

*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"*

**Shiloh United Church of Christ**  
2251 Willow Road, York, Pennsylvania 17408

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September 8, 2024

**THIS WEEK**

SUN	10:00	<b>Worship/Communion</b>
	9:00	Sunday School (202) & Wired Word (124)
	9:15	Coffee Connections (gallery)
	10:00	Youth Small Group
MON	7:00	Consistory (202)
TUES	8:30	Men's Breakfast
	6:30	Engaging Women (Parlor)
WED	9:30	Bible Study (202)
	5:00	TOPS (117)
THUR	6:30	NA Group (100)
	6:30	Choirs
SAT	4-6:00	HH4J Mums pickup
SUN	10:00	Worship/Communion

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 72**

**THE CHURCH STAFF**

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# Holy Communion

**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 to Shiloh United Church of Christ**  
**Worship Service**  
**September 8, 2024**  
**10:00AM**

**MEDITATION**

*“In faith, there is enough light for those who want to believe and enough shadows to blind those who don’t.”* ~ **Blaise Pascal**

**PRELUDE** *“How Firm A Foundation”* Hayes

**WELCOME AND CONCERNS**

\***CALL TO WORSHIP** *(Please stand as you are able!)*

One: We are called to follow Jesus.  
**All: But following Jesus isn’t easy.**

One: It will demand our dedication and our energy.  
**All: It will change our whole lives.**

One: Come, all of you. Come and learn of our Lord, Jesus Christ.  
**All: Lord, we come, seeking Your holy wisdom and guidance. Let us worship God!**

\***HYMN** *“For the Beauty of the Earth”* #28

\***PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

One: Let us pray!  
**All: Still Speaking God, we have come this day to hear your words of healing love and hope. Enter our hearts and our spirits and teach us to follow you. Give us courage and strength to be your faithful disciples. Guide us, we pray, on the adventure of search and hope, and help us see the ways which lead to you and a beloved community, where Jesus Christ is at the center. In His Holy name we pray. Amen.**

**CHILDREN’S STORY** *(All children of God who desire to come forward for the Children’s Sermon are welcome. Parents/caregivers are encouraged to accompany their young child during the message.)*

- **THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented to the Glory of God and in honor of our daughter and son-in-law’s (Jennifer and Paul Withey) 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on September 11<sup>th</sup> and in memory of my Dad’s (Melvin Long) 97<sup>th</sup> birthday on September 24<sup>th</sup> by Debbie and Bob Myers.
- **VIDEO TEAM:** Lew Wallace, Sallie Hagerman, Dani Bentzel, Reen Bentzel, Matt Hildebrecht, & Nathan Limbert.
- **LITURGIST:** Patti Goodyear
- **GREETERS:** Bob & Debbie Myers
- **USHER:** Jackie Taft
- **NURSERY** Tim & Katie Bentzel
- **COFFEE CONNECTIONS:** Natalie Fuhrman
- **MUSIC:** Sandy Bamberger

**WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF THE VOLUNTEERS AND MUSICIANS THAT CONTRIBUTED TO THE WORSHIP SERVICE!**



Please contact the office if you’re interested in **sponsoring bulletins**. The cost is \$20 and may be placed in your regular offering envelope. Please call the church office **2 weeks prior** to your desired date to have your wording placed in the bulletin.

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.

The Wired Word Sunday School class will resume on Sunday September 9 at 9:00 in room 124. They discuss current topics in the news with a focus on how Christians should be responding and what scriptures tell us. All are welcome and all opinions are welcome.



**PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:**

**Morning Prayer (Inspired by Lysa Terkeurst)**

Gracious God, may nothing separate me from You today. Teach me how to choose only Your way, so each step will lead me closer to You. Help me walk by Your Word and not my feelings. Help me to keep my heart pure and undivided. Protect me from my own careless thoughts, words, and actions. And keep me from being distracted by this world’s noise. Help me remember Psalm 86:13, *“Great is your love toward me.”* That’s amazing. But what’s most amazing is that the Creator of this world would spend a few minutes with me this morning. Lord, help me to forever remember what a gift it is to be in your holy presence. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

**Evening Prayer (Inspired by Rebecca Barlow Jordan)**

Lord Jesus Christ, bless us with rest and a good night’s sleep. Forgive us for the things we did today that did not honor you. Forgive us when we didn’t love you and our neighbor with our whole heart. Thank you for loving us even when we make mistakes. Thank you for loving us and forgiving us no matter what. Tonight we pray for our loved ones. Bless our family, our home, and keep us safethrough the night. May your angels guard us and watch over us, just like you promised. Be with the people who are suffering. Heal the sick and comfort the weak. Send your peace and presence into our struggling world tonight. In Your Holy name. Amen.

**PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH**

Sandy Baboian, Julene Bechtel, Jim Sr. and Rosemary Bentzel, Rosabel Bentzel, Marvel Burg, Helen Byers, Judy Feeser, Dick & Helen Hodgson, Brad Jacobs, Joe Jordan, Bev Kirk, Donna Krone, Elaine Krout, Dottie Limbert, Catherine Lochman, Arlene Myers, Joanne Overmiller, Donna Robertson, Charlotte Rohrbaugh, Cedric Simpson, Steve Snyder, Rick & Sue Trimble, Romaine Walton, Elva Winter

**THOSE WHO GRIEVE FOR THEIR LOVED ONES**

The Eppley Family, The Hoover Family



Help is needed every other month on the first Sunday of the month. You will need to cut bread and buy grape juice. You would come Saturday to set up and then would need to clean up after the service. Training will be provided. Any help would be appreciated. See Tammy Hildebrecht or call 717-683-0440.

**NEW CHURCH DIRECTORIES, SEPTEMBER COMMUNIQUES and MAJOR CHURCH EVENTS CALLENDARS** are available in the Gallery or the church office.

\*HYMN

*“All Things Bright and Beautiful”*

#31

**WITNESS TO OUR SACRED STORY**

First Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7a  
Second Reading: Psalm 146

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

Third Lesson: James 2:1-17

**SERMON**

*“Body and Soul!”*

\*HYMN

*“Open My Eyes, That I May See”*

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**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**

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

We are called to listen to the words of wisdom and to respond with our whole lives. Let us give thanks to God with all that we are and all that we have — in word, thought, and action.

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

*“Doxology”*

#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**

One: Let us pray!

**All: God, we hear and respond to your words of love and life. May these gifts, not only of our money, but of our very selves — our words, our thoughts, and our actions — be acceptable to you. Help us spread your message of life and love wherever we go. Help us spread your blessings of care and comfort where a need arises. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

**SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION**

*(All are welcome to partake of communion)*

**\*HYMN**                                    *“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”*                                    #347

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**                                    *“A New Creed”*                                    #887

**INVITATION**

One: Jesus Christ said: I am the bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger; you who believe in me shall never thirst.

**All: In company with all who hunger for spiritual food, we come to this table to know the risen Christ in the sharing of this life-giving bread.**

One: This table is for all Christians who wish to know the presence of Christ and to share in the community of God’s people.

**CONFESSION OF SIN**

One: Let us pray!

**All: God of mercy, you know us so well. We like to think that we can hide from You, but we are just kidding ourselves. You have offered to us new life, characterized by honesty, compassion, joy, and peace. You have invited us into ministries of peace and justice; but we have often turned our back on opportunities for service. Forgive us for our stubbornness. Help us to turn around and listen to your words of hope. Remind us again that you require compassion and mercy in all who serve you; that you will guide our steps and our lives. Give us courage to truly be your witnesses in this world. In Jesus’s name we pray. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**Even if you have sinned, and done what you know to be wrong, remember that God will heal and forgive you; sending you on your way to become a person of peace, joy and hope. Today receive God’s forgiveness in Jesus Christ. Find peace for your soul for God is with you. Amen.**

**EXCHANGING THE PEACE OF CHRIST** *(Please wave to one another)*

One: Let us greet each other in Christian friendship.

The peace of Christ Be with you!

**All: And also with you.**

**\*HYMN**                                    *“Let There Be Peace on Earth”*                                    #14 Special Hymnal

**PRAYER OF CONSECRATION**

**SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP**

*The members of Consistory will serve you the bread and juice. To demonstrate our unity in Christ, we will take the elements together. Please wait until everyone has been served. Thank you!*

**UNISON 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.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**                                    *“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”*                                    76

**\*BENEDICTION**

One: Go forth with the words of wisdom speaking in your ears.

Go forth with songs of hope singing in your heart.

Know that you are called to be faithful followers

of the One who will always be near you,

will always guide and encourage you

to walk the path of life.

Go in Jesus’ name.

**All: Amen.**

**POSTLUDE**                                    *“For Communion”*                                    Eliot

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**WE ARE DELIGHTED THAT YOU JOINED US FOR WORSHIP TODAY!  
PLEASE COME AGAIN!**