

Welcome to this time of worship at
Shiloh United Church of Christ
2251 Willow Road, York, Pennsylvania 17408
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FEBRUARY 19, 2023



Our Mission Statement

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

CHILDREN’S BULLETINS and LARGE PRINT BULLETINS
are available in the Narthex.

MEDITATION

“Sorrow prepares you for joy. It violently sweeps everything out of your house, so that new joy can find space to enter. It shakes the yellow leaves from the bough of your heart, so that fresh, green leaves can grow in their place. It pulls up the rotten roots, so that new roots hidden beneath have room to grow. Whatever sorrow shakes from your heart, far better things will take their place.”

~ J. Rumi

PRELUDE

8:30 AM	<i>“Praise the Lord, His Glories Show”</i>	Paxton
11:00 AM	<i>“We Worship and Adore You”</i>	Tornquist

WELCOME AND CONCERNS

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *(Please, stand as you are able for the Call to Worship!)*

One: As God called to Moses from the mountain,
All: we are called to be God’s people.

One: As Jesus called the disciples to climb with him
to the peak of another mountain,
All: we are called to follow wherever He leads.

One: As the disciples stood in awe at the sound of God’s voice,
All: we are called to worship in wonder and praise.
Let us worship at God’s holy mountain, for the Lord our God is holy!

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

One: Let us pray!
Light of God, shine upon us this hour. We bring to you all that we are – both our strengths and weaknesses. We lift our prayers for your world in its beauty and pain. As your light once made Jesus appear radiant on a mountaintop with Moses and Elijah, transform us as we worship here, at Shiloh UCC, today. Let us encounter your Holy Spirit, undeniably present among us, that we may bear Christ’s light to a world that longs for peace and justice. In His name we pray. Amen.

*HYMN	<i>“We Have Come at Christ’s Own Bidding”</i>	#182
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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Though we want to walk with Moses and see God’s holy radiance,
All: we hide in the mist of our own desires, unable to perceive the presence of God’s grace.

One: While we want a world of justice and peace,
All: we walk in clouds of selfishness, unable to share God’s loving-kindness.

One: Though we want to follow Jesus up the mountain,
All: we cower in fear, unable to bear the light of God. Forgive us, O God. Fill us with your holiness, justice, peace and loving-kindness. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: In the blazing light of God’s grace, Jesus touches us to say, “Get up and do not be afraid.”
All: In the name of Jesus, we are forgiven. Let us rejoice and follow Him. Amen.

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

One: As we share the peace of Christ with one another, may the light of Christ shine in you always.
All: And also in you.

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 “Jesus Loves the Little Children” See Page 7

WITNESS TO OUR SACRED STORY

First Reading: Exodus 24:12-18
Second Reading: Psalm 99

MEN’S CHORUS “Soon and Very Soon” Crouch

Third Reading: Matthew 17:1-9

SERMON “The Miracle of the Moment”

*HYMN “Lord, I Want To Be a Christian” #454

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

With grateful hearts, let us offer back to God our gifts this day that others may be blessed through our giving.

*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.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

One: Let us pray!
Dear God, Source of light and love, all things belong to you. You generously share with us the blessings of home, food, friends, and life itself. Receive a portion of what you have given us in this morning’s offering. May our gifts and joyful service strengthen your church, that we may share good news and compassion with those in need. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN “In the Bulb There is a Flower” #433

BENEDICTION

One: Walk in light and truth. See the light of Christ in every face. Be the light of Christ to all you meet.
All: Amen.

POSTLUDE

8:30 AM “Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies” Paxton

11:00 AM “I Would Be True” Walter & Peek

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 Robert R. Reisinger by Randy, Deb and Tyler Reisinger.
- **THE BULLETINS** are dedicated to the glory of God and to honor the memory of Dennis Heath by Mom and family.
- **VIDEO TEAM:** Lew Wallace, Sallie Hagerman, Dani Bentzel, Reen Bentzel, Matt Hildebrecht, & Nathan Limbert.
- **LITURGIST: 8:30AM:** Brian Curren, **11:00AM:** Mary Reiber
- **USHERS: 8:30AM:** Jim & Reen Bentzel, **11:00AM:** Volunteer
- **GREETERS: 8:30AM:** Carolyn Poff & Jeanie Bentzel, **11:00AM:** Steve & Sue Besecker
- **NURSERY DUTY: 8:30AM:** Tim & Katie Bentzel **11:00AM** Linda Little
- **MUSIC:** Jessie Sechriest, Men's Chorus & Sandy Bamberger

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

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:

Morning Prayer Psalm 37:4

"Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart."

The Good News: God has limitless love for all of His servants. If you truly believe this, God will grant all of your wishes. <https://www.womansday.com/life/inspirational-stories>

Dear Lord, as we rise to meet each new day, please let us be filled with Your spirit. Wherever we go, let us spread love, joy, peace, goodness, and faithfulness. Let us desire to become more like you and to worship you in all we do. Help us desire these things so much more than the sin that entices us. Thank you for always going before us. In Jesus' Name, Amen. (Dr. Charles Stanley)

Evening Prayer Isaiah 26:3

"You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you."

O Lord our God, keep us in peace during this night and at all times. Keep our hearts and thoughts secure in holy reverence for you, so that we may be protected at all times from the snares of the enemy. And let us offer blessing and glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and unto the ages of ages. Amen. (Armenian Prayer)

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

Waldron/Myers Family, The Repman Family, The O'Donnell Family, The Roe Family, The Reiber Family, The Kinsley Family, The Garber Family

Beginning **February 26, 2023**, the first Sunday in Lent, the Sunday School will begin collecting money for **Heifer International for our Lenten Project**. Concurrently, the special Lenten offering will also go towards Heifer International. Both collections will continue thru **Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023**. Your support to this great cause is greatly appreciated. Thank you!



Beginning March 1st the **Lenten Soup and Study** group starts! The Advent Study will continue during Lent, on Wednesday evenings. (Handel's Messiah). A Light soup and bread supper will be served at 6:30PM, followed by the Lenten Study at 7:00PM. You can attend both the "soup" and "study" part, or you can just come for the "study" part. There will be sign-up sheets in the gallery. Everyone is welcome to join (even if you did NOT attend the Advent studies.) We would love to have you!

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 News 8**. If services are held, please use your best judgement as to whether you are able to attend.



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
	9:45	Sunday School (100)
	9:45	Wired Word (202)
TUES	6:30	Cub Scouts (100)
	6:30	Church Chums (Parlor)
	7:00	Quilt Club
WED	9:30	Bible Study (202)
	5:00	TOPS (100)
	7:00	Ash Wednesday Service
THUR	6:30	NA Group (100)
	6:30	Choirs
SAT	8:00	Private Event (100)
SUN	8:30 & 11	Worship/First Sunday in Lent



ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 102

THE CHURCH STAFF

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