



*God is the strength
of my heart, and my
portion for ever.*

PSALM 73:26

**WELCOME TO SHILOH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
WORSHIP SERVICE
JANUARY 28, 2024
8:30AM AND 11:00AM**

MEDITATION

"We need to find God, and he cannot be found in noise and restlessness. God is the friend of silence. See how nature - trees, flowers, grass- grows in silence; see the stars, the moon and the sun, how they move in silence... We need silence to be able to touch souls."

- Mother Teresa

PRELUDE

"Trusting Jesus"

Loree

WELCOME AND CONCERNS

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

One: Listen, Christ is teaching.

All: We sit at the feet of our teacher.

One: Listen, the teaching of Christ sets us free.

All: We sit at the feet of our teacher.

One: Listen to Christ's teaching, full of power and authority.

All: We sit at the feet of our teacher. Let us worship our powerful God!

***UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

One: Let us pray!

**God of power and might,
you sent prophets to your people,
calling us back to your covenant,
and teaching us your ways.**

**In the fullness of time,
you sent us your Son Jesus,
teaching with such authority,
that our eyes were opened
to see your ways anew.**

**Open our hearts and minds,
that we may understand
and proclaim your teachings
for all to hear.**

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We think we know so much, O God, and with our meager knowledge we presume to judge others. We arrogantly announce our own righteousness, without a compassionate thought. Help us, merciful God, to listen to you again. Help us, to truly open our hearts to you. Remind us of your great love and presence. Forgive us our foolishness and our stubbornness. Create in us new spirits, filled with your love, offering peace and hope to all. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: Quiet your hearts, beloved of God, for God is speaking to you with love. Rest your spirits, struggling ones, for God will surround you with peace. Open your lives to God's power and presence and do not be afraid. All: God is with us, now and for all time. Amen.

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

One: Let us greet one another with a sign of God's peace. The peace of Christ be with you. All: And also with you.

CHILDREN'S SERMON (All children and youth who desire to come forward for the Children's Sermon are welcomed. Parent's/caregivers are welcome to accompany their child during the children's message.)

WITNESS TO OUR SACRED STORY

First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20
Second Reading: Psalm 111

Third Reading: Mark 1:21-28

PASTORAL PRAYER

SILENT 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

All of us have our thresholds – places beyond which it can be so difficult to move. For many of us, generous giving represents such a threshold. Some of us have given in the same way – sometimes even giving the same amount – as we did when we were little children. Some of us have never given before. Some of us want to give, but have no idea how.

Giving takes so many shapes – but, like any spiritual discipline, the key is for that gift to grow. We grow in our knowledge of God; we grow in our faith. If we aren't already, may we not seek to grow in our giving, as well? In the time we give? In the money we give? In the love we give?

Let us ponder this growth; and may God shine God's light across the threshold so that nothing can hold us back from this growth. Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God in gratitude and praise.

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!
Gracious God, from your generous hands, we receive all that we need, and more than we dare to ask. In gratitude, we return to you a token of your gifts to us. Grant that these gifts, and we ourselves, may be used in service toward all whom you love, that your graciousness may be known by all. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

BENEDICTION

One: May God bless you and keep you;
may God's face shine upon you and be gracious unto you;
may God look upon you with favor
and grant you wholeness, harmony, hope, and shalom, now and always.

All: Our worship concludes; our service continues.

One: God's Word is within you; now go in peace.

All: Amen.

POSTLUDE *"Jesus King Most Wonderful"* Birchwood

WE ARE DELIGHTED THAT YOU JOINED US FOR WORSHIP TODAY!

- **THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented to the glory of God by Judy Clark.
- **VIDEO TEAM:** Lew Wallace, Sallie Hagerman, Dani Bentzel, Matt Hildebrecht, & Nathan Limbert.
- **LITURGIST: 8:30AM:** Brad Jacobs **11:00 AM:** Linda Little
- **GREETERS: 8:30AM** Sara Jacoby & Joyce Bowers **11:00AM:** Shirley Lohmann & Joyce Mummert
- **NURSERY: 8:30AM:** Tim & Katie Bentzel **11:00AM** Jessie Sechriest
- **MUSIC:** Chancel Choir, Sandy Bamberger

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



In the event of inclement weather, any delays or closings will be listed on the **Church's Website and Facebook page**. We will also submit the information to **Fox 43 News and WGAL New 8**. If services are held, please use your best judgement as to whether you are able to attend.

