



**Welcome to Shiloh United Church of Christ
Communion Service
Second Sunday of Advent
December 4, 2022
8:30AM and 11:00AM**

MEDITATION: *Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love.
~ Francis of Assisi*

PRELUDE

8:30AM	<i>“Advent Meditation”</i>	Eliot
11:00AM	<i>“Gesu Bambino”</i>	Martens & Yon

WELCOME AND CONCERNS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: The prophet Isaiah declared that justice and peace shall come through the family of Jesse.

All: This justice shall be for all of creation.

One: Peace shall be established in all the world.

All: Get ready! Prepare for God’s peace to reign!

One: Blessed be God who does such wondrous things!

All: On this Second Sunday in Advent, let us worship and praise God together!

***HYMN “We Hail You God’s Anointed (Vs. 1 & 2)” #104**

***UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

One: Let us pray!

Patient and loving God, we so easily launch ourselves in preparation for the secular festival of giving and parties; but we forget that the true preparation is the readiness of our hearts to receive you. Help us look again at our lives, and turn them around so that they may be in tune with your will. We ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen!

LIGHTING THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE THE PROMISE OF PEACE

CHOIR *“Hope Is a Star”*

In this season of Advent, we remember that Christ is coming to bring peace. For a world overrun with meaningless war

Christ is coming to bring peace.

For brothers and sisters divided by anger

Christ is coming to bring peace.

For a world bound up in political turmoil

Christ is coming to bring peace.

For those of us battling inner turmoil

Christ is coming to bring peace.

Candle Lighting

Today we light two candles. The first is the light of hope. The second is the symbol of peace. We remember what God said to the shepherds on the night of Christ’s birth promising peace on earth and goodwill to all the people of the earth. May we become the instruments to fulfill this promise.

HYMN *“Hope Is a Star”* Insert

CLOSING PRAYER

O Lord, in this troubled world we live in, bring us the peace that was promised through the birth of your son, Jesus Christ. Calm our anxious souls and let us live in harmony with our family, our neighbors and ourselves. We pray this in Christ’s name. Amen.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

All children of God who desire to come forward for the Children’s Sermon are welcomed. Parent’s/caregivers are encouraged to accompany their young child(ren) during the message.

*HYMN *“I’ve Got Peace Like a River (Vs. 1 & 2)”* #478

WITNESS TO OUR SACRED STORY

First Reading: Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19; Second Reading: Romans 15:4-13

8:30 & 11:00AM-CHANCEL CHOIR

“A Cradle Awaits” Shafferman

Third Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

SERMON *“Peace”*

*HYMN *“O God of Love, O God of Peace”* #571

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 OFFERING BEFORE GOD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

The Ruler of Peace coming, the prophet Isaiah says, and we await that Gift of God together; our gifts today in this season of waiting help us to strengthen one another and to offer hope to the world as we look forward to that great day of everlasting joy. Let us gather our gifts together and present them as an offering to God.

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE *“Doxology”*
**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**

One: Let us pray!
We thank you, Holy One, for all your gifts, especially the gifts of prophecy, promise, and calls for preparation. As a thankful response to these gifts, we offer our belief, our commitments, and ourselves that we may hasten the time when all people will live in harmony and peace. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION
(All are welcome to partake of communion)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

NCH #886

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: God is present to us, but we don't always feel it. God is good to us, but we can't always accept it. Fact is, there are things within and around us that attempt to step between us and our relationship to God's goodness. There are things that we think, things that we do, that act to separate us from God. The church calls that "sin."

All: God of all mercy, I confess that sin grips me and I cannot break free. The sin is in my mind, on my lips, in my acts done or even ignored and stands between me and you. My entire heart is not always yours. My love of neighbor falls short. In the name of Jesus, have mercy on me. Grant me your renewing forgiveness. Lead me on your paths of righteousness, and I shall delight in you, and I shall follow you, giving glory to your holy name. Through Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: The God who gives, gives all. The God who loves, loves all. The God who forgives, forgives all. Through Christ, our sins, everyone one of them: the sins of commission, the sins of omission, the sins we confessed with contrition all are forgiven.

