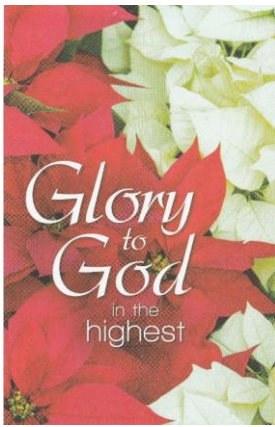


WELCOME TO SHILOH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
 WORSHIP SERVICE
 DECEMBER 26, 2021
 8:30 AM AND 11:00 AM



"It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving."

~ Mother Theresa

THE PRELUDE TO CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

8:30AM. *"I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day"* Williams

11:00AM. *"Mary's Little Boy Child"* Hairston

WELCOME AND CONCERNS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Join the songs of the coastlands and all the earth!

All: We join in the songs of righteousness and justice.

One: The heavens and the earth rejoice in all that the Lord has done.

All: We rejoice in the Lord and give thanks to God's holy name! Let us worship God!

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Loving God, we thank you for this your special day. We continue to proclaim your goodness in remembering the birth of your Son, Jesus. We stand always amazed at your love and peace. As we worship you today, may you move among us and bless us with the needs that we have brought with us this day. As we thank you for the gift of Jesus, we thank you for the gift of prayer that he shared with his disciples and us. Allow the rest of our time together to be a time of rich blessing to you, your people, and to each of us individually. Be glorified in our lives, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

***HYMN "Angels From the Realms of Glory" Special Hymnal #12**

1 Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth; ye who sang creation's story now proclaim Messiah's birth: Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king.	2 Shepherds, in the field abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night, God with man is now residing; yonder shines the infant light: Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king.
Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar; seek the great Desire of nations; ye have seen the infant's star: Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king.	Saints before the altar bending, Watching long in hope and fear, Suddenly the Lord, descending, In His temple shall appear: Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess and lament the violence of our world and our collective fascination with power and might, merciless justice and unending riches. Shine on us today from the cradle of your vulnerability that forgiveness, mercy, and kindness may glow and grow among us through Jesus Christ. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Take comfort, God's people, in all that God has done. The Scripture calls us who believe in God "the Holy People, the Redeemed of the Lord." May those words be true of us as we seek to know God and to do that which brings us God's holiness and God's redemption. May we all live lives that reflect the peace only God can provide. Take comfort, God's people, in all God has done. 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.

CHILDREN'S TIME

***HYMN“Open Our Eyes”**

Open our eyes Lord We want to see Jesus To reach out and touch Him And say that we love Him	Open our ears Lord And Help us to listen Open our eyes Lord We want to see Jesus
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WITNESS TO OUR SACRED STORY

Psalm 98; John 1:1-14; Isaiah 7:10-16

SERMON

“God Is With Us”

***HYMN“Away in A Manger”**

Away in a manger No crib for a bed The little Lord Jesus Laid down His sweet head The stars in the sky Looked down where He lay The little Lord Jesus Asleep on the hay	The cattle are lowing The Baby awakes But little Lord Jesus No crying He makes I love You, Lord Jesus Look down from the sky And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh	Be near me, Lord Jesus I ask Thee to stay Close by me forever And love me I pray Bless all the dear children In Thy tender care And fit us for heaven To live with Thee there
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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

The God of Abundance lays the bounty of all creation before us, strengthens us when we are weak, and fills us when we are hungry. Let us share deeply and joyfully, that all may come to the table of God’s heavenly feast.

