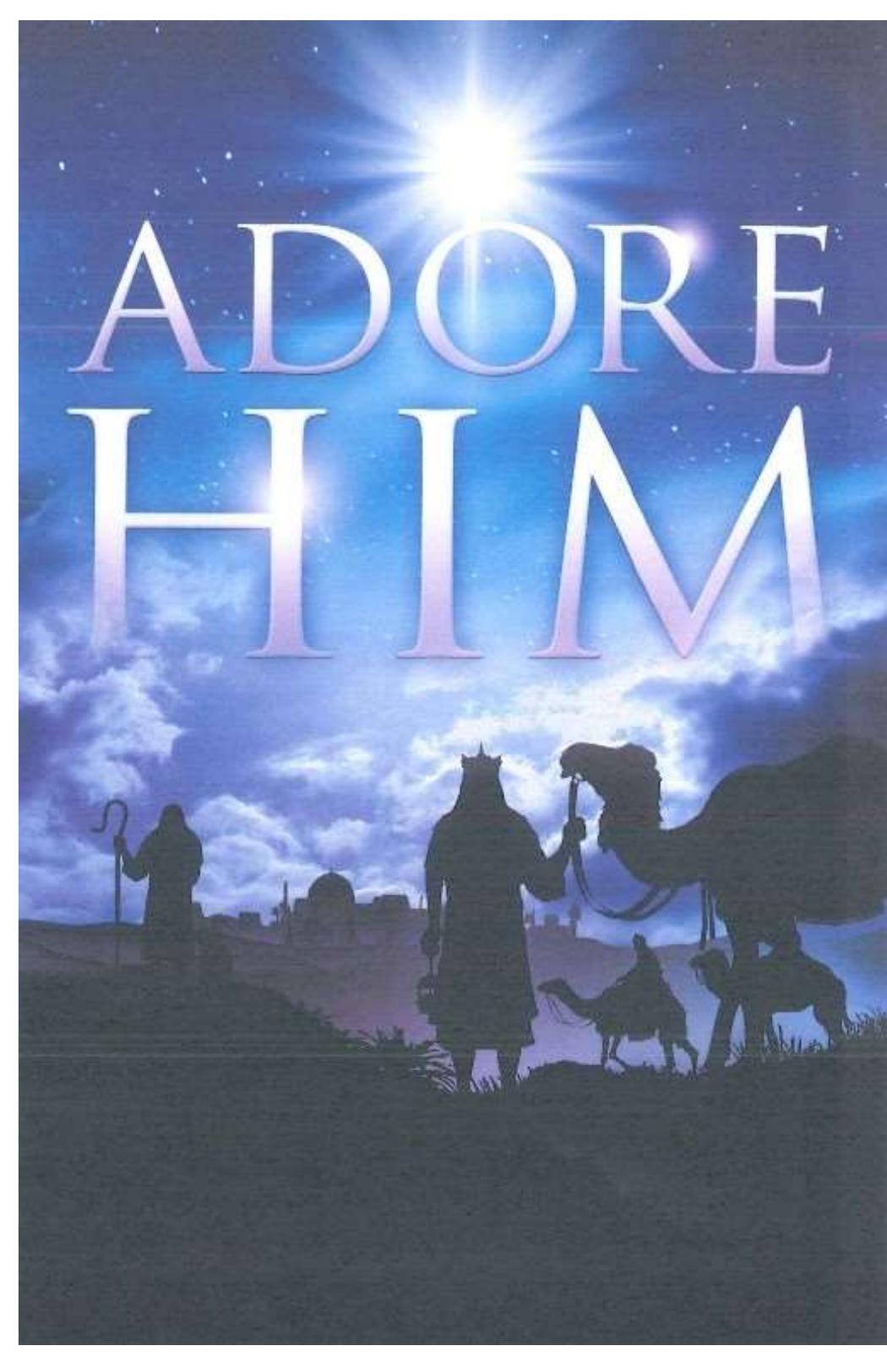


WELCOME TO SHILOH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
NEW YEAR'S DAY WORSHIP SERVICE
JANUARY 1, 2023
10:00AM



ADORE
HIM

MEDITATION

The only journey is the one within.

