



# 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

*“The primary purpose of prayer is not to make requests. The primary purpose is to praise, to sing, to chant. Because the essence of prayer is a song, and man cannot live without a song.”* ~ Abraham Joshua Heschel: Moral Grandeur and Spiritual Audacity: Essays

### THE PRELUDE TO CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

8:30AM. . . . . “Holy Is the Lord” . . . . . Leatherman

### WELCOME AND CONCERNS

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: It is easy to stand here in the valley of our comfort.

**All: We know what to expect and what is expected of us.**

One: But Christ calls us to the mountain top to receive a new vision.

**All: We are not sure we are ready for that.**

One: Place your hope and trust in Christ, for He is your guide.

**All: Let us open our hearts to Christ, ready for the vision he places before us. Amen.**

#### PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Lord, it seems so long ago that we heard your words at Jesus’ baptism. You reminded us that he is your beloved Son with whom you are well pleased. Again today we hear your words that we are to listen to him, to pay attention. Open our hearts this day, Lord, to hear the words of Jesus, to follow in his footsteps, and to serve You. For we ask this in Christ’s Name. Amen.

\*HYMN . . . . . “We Have Come at Christ’s Own Bidding” . . . . . #182

#### UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We want to celebrate. We don’t want to listen. We want to stay on the mountaintop with Jesus and set up a festival where everyone can come and have a good time. We want our faith to be one of entertainment. But you have called us to “Listen to Him!” You have asked us to be ready for the journey. We cannot stay where we are, comfortable and snuggled down in the familiar. There is much to be done. Forgive us, O God, when we are stubborn and willful. Remind us that you are with us, wherever we are. You call us from the mountaintop to go to the valley where this is struggle and strife; where healing is needed. Prepare us for the journey, Almighty God. Help us to listen to you. Heal us, Holy Spirit. For we ask this in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

#### WORDS of ASSURANCE

We worship a forgiving God, whose mercy is never ending, whose heart abounds in steadfast love. Because of the love of Jesus Christ, nothing can separate us from the love of God. **Amen.**

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

In the face of a stranger, in the greeting of a friend, we see our Lord, Jesus Christ. In the love of Christ, welcome those around you today.

The peace of God be with you.

**And also with you.**

**CHILDREN’S TIME**

*All children (including infants) and youth who desire to come forward for the Children’s Sermon are welcomed and encouraged to do so. Parent’s/ caregivers are welcome to accompany their child during the children’s message.*

**\*HYMN** .....“More Love, More Power” .....See Insert

**WITNESS TO OUR SACRED STORY**

Exodus 34:29-35  
Psalm 99

**8:30AM CHANCEL CHOIR** .....“Gracious Spirit Dwell With Me” ..... Arr. Scott

Gospel Reading: Luke 9:28-36

**SERMON** ..... “Fully Awake”

**\*HYMN** .....“God, Speak to Me” (Vs. 1 & 3) ..... #531

**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**

In days of old, God was seen as far from the people. But we know Christ, and in him we know God. When we share what we have out of love, our hearts grow closer to God, and we shine with Christ’s glory. Let us offer our gifts to God today.

**\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE** “Doxology” ..... # 780

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, You heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Generous God, it is through your mercy that we have this ministry— the ministry of our talents and treasure, the ministry of our passion and purpose. Strengthen our hearts for your service, and accept the grateful offerings we lay before you. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN** .....“God Be with You”(Vs. 1 & 4)..... #81

**BENEDICTION**

Led by the Spirit, go forth in God’s love.  
Illumined by the Spirit, shine with Christ’s light.  
Our worship concludes; our service continues.  
**All: Amen.**

**POSTLUDE**

**8:30AM** .....“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies” .....Peterson

***WE ARE DELIGHTED THAT YOU JOINED US FOR WORSHIP TODAY!***

- **THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented to the glory of God and in honor of our family's February birthday's by the Reisinger family.
- **THE CHANCEL FLOWERS** are presented to the glory of God and in memory of Dennis Heath with love, Mom and family.
- **ACOLYTE: 8:30AM** Carol Burns **11:00AM** Lily Fahnestock  
*We are in search of additional Acolytes for both services. Please contact Carol Burns at 717-792-3796 if you are interested.*
- **LITURGIST: 8:30AM:** Carol Burns **11:00AM:** Robert Limbert  
*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:** Jim, Reen & Joshua Bentzel **11:00AM:** Helen & Dick Hodgson
- **GREETERS: 8:30AM** Jackie Taft **11:00AM:** Sue Besecker
- **NURSERY DUTY: 8:30AM** Volunteer **11:00AM** Linda Little
- **MUSIC: 8:30AM** Sandy Bamberger & Chancel Choir **11:00AM** Donna Seifarth and Nathan Limbert
- **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!**

#### PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

Chuck and Sandy Baboian, Julene Bechtel, Jim Sr. and Rosemary Bentzel, Rosabel Bentzel, Joyce Bowers, Oscar Bupp, Uble & Nan Frost, Mark Garber, Beverly Hoak, Bev Kirk, Donna Krone, Dottie Limbert, Catherine Lochman, Marguerite Lochman, Arlene Myers, Joanne Overmiller, Randy Reisinger, Cindy Repman, Jessie Sechriest, Gladys Seigman, Sue Trimble, Stewart Wagner, Elva Winter

#### THOSE WHO GRIEVE FOR THEIR LOVED ONES

The Jordan Family, The Hohenshilt/Jordan Family, The Rodgers Family, The Matthews/Curren Family, The Myers Family, The Keith Family, The Anstein Family, The Wagner Family, The Heath Family

#### PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:

**Morning Prayer** (<https://dailyprayer.us/prayers/morning.php>; From a poem by Ralph Waldo Emerson)

*"For Each New Morning"*

For each new morning with its light,  
 For rest and shelter of the night,  
 For health and food,  
 For love and friends,  
 For everything Thy goodness sends.  
 I thank thee.  
 Amen.



**Evening Prayer** (<https://dailyprayer.us/prayers/evening.php>)

Heavenly Father, to your goodness I commend myself this night, humbly asking for your protection through its darkness and dangers. I am helpless and dependent; graciously preserve me. For all whom I love and value, for every friend and connection, I equally pray; however, divided and far asunder, I know that we are alike before you, and under your eye. May we be equally united in faith and fear, in fervent devotion towards you, and in your merciful protection this night. Accept my prayers through the mediation of our blessed savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.



The **Women's Guild** will be meeting **March 7** at 1:00 pm in room 202. The program will be from our study book **Leading a Life of Balance. Chapter Two: Balancing Time and Responsibilities.** Pat Roth will be leading this chapter. *We invite all women of the church to join us at any time.*

Zook's is having a Homemade Meat Pie sale to benefit the **Friends of Limon and our missionaries Sally and Crosby Johnston**. Orders will be taken through **Sunday, February 27 and may be picked up on Thursday, March 17 between 4-6 p.m. in room 100**. Order blanks will also be available in the gallery for your convenience. Please pay when submitting your order. Any questions may be directed to Marsha Reiber.



### GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP



Pastor Melinda would like to start a **grief group in March**, at the beginning of Lent. Please let her know if you, a family member or a friend is interested in joining it. The group will follow the book called "Good Grief" by Granger Westberg that goes through the stages of grief and helps us integrate a painful loss into our daily lives. You can never "get over" losing someone, but you can still live a meaningful life, filled with hope, joy, and love. If you have any questions about the group, please call the office or Pastor Melinda.

Due the decreasing volume of Covid 19 cases in York County, starting **March 6th**, mask wearing in the church will be voluntary for fully vaccinated people. If you are not fully vaccinated, please continue wearing a mask in the church. We will continue to practice social distancing at this time. The Consistory will continue to monitor the York County numbers to determine our next steps.



Please join us during the Sunday School hour for an eight week **"Journey Through the Psalms"**. The class will begin on **March 6th in Room 202 from 9:45 to 10:45**. The Psalms teach us that there are many different kinds of prayer and ways to pray to God. The Psalms remind us that faith includes struggle and doubt as well as gratitude and celebration. The course will feature eight video lessons by Dr Denise Dombrowski Hopkins plus small group discussion and activity.

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.



**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.

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



### INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

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.

*"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 & 11:00	<b>Worship/Transfiguration Sunday</b>
	9:30	Visitation Team Meeting (202)
	9:45	Sunday School
	6:00	Confirmation Class (202)
TUES	6:30	Cub Scouts (100)
WED	9:30	Bible Study (202)
	5:30	Tops (100)
	7:00	Ash Wednesday Service
THUR	10:30	Shiloh Home Ec (202)
	5:00	ELC Board Meeting (100)
	6:30	NA Group (100)
	6:30	Choirs
SAT	12:00	Private Event (100)
SUN	8:30 & 11:00	<b>Worship/Communion</b>



ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 97

8:30 SERVICE: 67

11:00 SERVICE: 30

**THE CHURCH STAFF**

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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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