FRI New Year’s Day – Office Closed
SUN 9:15 **Second Sunday after Christmas**



- THE ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of Nancy and LeRoy Leber by Melinda, Leon and their families.
- THE ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the glory of God and dedicated to Sandy Bamberger, Dani Bentzel, Bell Choir members and all those who have provided us with beautiful music during these unusual Covid virus times. They are all so appreciated. By Diane and Jack Jordan.

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”

- THE BULLETINS are dedicated to the glory of God and a Happy Birthday to Natalie. Love Mom, Dad and Family.
- LITURGIST: Patti Goodyear



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

THE CHURCH STAFF

Pastor Rev. Melinda LaMontagne, Ph.D.
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Pastor Melinda office hours: Wednesdays and Thursdays 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Director of Music Stephanie Limbert
 Organist.....Sandra Bamberger
 Missionaries in Costa Rica..... Sally Jane and Crosby Johnson
 Early Learning Center Director..... Allison Hartnett
 Administrative Assistant Maira Rivera

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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
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