***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**

May our hearts be enlarged this day with a world vision that all may come to know this baby, the Christ, and share in the glory of his birth. We offer these gifts with the assurance that by thy grace they may help proclaim the message of Christmas to those who have yet to see the coming of your redeeming light. In the name of the newborn Christ we pray. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN.“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”.Special Hymnal #15**

Refrain: Go, tell it on the mountain Over the hills and everywhere Go, tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born	While shepherds kept their watching O'er silent flocks by night Behold throughout the heavens There shone a Holy light [Refrain]	The shepherds feared and trembled When, lo! Above the Earth Rang out the angel chorus That hailed our Savior's birth [Refrain]
	Down in a lowly manger Our humble Christ was born And brought us all salvation That blessed Christmas morn [Refrain]	

BENEDICTION

May God the Father, who called forth light from the darkness; Jesus Christ, his holy Son, who came to be our light; and the Holy Spirit whose light empowers and guides us; fill you with God’s love and peace and enlighten your path on this day and forevermore. Amen.

POSTLUDE

8:30AM.....“Unto Us A Child Is Born!.....Paxton
11:00AM.....“Do You Hear What I Hear”.....Regney & Shayne

WE ARE DELIGHTED THAT YOU JOINED US FOR WORSHIP TODAY!

- **THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of Nancy and LeRoy Leber. “Those we Love remain with us, for Love itself lives on. Cherished memories never fade, because a Loved one is gone. Those we Love can never be, more than a thought apart, for as long as there’s a memory, they live on in our hearts.” Until we meet again, Melinda (Leber) Kreiser, Leon Leber and families.
- **THE BULLETINS** are dedicated to the glory of God and wishing a Happy Birthday to Natalie. Love, Mom and Family.
- **LITURGIST: 8:30AM:** Ray Fox, **11:00AM:** Brian Curren
- **USHERS: 8:30AM:** Volunteer **11:00AM:** Linda Little
- **GREETERS: 8:30AM:** Ginny Heath & Natalie Fuhrman, **11:00AM:** Joyce Mummert
- **NURSERY DUTY: 8:30AM:** Patti Goodyear & Kaitlin Rentzel, **11:00AM:** Volunteer
- **MUSIC: 8:30AM:** Sandy Bamberger **11:00AM:** Jessie Sechriest
- **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!
PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:**

Morning Prayer

Dear God, we turn our faces to the east and, with the rising sun, we are reminded that we have been given a new day. We live with the consequences of our choices, yet we have a new opportunity in which to make amends, change our ways, and bless others. We still have plans and hopes for this day, so now as we sit still in your presence, give us peace. Still our minds from tasks undone and future plans. Fill our hearts with forgiveness and gratitude for the past. Help us to bring the good news of your love with us wherever we go. Help us bless others with your kindness and care. Fill us with Christ. For in His Holy name we pray. Amen.

Evening Prayer (By Elisabeth Elliot)

Loving Lord and Heavenly Father, I offer up today all that I am, all that I have, all that I do, and all that I suffer, to be Yours today and Yours forever. Give me grace, Lord, to do all that I know of Your holy will. Purify my heart, sanctify my thinking, correct my desires. 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

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 22, the Community Transmission rate for York County is HIGH (602/100,000 and positivity rate is 21.52.%).

The **Women’s Guild** will be meeting **January 3** at 1:00 pm in room 202. The program will be from our study book **Bad Girls of the Bible, Chapter Ten: I Beg Your Pardon – The Sinful Woman: Bad for a Season, but Not Forever.** Zoe Bordes will be leading this chapter.

We invite all women of the church to join us at any time.





Engaging Women will be meeting on Tuesday, January 11 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. They will continue with the book called "The Power of a Woman's Words," by Sharon Jaynes.



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.



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.



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.

"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	Worship/First Sunday After Christmas
	9:45	Sunday School
MON		OFFICE CLOSED
TUES	6:30	Cub Scouts (100)
	8:00	Men's Chorus Rehearsals
WED	9:30	Bible Study (202)
	5:30	TOPS (100)
THUR	6:30	NA Group (100)
	6:30-7:30	Choirs
FRI		OFFICE CLOSED
SUN	8:30 & 11	Communion/Celebrate Epiphany
	7:00	Worship & Music (202)



ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 132

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Pastor Melinda office hours: Please call for an appointment.
Wednesdays 9AM-2PM & 5-8PM
Thursdays 9:00-11:30AM & 6-8:30PM
Fridays 9AM-2PM

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