



WELCOME TO SHILOH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
WORSHIP SERVICE
DECEMBER 19, 2021
8:30AM AND 11:00AM

MEDITATION

"I will honor Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year."

~ Charles Dickens

THE PRELUDE TO CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

8:30AM & 11:00AM. "Love Come Down at Christmas" Thyngerson

WELCOME AND CONCERNS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Greetings, people of God! You have found favor with God!

All: We wonder what sort of greeting this is, for we are ordinary people.

One: You are special people! God has chosen you to see the revelation of a mystery, the coming birth of the Messiah.

All: God's wisdom and works are astonishing.

One: To God be the glory forever!

All: Let us worship our loving God!

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Gracious God, be with us this morning as we encounter Mary and hear of the wondrous news that she received. Remind us that, like Mary, each one of us is a bearer of your Good News. We are called to proclaim hope, peace, joy, and love in your name. Open our hearts and our spirits today to receive with great joy the love that you have for us. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

***HYMN "O Come, O Ye Faithful" Special Hymnal #9**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Micah 5, Luke 1)

Loving God, even in the midst of this season of goodwill, there is much to confess. In spite of holiday cheer, stress and anxiety rule our lives.

We miss the reason for the season, focusing instead on long to-do lists, meals, and trying to get the shopping done. We fail to think about your reordered world—a world where the lowly are lifted up and the hungry are filled with good things. Help us adjust our Christmas priorities, that we might join with you, O God, in preparing a world that welcomes the one who brings us peace. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

The ancient promises of God are fulfilled. God does not forget us. God's mercy extends from generation to generation. Let our souls rejoice in God! **Amen.**

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

Let us greet each other in Christian Friendship.

The peace of God be with you.

And also with you.

LIGHTING THE FOURTH CANDLE THE PROMISE OF LOVE

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

God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son.

When we longed for the silence to be broken,

God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son.

When we longed for the light that shines in the darkness,

God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son.

When we longed for the peace that surpasses understanding,

God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son.

Candle Lighting

Today we light four candles. The **first candle** is the light of hope granting strength to the weary. The **second candle** is the light of peace that surpasses our understanding. The **third candle** is the light of joy that touches the depths of our soul. The **fourth candle** reminds us of the light of Gods’ love poured out in the person and work of Jesus Christ.

*HYMN. “*Of the Parent’s Heart Begotton*”.(Verse 4). #118

CLOSING PRAYER

God of grace, you so loved the world that you gave your one and only Son to all who believe. Jesus is the true gift of Advent, shining forth your glory and grace. As the light has grown brighter through the season, we pray that you would shine forth the promise of your hope, peace, joy and love within our lives and within our world. Amen.

CHILDREN’S TIME

*HYMN “*Jesus, Name Above All Names*” See insert

WITNESS TO OUR SACRED STORY

Micah 5:2-5a

8:30AM & 11:00AM - CHANCEL CHOIR

“*Hallelujah! Love Has Come*” Lippencott

8:30AM & 11:00AM - SOLO ISAAC PITUCH ACCOMPANIED BY DONNA SEIFARTH - “*He Is Christ*” Stocker

Psalm 80:1-7

8:30AM & 11:00AM - HANDBELL CHOIR

“*A Yuletide Celebration*” McChesney

8:30AM & 11:00AM - MEN’S CHORUS “*Hear the Good News with Angels We Have Heard on High*” Arr. Fettke & Allen

Gospel Reading: Luke 1:39-56

8:30AM & 11:00AM - DUET SHELLY STEWART & OLIVIA PITUCH ACCOMPANIED BY DONNA SEIFARTH “*All is Well*”

Arr. Larson

8:30AM & 11:00AM - CHAMBER CHOIR

“*A Celtic Silent Night*” Arr. Tierney

MEDITATION

“*Mary’s Song*”

*HYMN “*O Little Town of Bethlehem*” Special Hymnal #1

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

The Love of God is born anew in the world as often as we embody that love in the works of compassion, peace, and justice. Let us offer our gifts in a spirit of generosity and hope.

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE “Doxology” (by Roger Lynn)
Praise God for gifts of hope and peace, Praise God, for gifts of joy and love,
Praise God for sending Christ to dwell On earth for us – Emmanuel. Amen.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Loving God, you blessed Mary by making her the mother of your only Son, Jesus Christ. You have also blessed us with the gift of your Son, and indeed, with the gift of life itself. Out of all these blessings we give you back these offerings this day. Knowing that your promises will be fulfilled, we pledge our lives to you in anticipation of the coming of the one who brings us peace. In His name we pray. Amen.

8:30AM & 11:00 AM CHANCEL CHOIR WITH SOLO BY OLIVIA PITUCH “Christ Has Come for All” Lippencott

***CLOSING HYMN.**“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”. . . .Special Hymnal #10

BENEDICTION

Go with the love of God, who extends mercy from generation to generation. Go with the illumination of the Holy Spirit, who prepares us for the arrival of Emmanuel. Go with the peace of the Christ child, who comes to partner with us to bring the kingdom that will change the world. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

8:30AM & 11:00AM.“Noel in G”Daquin

WE ARE DELIGHTED THAT YOU JOINED US FOR WORSHIP TODAY!