~ Rainer Maria Rilke

THE PRELUDE TO CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

"Ring Out the Old, Ring in the New"

Williams

WELCOME AND CONCERNS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: The magi came from distant places, following a star.

All: We come to worship, and the star sheds light on our lives.

One: The magi brought gifts to offer the Child.

All: We too bring gifts: ourselves, our hopes, and our dreams. Let us worship our God!

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

One: Let us pray!

God of light, your good news has been emblazoned across the skies, the great starry night of Jesus' birth, sung by angels, celebrated by shepherds, witnessed by animals. You have given us a new chance, a reminder of your everlasting love for us. Be with us in this time of worship, we pray. Guide our thoughts, our lives, and our spirits. Heal us and restore us. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

***HYMN** *"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"*

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Let us pray!

Gracious God, we come to you on the first day of a new year, exhausted from all the activities of the season. It seems that we spend so much energy, time, and resources in preparation, and then when it is over, we collapse. We wonder what happened to all the enthusiasm we had. Lord, forgive us for placing our energies in getting and gathering. Give us strength to renew our commitment to you. Remind us again to look around at the many ways in which we can be of service to you by serving others. Help us move forward in our compassion and not collapse in our witness. Heal us, merciful God, for we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

➤ **THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of my grandparents, Annie and Melvin Latchaw and my aunt and uncle, Charlotte and Ken Dittenhafer by Connie Redman.

➤ **THE BULLETINS** are presented to the glory of God and in honor of the faithful members and dedicated volunteers at Shiloh UCC by Jane Harrison.

➤ **LITURGIST:** Jeanie Bentzel

➤ **USHERS:** Patti Goodyear & Sara Jacoby

➤ **GREETERS:** Milton & Beverly Hoak

➤ **MUSIC:** Chancel Choir, Sandy Bamberger

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

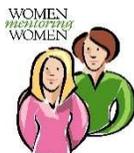
PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

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 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.*



Morning Prayer Psalms 118:24 (New Living Translation)

This is the day the LORD has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it.

Dear Lord, I don't know who or what will cross my path today. But I do know that you are my Rock and my Fortress. You are my Shield and my Strong Tower. Help me to anchor myself to you today. Teach me how to stand strong in you and choose only your way today. Help me walk by your truth and not my feelings. Help me to embrace anything that comes my way as an opportunity to see you at work and as an opportunity to point others to you. Thank you that you love me and nothing can ever take that away from me! Even if I fail today and fall short, you whisper your unconditional love deep into my soul and remind me that your mercies are new every morning. That truly amazes me, Lord. Thank you for meeting with me today. Would you wake me again tomorrow with the same sweet whisper of your love? I can't wait to meet with you again. In Jesus' name, amen. (Written by Wendy Blight)

Evening Prayer 1 Peter 5:7 *"Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you."*

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. As I close my eyes tonight, I'm praying for loved ones around me, for friends and those who need to know you, Lord. I'm praying that your love, like the billions of stars in the night sky outside, will touch them and help them see who you really are. I pray for our world and those in it. I pray for their needs as well as my own. ... May your protection and your presence bathe this place with peace and safety against the enemy. In Jesus's name. Amen. (Written by Rebecca Barlow Jordan)





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

2023 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.

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	10:00	Worship/Epiphany/New Year's Day Pork/Sauerkraut Meal (100)	
MON		OFFICE CLOSED	
	9:00	ELC Staff (100)	
	1:00	Women's Guild (202)	
TUES	6:30	Cub Scouts (100)	
WED	9:30	Bible Study (202)	
	5:00	TOPS (100)	
	7:00	Consistory Retreat (100)	
THUR	10:30	Shiloh Home Ec (202)	
	6:30	NA Group (100)	
	6:30	Choirs	
SUN	8:30 & 11	Worship/Communion/Installation of Consistory	

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 179
CHRISTMAS EVE – 139, CHRISTMAS DAY – 40

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