All: By the grace of God, we are forgiven. Alleluia!

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

One: Let us greet each other in Christian Friendship.

The peace of God 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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: Let us pray!

Gracious and loving God, you have made us one in the body of Christ, and nourished us at your table with holy food and drink. Thank you for feeding our hunger and relieving our thirst. Now send us into the world to do the work you have given us to do: to find the lost and lonely, to heal broken souls, to free prisoners, and make the powerful care. Grant us strength to persevere in resisting evil, and to proclaim in all we say and do your good news in Christ Jesus our Savior. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN *"O Come, O Come Emmanuel (Vs. 1 & 2)"* #116

BENEDICTION

One: May the God of peace fill you with all joy in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Go in hope. Go in peace. Go in Christ's name.

All: We go with God. Amen.

POSTLUDE

8:30AM

11:00AM

"Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding" Powell

"O Christmas Tree" Traditional German Carol

WE ARE DELIGHTED THAT YOU JOINED US FOR WORSHIP TODAY!

Today is the last day for ordering poinsettias. The cost is **\$7.00 each**. Ordering envelopes will be in the narthex. The deadline to order is **December 4**. Please make checks payable to Shiloh UCC. Poinsettias can be claimed after the 7:00 service on Christmas Eve.



PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:

Morning Prayer (By David Mathis)

Lord, thank you for your abundant, abounding grace. Thank you that we don't have to earn a drop of the mighty river of grace that flows freely for us today. Thank you for the unexpected, unmerited favor you've showered on my life. Help me put myself in the path of your love and grace. Help me not neglect the disciplines I need to meet with you regularly and to drink from the water of life. Thank you for your rich love. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Evening Prayer

Bless us with rest tonight, O God, and a good night's sleep. Forgive us for the things we did today that did not honor you. Thank you for loving us so much and that you know us through and through. We need your help every day, every hour. We thank you for the strength you give and for helping us know that with you, everything's possible. Bless our family and our home, and keep us safe through the night. May your angels guard us and watch over us, just like you promised. In Jesus' name we pray. 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, David Roe, Charlotte Rohrbaugh, Cedric Simpson, Sue Trimble, Stewart Wagner, Elva Winter

THOSE WHO GRIEVE FOR THEIR LOVED ONES

The Leppo Family, The Little Family; 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.

- **VIDEO TEAM:** Lew Wallace, Sallie Hagerman, Dani Bentzel, Reen Bentzel, Matt Hildebrecht, George & Jaron Flickinger & Nathan Limbert.
- **THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of our parents John and Sophie Gessert and Ethel and Parke W. Bentzel by Rose and Jim Bentzel Sr.
- **THE BULLETINS** are dedicated to the glory of God and His many blessings by Ron & Sally Wisocky.
- **LITURGIST: 8:30AM:** Laura Metzger **11:00AM:** Jim Bentzel Jr.
- **USHERS: 8:30AM:** Milton & Bev Hoak **11:00AM:** Carolyn Poff
- **GREETERS: 8:30AM:** Bart & Gerry Funkhouser **11:00AM:** Bob & Debbie Myers
- **NURSERY DUTY: 8:30AM:** Carol Burns **11:00AM:** Linda Little
- **MUSIC:** Chancel Choir, Sandy Bamberger, and Jessie Sechrist

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF THE VOLUNTEERS AND MUSICIANS!

The **Sunshine Class** is selling cashews again this year! A **half-pound bag is \$7.00**. There are order forms in the office, the welcome center, and in room 100. Orders need to be in by **today, December 4th**. They can be picked up at the church on **Friday, December 9th in room 100 from 7-8 pm or on Sunday morning, December 11th**.



