

WELCOME TO SHILOH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP SERVICE
DECEMBER 25, 2022
10:00AM

GREETING

The Day of Christmas has finally arrived. The long-awaited Messiah is among us. This is a time of Celebration and great Joy. The darkness has been banished. Praise be to the Light of the World, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

THE PRELUDE TO CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

“On Christmas Day in the Morn”

Williams

WELCOME AND CONCERNS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Rejoice! Happy Christmas to everyone!

All: Happy Christmas to you also!

One: Christ our Savior is born.

All: God’s Light is poured into the world.

One: O Come, let us celebrate this wonderful gift.

All: Let us praise God with shouts of joy and singing!

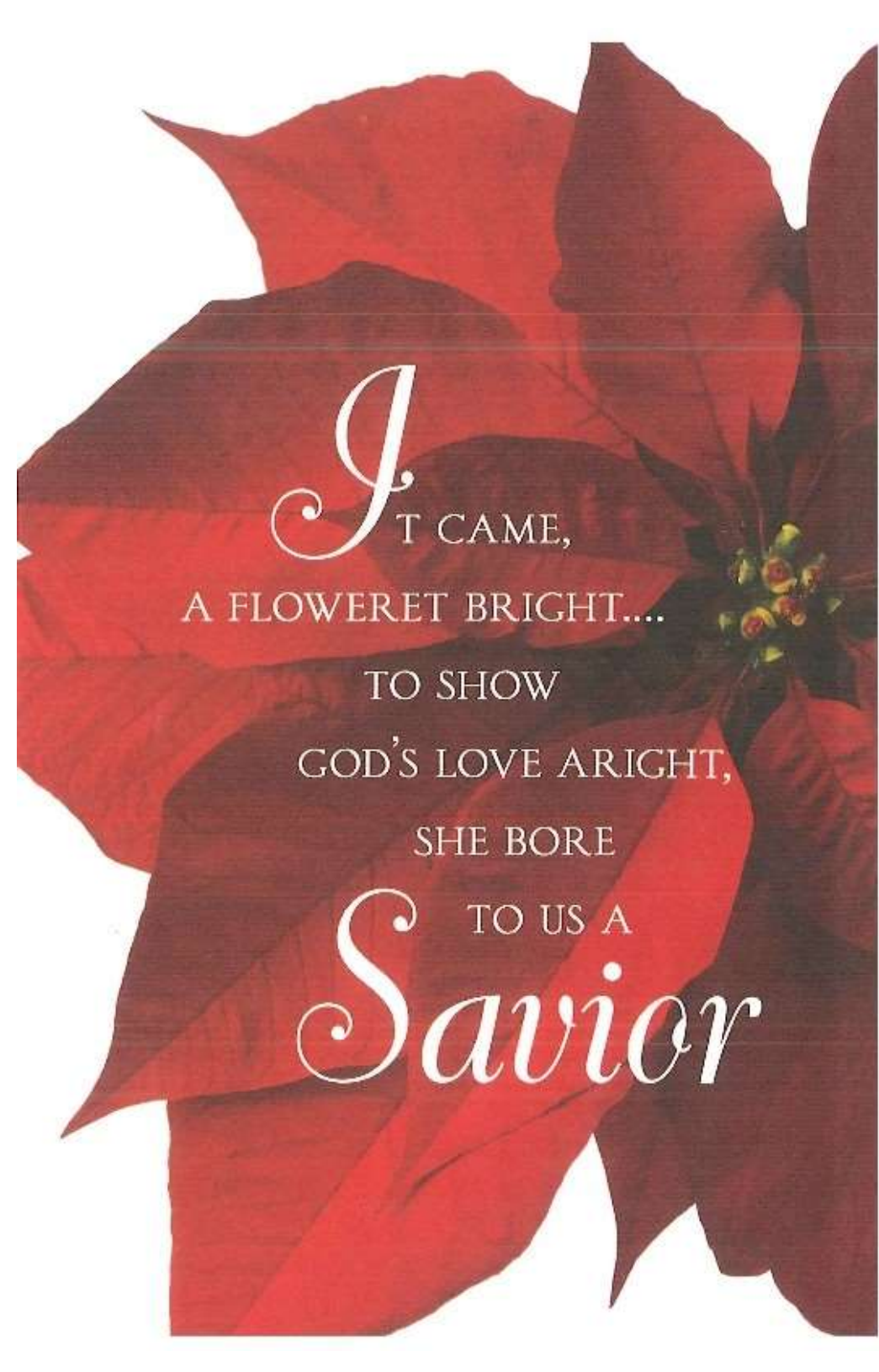
*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

One: Let us pray!

The celebration of Christmas has just begun. Even though many of us have gone through the gift giving and receiving, there is yet another gift which has been given. You, O Loving God, have wrapped the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ, around our lives. The light of your love through him is shining brightly. It is not a harsh light, but a multitude of bright colors that remind us of the wondrous ways you love us. Open our hearts and spirits as we hear the words of your holy scriptures, and the beautiful music. Bring us to you with such joy that it will seem as though our feet aren’t even touching ground. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

*HYMN *“O Come, All Ye Faithful” (Vs. 1 & 3)*

#9 Special Hymnal



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A FLOWERET BRIGHT....
TO SHOW
GOD’S LOVE ARIGHT,
SHE BORE
TO US A
Savior

CHRISTMAS READINGS

FIRST READING: Matthew 1:18-24

JOSEPH'S STORY

*CAROL "Good Christian Men, Rejoice" (Vs. 1 & 2) #2 Special Hymnal

SECOND READING Luke 1:46-56

MARY SAYS YES

*HYMN "Go Tell It on the Mountain" (Vs. 3) #15 Special Hymnal

THIRD READING: Luke 2:1-7

AN IN-KEEPER'S DILEMMA (as told by his daughter)

*CAROL "The First Noel" (Vs. 1 & 6) #6 Special Hymnal

FOURTH READING: Luke 2:8-12

A SHEPHERD'S TALE (as told by his son)

*CAROL "O Little Town of Bethlehem" (Vs. 1, 4) #1 Special Hymnal

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

Come now and kneel before the Christ child. Bring all that you are and all that you have. Offer your gifts in wonder and surprise and awe. Offer your gifts in joy and delight.

