



Shiloh United Church of Christ

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Our Mission Statement: *“Shiloh United Church of Christ is called to show Christ’s love for all through witness, word, and worship.”*

MEDITATION *“Where there is love there is life.”*

- Mahatma Gandhi

THE PRELUDE TO CHRISTIAN WORSHIP*“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”* Wagner

WELCOME AND CONCERNS

INSTALLATION OF CONSISTORY AND ORDINATION OF NEW DEACONS

Pastor: Let us remember the model of leadership provided by our Lord, who came not to be served, but to serve, and who said to his disciples, “Whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whosoever would be first among you must be slave of all.”

Consistory: In Christ’s name and by his grace we accept our mission of witness and service to all people.

Pastor: Let us remember the unity that God has given us: one body, one spirit, one hope of our calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Creator of all, over all, through all, and in all.

Consistory: We rejoice in God, maker of heaven and earth, and in the covenant of love which binds us to God and to one another.

Pastor: Let us remember the church we are chosen to serve using the gifts with which we are equipped “for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.”

ACT OF ORDINATION

Pastor: The laying on of hands is the symbolic act whereby the church in every age recognizes God’s call to ministry in the lives of faithful men and women and asks the Holy Spirit to confer upon you **Carolyn Poff**, for the position of deacon.

Laying on of Hands (Please raise your right hand)

Pastor: May the Holy Spirit strengthen you for the ministry of deacon in Christ’s church and equip you with everything good to do God’s will. Receive authority to execute your office in the name of Christ.

People: Amen.

Pastor: And now do you all gladly accept the duties of members of the consistory to which you have been elected, and do you promise to fulfill those duties?

Consistory: I do, the Lord being my helper.

Pastor: Do you, members of Shiloh UCC, agree to encourage these Elders and Deacons and respect their decisions, as together we seek to witness to Jesus Christ?

People: We do.

Pastor: Let us pray,

People: We thank you, God, for these who have accepted special servant roles in the life of Shiloh UCC. We are blessed by the gifts they are willing to share in our mutual ministry. Preserve the resolve each of these servants has at this moment. We pray in the name of our Lord Jesus, Christ. Amen.

Pastor: May the Holy Spirit strengthen you for the ministry of *deacon and elder* in Christ’s church and equip you with everything good to do God’s will. Receive authority to execute the office of deacon or elder in the name of Christ. Amen.

2022 CONSISTORY

ELDERS: Norina Bentzel, Sallie Hagerman, Jane Harrison, Jeff Hershey, Matt Hildebrecht, Nathan Limbert , Marsha Reiber

DEACONS: Janene Beck, Dani Bentzel, Carolyn Poff, Stephen Sechriest

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: God is with us always and calls us each by name.

All: When we pass through difficulties and stress,

One: God is with us and calls us by name.

All: When we are discouraged and feel lost and alone,

One: God is with us and calls us by name, and heals us.

All: Blessed be God who knows us and calls us by name. Let us worship God!

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Holy God, you have called us by name. We pray in this moment for the courage and the strength to answer your call. As we open our ears to hear the story of your Son’s baptism, open our hearts also, that we may experience again the renewing power of rebirth in the Holy Spirit. Inspire us in this time of worship, that we may claim our own identity as your beloved children. We pray in the name of our brother, Jesus Christ. Amen.

***HYMN**“*Mark How The Lamb*” # 167 (Verses 1 & 3)

<p>Mark how the Lamb of God's self-offering our human sinfulness takes on in the birth-waters of the Jordan as Jesus is baptized by John. Hear how the voice from heaven thunders, "Lo, this is my beloved Son." See how in dove-like form the Spirit descends on God's Anointed One.</p>	<p>Grant us, O God, the strength and courage to live the faith our lips declare; bless us in our baptismal calling; Christ's royal priesthood help us share. Turn us from every false allegiance, that we may trust in Christ alone: raise up in us a chosen people transformed by love to be your own.</p>
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UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creator of the universe, we stand amazed at your power and glory. We are eager to worship you and offer our praise, but we are often reluctant to answer when we hear you calling our name. We sing our songs of tribute in the sanctuary, but shy away from the river, lest we be baptized with the fire of the Holy Spirit. Forgive us when we forget your promise to be with us always, O God. Renew us with the power of your ever-present love, and strengthen us to proclaim your justice throughout the world. Amen.

WORDS of ASSURANCE

Hear the words of our creator, spoken through the prophet Isaiah: “I have called you by name. You are mine. Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.”

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**“*Every Time I feel the Spirit*” # 282

<p>Chorus: Every time I feel the spirit Moving in my heart I will pray. Yes, every time I feel the spirit Moving in my heart I will pray.</p>	<p>V1 Upon the mountain my God spoke; Out of God’s mouth came fire and smoke. Looked all around me, it looked so fine; I asked my God if all were mine.</p>	<p>V2 Oh Jordan river, chilly and cold Chills the body, but not the soul. There’s only one train on this track. It runs to heaven and then right back.</p>
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WITNESS TO OUR SACRED STORY

Isaiah 43:1-7, Psalm 29

SPECIAL MUSIC

Gospel Reading: Luke 3:15-19, 21-22

SERMON

“Holy Spirit and Fire”

*HYMN.“Spirit of the Living God”.....# 283

Spirit of the Living God,
Fall afresh on me,
Spirit of the Living God,
Fall afresh on me.
Break me, melt me, mold me, fill me.
Spirit of the Living God,
Fall afresh on me.

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

Our giving supports our church’s ministry that God is growing stronger each day. Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God in gratitude and praise.