- **THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented to the glory of God and in celebration of Dick Hodgon’s 88th birthday by his wife Helen.
- **THE BULLETINS** are dedicated to the glory of God and in honor of my 94th birthday by Chris Hoover.
- **ACOLYTE: 8:30AM:** Olivia Pituch, **11:00AM:** Donovan Reiber
- **CANDLE LIGHTER: 8:30AM** John & Mary Reiber, **11:00 AM** Christel Reiber & Family
- **LITURGIST: 8:30AM:** Patti Goodyear, **11:00AM:** Stephanie Berkheimer
- **USHERS: 8:30AM:** Pat & Nelson Roth, **11:00AM:** Volunteer
- **GREETERS: 8:30AM:** Karen Bupp, **11:00AM:** Volunteer
- **NURSERY DUTY: 8:30AM:** Tim & Katie Bentzel **11:00AM:** Volunteer
- **MUSIC: 8:30AM & 11:00AM:** Sandy Bamberger, Donna Seifarth, Shelley Stewart, Oliva & Isaac Pituch, Chancel, Chamber, Men’s and Handbell Choirs.
- **VIDEO TEAM:** Lew Wallace, Dani Bentzel, Sallie Hagerman, Reen Bentzel, Matt Hildebrecht, Jaron Flickinger



THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE VOLUNTEERS AND MUSICIANS FOR PROVIDING THE WORSHIP MUSIC!

Celebrate Christmas Eve Services with us on Friday December 24 at 3:00PM and 7:00PM. We look forward to seeing you there!

Pastor Melinda is seeking Christmas Eve readers to assist during both services. Please contact the office if you are interested.

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:

Morning Prayer (Writer Unknown)

Loving God, clear my sleepy head and fill my mind with expectation. Awake my slow body and energize my heart with love in action. Ignite my spirit and set this day on fire with promise. Make the ordinary extraordinary. Engage me, show me your kingdom alive. Help me to see that every waking moment is full of promise because of you. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Evening Prayer (Writer Unknown)

Almighty God, radiant with light, cast your goodness to shine upon me. Most wonderful Lord, Creator of all things, hold your truth to shield me. Majestic King who reigns over all, slay with great love all the shadows around me. Prince of Peace, glorious and true, lift your arms of strength to cover me. All this night through. In Jesus' name. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

Chuck and Sandy Baboian, Julene Bechtel, Jim Sr. and Rosemary Bentzel, Rosabel Bentzel, Oscar Bupp, Bev Kirk, Donna Krone, Dottie Limbert, Catherine Lochman, Marguerite Lochman, Arlene Myers, Joanne Overmiller, Randy Reisinger, Mary Rodgers, Stewart and Marie Wagner, Elva Winter, Sue Trimble, Beverly Hoak.

THOSE WHO GRIEVE FOR THEIR LOVED ONES

The Jordan Family



Carlisle Truckers Ministry was very grateful for the 200 bags of cookies that Shiloh UCC contributed.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE:

From the beginning of the Covid-19 outbreak, Shiloh UCC has relied on Community Transmission rates (i.e. low, moderate, substantial, high) to guide our recommended precautionary measures. Our benchmark for social distancing and masking requirements go into effect when transmission rates in York County reach substantial (50-100 cases/100,000 and percentage of positive cases >5%). As of December 15, the Community Transmission rate for York County is HIGH (608/100,000 and positivity rate is 21.66.%).

“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	8:30 & 11	Fourth Sunday in Advent/Advent Musical Program
	9:45	Sunday School
	6:00	Confirmation (202)
TUES	6:30	Cub Scouts (100)
WED	9:30	Bible Study (202)
	5:30	TOPS (100)
THUR	6:30	NA Group (100)
	6:30	Hand bell Choirs
	7:00	Chamber Choirs
	7:30	Chancel Choirs
FRI	3& 7PM	Christmas Eve Services
		OFFICE CLOSED
SUN	8:30 & 11	First Sunday after Christmas



Looking for a way to share your talents?? We are in need of a coordinator for Coffee Connections. The weekly Coffee Connection list is posted for persons to volunteer to make the snacks & coffee. The coordinator checks the kitchen to see ensure we have coffee, sugar, stirrers etc. for the volunteers to use each week. Please let Sallie Hagerman or the office know if you would like to be the coordinator.

Annual Reports for all organizations and committees of the church and Sunday School are due in the church office by **December 31, 2021**. If you are unable to meet this deadline due to financial reports, etc., please notify the church office.

Annual Report



2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES will be available on a **table on the 2nd floor of the welcome center**. Please pick up your envelopes and any family members' envelopes.

THE 2022 TEAM LISTS FOR GREETERS, USHERS, NURSERY AND OFFERING DUTY are available in the gallery.



Consistory has started a **special fund** for making renovations and improvements to the church's kitchen and social hall (Room 100). This year's special **Christmas Offering** will be used to help build this fund.

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.

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 108

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