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE "Doxology"

To God, all glorious heavenly light,
To Christ, revealed in earthly night,
To God the Spirit, now we raise
Our joyful songs of thankful praise. Amen.

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One: Let us pray!

Holy One, as we celebrate the birth of the Christ Child, we seek to honor you with these monetary gifts. We know that everything in this world is a gift from you, O God, so we humbly return a generous portion of these gifts to you. We pray that these gifts may help this church to change people's lives and to spread your message of salvation. In the name of the Babe lying in the manger, we pray. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN "Angels We Have Heard on High" (Vs. 1, 3 & 4)
#3 Special Hymnal

BENEDICTION

Go now, bringing the joy of God's love with you to all that you meet. Remember that God is with you in all you do. Rejoice, people of God, for Christ's Light has come for the whole world. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

"Rejoice and Be Merry!"

Kendall

WE ARE DELIGHTED THAT YOU JOINED US FOR WORSHIP TODAY!

This year's special **Christmas Offering** will be donated to the UCC Christmas Fund for the Veterans of the Cross and Emergency Fund which is used to provide assistance to clergy and lay employees who, after years of service to others, now find themselves facing unexpected needs.



Morning Prayer (https://www.faithandworship.com/Morning_Prayers.htm)

do not fear this day, for you are with me wherever I might go, your light to shine ahead, your footsteps to lead the way. I do not fear this day, for your word will be my guide, your strength will sustain me, your love revive me, this day and all days. I do not fear this day, for you are with me. Amen.

Evening Prayer (https://www.faithandworship.com/Evening_prayers.htm)

This night and every night grant to me light this night and every night grant to me peace this night and every night grant to me rest this night and every night grant to me grace this night and every night grant to me joy. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

Chuck and Sandy Baboian, Julene Bechtel, Julie Beall, Jim Sr. and Rosemary Bentzel, Rosabel Bentzel, Helen Byers, Ross Hopple, Bev Kirk, Donna Krone, Dottie Limbert, Catherine Lochman, Marguerite Lochman, Jay Mummert, Arlene Myers, Joanne Overmiller, Randy Reisinger, Donna Robertson, Charlotte Rohrbaugh, Cedric Simpson, Sue Trimble, Stewart Wagner, Elva Winter

THOSE WHO GRIEVE FOR THEIR LOVED ONES

The Snyder Family, The Glass/Myers Family, The Anthony/Bentzel Family, The Waddell/Bentzel Family, The Waldron/Myers Family, The Repman Family, The O'Donnell Family, The Roe Family

➤ **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 CHANCEL FLOWERS** are dedicated to the glory of God and in Honor of dear Arlene Myers, who dedicated her life to Shiloh UCC with our love always by Beverly and Milton Hoak, Carol Spahr and Sue Myers.

➤ **THE BULLETINS** are dedicated to the glory of God and in celebration of Natalie Fuhrman's Birthday. Love, Mom.

➤ **LITURGIST:** Carol Burns

➤ **USHERS:** Katie Bentzel & Jackie Taft

➤ **GREETERS:** Jeanie Bentzel

➤ **MUSIC:** Sandy Bamberger

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

Happy New Year! **On January 1, 2023** the worship service will be held at **10:00 AM in the sanctuary**. Following the worship service, you're invited to join friends and family for a fabulous **pork and sauerkraut dinner in room 100**. The congregation is asked to contribute desserts to the dinner. A sign-up sheet is available in the gallery. We hope you are able to join us as we start our year together with worship and fellowship!



The **Women's Guild** will be meeting **January 2, at 1:00 pm in room 202**. The program will be from our study book **Leading a Life of Balance**. **Chapter Eleven: Balancing Our Wishes and God's Will**. Shirley Lohmann will be leading this chapter. *We invite all women of the church to join us at any time.*

The **2023 Team Lists** for greeters, ushers and nursery duty are available before and after worship in the gallery. The lists will be emailed if you have an email address on file.



Annual Reports for all organizations and committees of the church and Sunday School are due in the church office by **December 31, 2022**. If you are unable to meet this deadline due to financial reports, etc., please notify the church office.

2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available on a table in the gallery. Please pick up your envelopes and any family members' envelopes.



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.



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.

"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	10:00	Worship/Christmas Day (100) Refreshments/snacks (100)
MON		OFFICE CLOSED
TUES	6:30	Cub Scouts (100)
	8:00	Men's Chorus Rehearsals
WED	9:30	Bible Study (202)
	5:00	TOPS (100)
THUR	6:30	NA Group (100)
	6:30-7:30	Choirs
SUN	10:00	Worship/New Year's Day (Sanctuary) Pork & Sauerkraut Meal (100)



ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 129

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