

BE JOYFUL  
IN

*hope...*

FAITHFUL IN

*prayer.*

ROMANS 12:12 (NIV)



**Welcome to Shiloh United Church of Christ**  
**Third Sunday After the Epiphany**  
**January 25<sup>th</sup> 2026 @ 10:00AM**

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

**PRELUDE** *“If You But Trust in God to Guide You”* Limbaugh

**WELCOME AND CONCERNS**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** *(Please, stand if you are able!)*

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**

One: 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.

**All: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

## **EXCHANGING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

One: Let us greet each other in Christian Friendship.  
The peace of God be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

## **PUPPET MINISTRY**

*(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.)*

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR**                    *"This Little Light of Mine"*

## **WITNESS TO OUR SACRED STORY**

First Reading: Isaiah 9:1-4

Second Reading: Psalm 27:1,4-9

**CHANCEL CHOIR**                    *"No Turning Back"*                    Besig

Third Reading: Matthew 4:12-23

**SERMON**                                *"Follow Jesus!"*                                **Pastor Melinda**

**\*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 OFFERING 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.**

**\*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**      “*Rise Up and Serve the Lord*”      *Harris*

---

**THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPPING WITH US TODAY!  
PLEASE COME AGAIN SOON!**

## PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK

### **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**

Sandy Baboian, Julene Bechtel, Jim Sr. and Rosemary Bentzel, Rosabel Bentzel, Helen Byers, Judy Feeser, Dick & Helen Hodgson, Joe Jordan, Bev Kirk, Donna Krone, Elaine Krout, Dottie Limbert, Catherine Lochman, Arlene Myers, Charlotte Rohrbaugh, Cedric Simpson, Steve Snyder, Rick & Sue Trimble, Romaine Walton, Elva Winter, Gloria Melhorn, Noah Olschefski, Fay Myers



## **THOSE WHO GRIEVE FOR THEIR LOVED ONES**

The Althoff Family, The Mummert Family



**WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF THE VOLUNTEERS  
AND MUSICIANS WHO CONTRIBUTED  
TO THE WORSHIP SERVICE!**

**VIDEO TEAM:** Lew Wallace, Sallie Hagerman, Dani Bentzel

**LITURGIST:** Nate Limbert

**GREETERS:** Lisa and Kevan Stough

**USHER:** Sally Curren

**NURSERY:** Tim and Katie Bentzel

**COFFEE CONNECTIONS:** Cheryl Hershey

**"Follow me,  
and I will  
make you fish  
for people."**



---

*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 | <b>Worship</b>                         |
|      | 8:45  | Wired Word (124) & Sunday School (202) |
|      | 9:15  | Coffee Connections (gallery)           |
| MON  | 5:30  | Gospel Choir (100)                     |
| TUES | 6:00  | Cub Scouts (100)                       |
|      | 8:00  | Men's Chorus                           |
| WED  | 9:30  | Bible Study (202)                      |
|      | 5:00  | TOPS (202)                             |
| THUR | 6:30  | Choirs                                 |
|      | 6:30  | NA Group (100)                         |
| SUN  | 10:00 | <b>Worship</b>                         |

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 50**

## THE CHURCH STAFF

|  |  |
|--|--|
| <b>Pastor</b>                                | <i>Rev. Melinda LaMontagne, Ph.D.</i>  |
| <b>Email</b>                                 | <a href="mailto:pastormelinda@shilohuccyorkpa.org">pastormelinda@shilohuccyorkpa.org</a>                   |
| <b>Phone</b>                                 | 717-764-3569   |
| <b>Pastor Melinda office hours:</b>          | <b>Tues., Wed. and Thurs. 9AM-1PM</b>  |
| <b>Director of Music</b>                     | Stephanie Limbert  |
| <b>Organist</b>                              | Sandra Bamberger   |
| <b>Family and Youth Ministry Coordinator</b> | Brandi Shoff   |
| <b>Email</b>                                 | <a href="mailto:FamilyandYouthMinistry@shilohuccyorkpa.org">FamilyandYouthMinistry@shilohuccyorkpa.org</a> |
| <b>Missionaries in Costa Rica</b>            | Sally Jane and Crosby Johnson  |
| <b>Early Learning Center Director</b>        | Allison Hartnett   |
| <b>Admin Assistant</b>                       | Courtney Olschefski  |
| <b>Office Email</b>                          | <a href="mailto:office@shilohuccyorkpa.org">office@shilohuccyorkpa.org</a>                                 |
| <b>Website:</b>                              | <a href="http://www.shilohuccyorkpa.org">www.shilohuccyorkpa.org</a>                                       |
|  | <a href="http://www.facebook.com/shilohuccyorkpa">www.facebook.com/shilohuccyorkpa</a>                     |



Find us on  
**Facebook**