

*Welcome to this time of worship at*  
**Shiloh United Church of Christ**

2251 Willow Road, York, Pennsylvania 17408

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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.”*

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

**MEDITATION**

*“Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness.”*

*~ Desmond Tutu*

**PRELUDE**

**8:30 AM**

*“All The Way My Savior Leads Me”*

Southbridge

**11:00 AM**

*“I Give All to You”*

Harris & Tornquist

**WELCOME AND CONCERNS**

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

One: The Lord is our light and our salvation!

**All: Why should we be afraid?**

One: The Lord is the stronghold of our life!

**All: What have we to fear?**

One: Let us sing to God with joy!

**All: Let us sing and make music before the Lord! Let us worship God together!**

**\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

One: Let us pray!

**Light of the world, Gentle Christ, shine upon us this day. Break through the clouds of selfishness that separate us from one another, that we may worship you as one holy community. May we be One, with each other, and all of God’s people. Guide our steps that we may walk in your light, and share it with everyone on our journey. In your name we pray. Amen.**

**\*HYMN**

*“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”*

#43

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: Let us pray!

**God of light,  
we live in the darkness of despair:  
worried about our lives,  
concerned for our health,  
fearful that we are lost.**

**The yoke of our burdens lies heavy upon us:  
our unwillingness to forgive,  
our fears of one another,  
our reluctance to share what we have,  
our divisions and quarrels.  
We long to turn from the dark  
and live in the light.  
We yearn to leave what is evil  
and follow the paths of righteousness.  
Shine the light of your love upon us  
and transform us with your love,  
that your promised realm may draw near. Amen.**

#### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

The light of God's love  
shines into the dark places of our world,  
healing its brokenness,  
and bringing hope to places of despair.  
The light of God's love  
makes us a forgiven people.  
Thanks be to God!

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

One: The light of Christ shines brightly in the darkened places of our lives, bringing healing and hope. The light of Christ shines brightly in the faces of our neighbors. Look for that light as we share Christ's peace.

The peace of God be with you.  
**All: And also with 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 Me" #327

#### WITNESS TO OUR SACRED STORY

First Reading: Isaiah 9:1-4  
Second Reading: Psalm 27:1, 4-9

8:30 & 11:00AM JESSIE SECHRIEST ON PIANO

"We Shall Behold Him" Rambo & Tornquist

Third Reading: Matthew 4:12-23

SERMON "Called to Follow Christ"

\*HYMN "You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore" #173

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

Beside the lakeshore, long ago, Jesus called to his disciples: "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people!" Jesus calls to us today: "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." The ministry begun by the Sea of Galilee continues in our day when we proclaim the good news of God's love. United in mind and vision, let us give toward the ministries of Shiloh UCC 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

One: Let us pray!  
**With these gifts, Gracious God, we ask you to bring justice to the oppressed, food to the hungry, and peace to those who live in conflict. May the ministry of Shiloh UCC reach lives that hunger for You. Bless us and bless these gifts, that your light may shine into places shadowed by despair. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:**

\*CLOSING HYMN                      *“Be Not Dismayed”*                      #460

**BENEDICTION**

One: Go forth, with the light of Christ in your hearts.  
All: **Christ is our light. Christ leads us forward.**

One: Go forth to follow Christ and lead others to the light.  
All: **With Christ in our hearts, we will bring the light into the world. Amen.**

**POSTLUDE**

**8:30 AM**                      *“Light of the World”*                      Ritter  
**11:00 AM**                      *“Jesus Loves Me”*                      Bradbury & Tornquist

**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 Sue’s mother, Thelma Deveney by Sue and Rick Trimble.
- **VIDEO TEAM:** Lew Wallace, Sallie Hagerman, Dani Bentzel, Reen Bentzel, Matt Hildebrecht, & Nathan Limbert.
- **LITURGIST:** **8:30AM:** Milton Hoak, **11:00AM:** Tom Klunk
- **USHERS:** **8:30AM:** Jack & Diane Jordan, **11:00AM:** Volunteer
- **GREETERS:** **8:30AM:** Sally & Brian Curren, **11:00AM:** Steve & Sue Besecker
- **NURSERY DUTY:** **8:30AM:** John Reiber **11:00AM** Linda Little
- **MUSIC:** Jessie Sechriest, Sandy Bamberger

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

**Morning Prayer** (By Debbie Przybylski)

Gracious God, as we begin a new day, help us to engage your will with a reckless faith. Teach us to trust in you, and help us grow in righteousness. Lord, give us the courage to step out in faith this day. Fill our hearts with your Holy Spirit, and let us speak your words with pride

**Evening Prayer** (Rachel Wojo)

Dear Father,  
I can’t sleep.  
I’m tossing and turning.  
Again.  
I’m so thankful You never grow weary  
And You never sleep.  
I’m thankful that You are here with me right now,  
Even when my mind won’t stop churning  
And my head won’t stop spinning.  
Even when I know that worrying gets me nowhere  
And my heart needs to rely on You.  
I need You — the Good Shepherd —  
Because counting sheep just doesn’t work.  
Would you comfort my heart as only You can?  
Will you rescue me from my own spiral of thoughts?  
For I know that when I rest in You,  
peace like a river overflows my soul and  
I can praise You in advance for sweet rest.  
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 Hoppole, 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 Waddell/Bentzel Family, The Waldron/Myers Family, The Repman Family, The O’Donnell Family, The Roe Family



It's back! The Consistory is inviting you to join us for the Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 29, 2023. A pot-luck dinner will begin at 12:30 PM followed by the meeting at 1:30 PM. There will be a review of the annual report and a vote for changes to the by-laws. Of course, there will be plenty of delicious food to enjoy! Place settings and beverages will be provided. A sign-up sheet will be in the gallery for this event. Please plan to join us for an afternoon of fellowship, good food, and an informative meeting. Annual reports will be available in the gallery by **January 22<sup>nd</sup>**.

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.



**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. The following dates are still available for sponsorship: **December 11**.

*"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	<b>Worship</b>
	9:45	Sunday School (100)
	9:45	Wired Word (202)
TUES	6:30	Cub Scouts (100)
WED	9:30	Bible Study (202)
	11:00	Staff Meeting (202)
	5:00	TOPS (100)
	7:00	Visioning Meeting (100)
THUR	6:30	NA Group (100)
	6:30	Choirs
SAT	10:00	Private Event (100)
SUN	8:30 & 11	<b>Worship/Annual Congregational Meeting</b>



**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 103**

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