Women's Fellowship

The **Women's Guild** will be meeting **December 5, at 1:00 pm in room 202**. The program will be from our study book **Leading a Life of Balance**. **Chapter Ten: Balancing Unity and Diversity**. Joyce Mummert will be leading this chapter. *We invite all women of the church to join us at any time.*

The **Sunday School Board** will be putting up a tree in the gallery again this year for **Tree of Warmth** donations which will be collected until **December 11**. Adult items will be donated to **York's Giving Helping Hands** and the youth items will be donated to **Harvest of Blessings**. *Thank you for your kindness, Sunday School Board.*



The **Soup Kitchen** Crew is asking for donations of wrapped candy (i.e. any snack-sized wrapped candy or mini candy canes). Please put candy donations in the boxes labeled "Soup Kitchen" in the church Gallery or kitchen. The **deadline for donations is Sunday, December 11**. We will fill small gift bags with the candy and distribute them at Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen in December. Thank you!



The **Outreach Committee** has initiated a direct mailing project. Postcards will be sent to 1000 families in a 3-mile radius from the church. If you receive a card in the mail, the committee is asking you to **pass it forward**. This means to give it to a friend or family member inviting them to join us for one of the Advent events. We appreciate your help in 'reaching out' to the community!

Let's celebrate the season together! You, your friends, and family are invited to attend a **Christmas Concert on December 11** performed by the Brass Ensemble. The event will **begin at 5:00 PM** with a light supper including a variety of soups and pulled pork sandwiches prior to the start of the **concert at 6:30 PM**. A freewill offering will be collected at the concert. The congregation is asked to donate cookies for the supper.



Engaging Women will be meeting on Tuesday, December 13th at 6:30 p.m. in the parlor for a Christmas Cookie Social. For additional information, contact Sally Curren at dgft25@hotmail.com.

Mark your calendar for the next Shiloh UCC Men's Breakfast on **Tuesday, December 13th at 8:30 am at Dover Valley Restaurant**. Contact Brad Jacobs for additional information at bcj402@verizon.net.



The **Woman's Social & Support Group** will meet for lunch at The **Olive Garden** on **Friday, December 16th at 12:00 pm**. Please call Joyce Bowers at 717-767-8966 by December 14th if you plan to attend.

The **Carlisle Truck Stop Ministry, Inc.** is conducting a cookie collection and distribution event to provide a little home away from home for truck drivers during the holiday season.



Individuals from local churches and other groups prepare cookies and place 6-8 cookies in decorated bags along with a note, tract or Bible verse (Homemade cookies are preferred but we understand if they aren't). Try to package your individual bags in something to preserve their freshness, if possible.

The cookies will be collected and taken to the Carlisle Trucker's Ministry where they will be distributed to the local truck stops, depots, restaurants, motels, and businesses.

There will be a **table placed in the gallery** near the parlor. We will accept donations **through December 18**. Thank you for caring! Please contact Brian Curren at bcurren@hotmail.com with any questions.



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.

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.



The **2023 Offering Envelopes** are available to be picked up on or before **December 18th** on a table in the welcome center.

The **2023 Team Lists** for greeters, ushers, nursery and offering duty will be available on Sunday, **December 18** before and after worship in the gallery. **Please contact the office if you have a change that needs to be made prior to December 18.** The lists will be emailed if you have an email address on file.



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	Second Sunday in Advent/Communion
	9:45	Sunday School (100) & Wired Word (202)
	9:45	Advent Study (Sanctuary)
MON	1:00	Women’s Guild (202)
TUES	6:30	Cub Scouts (100)
WED	9:30	Bible Study
	5:00	TOPS (100)
THUR	6:30	NA Group
	6:30	Choirs
FRI	4:30	Sunshine Class (100)
SUN	8:30 & 11	Third Sunday in Advent/Annual Budget
		Warmth
	5:00	Light Supper (100)
	6:30	X-mas Concert featuring Brass Ensemble



Meeting/Blanket Sunday/Tree of

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 96

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