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE “Doxology”# 778

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ and Spirit, One. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy God, thank you for making each of us a beloved child in your great family. You guide us by your Spirit to the way of life. Through your grace, we have enough to share with our neighbors who are in need. May these offerings bring your kindness to strangers. We pray through Christ, who loved us and gave himself as a fragrant offering and sacrifice while we were yet strangers. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN.“Amazing Grace”.....# 547 (Verses 1, 4 & 5)

Amazing grace, How sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me I once was lost, but now I'm found Was blind, but now I see	My God has promised good to me Whose word my hope secures God will my shield and portion be As long as life endures	When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun, We not less days to sing God's praise Then when we first begun.
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BENEDICTION

One: Live your lives with love.
Follow the example of Christ.
Give yourselves in service to others.
Go forth with the peace of God.
All: Amen.

POSTLUDE“Light of the World”.....Ritter

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 my grandparents, Annie and Melvin Latchaw and aunt and uncle, Charlotte and Ken Dittenhafer by Connie Redman.

- **THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented to the glory of God and to thank the Shiloh UCC Staff, Consistory, and Members for their dedication to our church and community by Brad and Sue Jacobs.
- **ACOLYTE: 8:30AM:** Keith Krout (last week) ; **ACOLYTE: 11:00AM:** Cecilia Pituch (*this week*)
We are in search of additional Acolytes for both services. Please contact Carol Burns at 717-792-3796 if you are interested.
- **(Last Week) LITURGIST: 8:30AM:** Jim Bentzel Jr., **11:00AM:** Linda Little
- **(This Week) LITURGIST: 8:30AM:** Dani Bentzel, **11:00AM:** Jane Harrison
We are in search of additional Liturgists for both services. Please contact Sara Jacoby at 717-764-4520 if you are interested.
- **USHERS: 8:30AM:** Ken & Patti Goodyear (Last Week); **USHERS: 8:30AM:** Lew Wallace (This Week)
- **GREETERS: 8:30AM:** Julene Bechtel, **11:00AM:** Stephanie Berkheimer (Last Week), **GREETERS: 8:30AM:** Wilbert & Charlotte Mickley, **11:00AM:** Sue Besecker (This Week)
- **NURSERY DUTY: 8:30AM:** Sallie Hagerman, **11:00AM** Natalie Fuhrman (Laat Week), **NURSERY DUTY: 8:30AM:** John Reiber, **11:00AM:** Linda Little (This Week)
- **MUSIC: 8:30 & 11:00 AM:** Sandy Bamberger (Last Week), **MUSIC: 8:30AM:** Sandy Bamberger, **11:00AM:** Joan Hamme (This Week)
- **VIDEO TEAM:** Lew Wallace, Sallie Hagerman, Dani Bentzel, Reen Bentzel, Matt Hildebrecht, Jaron Flickinger

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF THE VOLUNTEERS AND MUSICIANS FOR PROVIDING THE WORSHIP MUSIC THIS SUNDAY!



Paster Melinda would like to thank the congregation for all the cards and expressions of love that she and her family received over the holidays!

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:

Morning Prayer (Unknown writer)

Dear Lord, This morning as I contemplate a new day, I ask you to help me. I want to be aware of your Holy Spirit leading me in the decisions I make, the conversations I have, and the work I do. I want to be more like Jesus, as I relate to the people I meet today — friends or strangers. Jesus was always about his father's business and that is what I want to do today - serve my Heavenly Father. Although I know that I am weak, I also know that by the power of your Spirit, I can be strong in the work I do. I thank you that you promised to be with me always, and for being the same yesterday, today, and forever. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Evening Prayer (By Rebecca Barlow Jordan)

Heavenly Father, my day is drawing to an end, and I'm ready to turn in. But before I do, I have to thank you for your faithfulness today. It's always a good day, even when things may not go the way I plan, or when the world seems in chaos because you are in control. For all the times when I was aware of your help today, all the times when your unseen presence seemed so near, thank you, God. But for all the ways you worked behind the scenes, unknown to me, moments when heaven-sent angels moved on my behalf in ways I'll never know, thank you for those also, Lord. In Jesus' name. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

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

THOSE WHO GRIEVE FOR THEIR LOVED ONES

The Jordan Family

CALL TO ANNUAL MEETING

All members of the Congregation are invited and encouraged to attend the Annual Meeting on Sunday, **January 30, 2022**. This year we will hold the meeting in the Sanctuary after the 8:30 a.m. service. The meeting will start at 9:45 a.m. There will be no Sunday School on January 30th. Due to Covid, we want to be able to keep social distancing, which we could not do in room 100. There will be a time for questions and discussion on the Annual Report.



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** your desired date to have your "Special" wording placed in the bulletin.

Engaging Women will not be meeting this month.



OFFERING is continually being collected for our missionaries, **Sally Jane and Crosby Johnson**.

In case of inclement weather for church and Sunday school, please check the church's website, Facebook page, or your email for closings or delays. We will also submit the information to Fox 43 News and WGAL. If services are held, please use your best judgement as to whether you are able to attend.

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/Installation of Consistory
	9:45	Sunday School
MON		Martin Luther King Jr. Day
TUES	6:00	Stewardship Meeting (202)
	6:30	Cub Scouts (100)
WED	7:30	Soup Prep
	9:30	Bible Study (202)
	5:30	TOPS (100)
THUR	10:00	Outreach Committee (202)
	6:30	NA Group (100)
	6:30-7:30	Choirs
SUN	8:30 & 11	Worship/Rentzel Baptism



ATTENDANCE JANUARY 2: 76
8:30 SERVICE: 46
11:00 SERVICE: 30

THE CHURCH STAFF

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Wednesdays 9AM-2PM & 5-8PM; Thursdays 9:00-11:30AM & 6-8:30PM; Fridays 9AM-2PM

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