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.



PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:

Morning Prayer (abide.com)

Dear God, everywhere I walk, let it be on your path.
Everything I see, let it be through your eyes.
Everything I do, let it be your will.
For every hardship I face, let me place it in your hands.
Every emotion I feel, let it be your Spirit moving in me.
Everything I seek, let me find it in your love.
My dear God, I thank you for this day.
I ask not to know where I am going.
But only to know and feel
in the depths of my heart and soul
that you are with me,
that You are guiding me,
that I am safe in the protection of your loving care.
In Jesus' name, I offer myself to you. Amen.

Evening Prayer (Inspired by a prayer on hallow.com)

I retreat to You, Heavenly Father, as the end of my day draws near. My day was not easy—they rarely are. But I take comfort in looking back at my day and recognizing Your presence and love beside me. Thank You for always being near to me. Stay with me tonight. Give me sweet dreams and peace. I pray with thanksgiving in Jesus' holy name. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

Sandy Baboian, Julene Bechtel, Jim Sr. and Rosemary Bentzel, Rosabel Bentzel, Marvel Burg, Helen Byers, Gerry Funkhouser, Joe Jordan, Bev Kirk, Donna Krone, Elaine Krout, Dottie Limbert, Catherine Lochman, Arlene Myers, Joanne Overmiller, Randy Reisinger, Donna Robertson, Charlotte Rohrbaugh, Cedric Simpson, Stewart Wagner, Romaine Walton, Elva Winter

THOSE WHO GRIEVE FOR THEIR LOVED ONES

The Bechtel Family; The Geesey Family; The Shaffer Family, The LaMontagne/Boros Family



I would like to thank the members, friends and especially the Consistory of Shiloh UCC for all the kind sympathy cards, flowers and words after my Mom passed away. I am very grateful for all your love and support.

Blessings, Pastor Melinda

It's that time of year to warm up with a nice cup of **coffee** from **Costa Rica!** A new shipment has come in and it includes decaffeinated coffee as well as whole coffee beans for a fresh grind! Please contact Linda Little if interested at 717-309-4523



The **Women's Guild** will be meeting **Monday, February 5, at 1:00 pm in room 202.** The program will be from our study book **Encouraging One Another, Chapter Ten: Where It's Needed Most.** Joyce Mummert will be leading this chapter. Special offering this month is for Sally Jane Johnson. *We invite all women of the church to join us at any time.*

The next **Shiloh UCC Men's Breakfast** will be held on **Tuesday, February 13th at 8:30 am** at **Astoria Diner located at 1900 W. Market St.** Contact Brad Jacobs at 717-764-2773 or bcj402@verizon.net for more information.



The **Women's Social and Support Group** will meet for lunch at **West Manchester Cafe** on **Friday, February 16th at 12:00pm.** Please contact Berty Lighty at 717-764-3063 by **February 12** if you plan to attend.

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
	12:15	Potluck meal (100)
	1:15	Annual meeting
TUES	6:30	Cub Scouts (100)
	7:00	Outreach (202)
WED	9:30	Bible Study
	5:00	TOPS (117)
THUR	5:00	ELC Board (202)
	6:30	NA Group (100)
	6:30	Choirs
SUN	8:30 & 11	Worship/Communion



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

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 91

THE CHURCH STAFF

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The Visioning committee continues to meet and will be reviewing surveys from the ELC parents. As we work on the issue of reaching more families with young children, we need all of Shiloh's help and support. This is a follow up to the video from the Lewis Center we shared last fall. Also we have recommended and the Consistory has approved a new Vision statement which reads

"Shiloh UCC is called to be a community where love is affirmed, truth is told, laughter, and tears are encouraged to be shared, and the acceptance and peace of the Lord Jesus Christ is extended to all. The members of this community will strive to live a life that has a Christ centered faith in God."

Some suggestions to carry out a plan of action to address our major focus are and fulfill our vision are:

- *Pray for the Pastor and the members of the Consistory
- *Always support the Pastor in front of others (if you have a concern go to the Church and Ministry Committee or if comfortable go directly to the Pastor).
- *Be a team player. The church is a *community* not an *individual*. You may not agree with everyone or everything but the purpose of the church is not to try to please you. It is to spread the word of God.
- *Get involved in the small groups that meet and / or volunteer for one of the many committees that meet.
- *Bring your children or grandchildren to church.
- *Invite your neighborhood children to church.
- *Volunteer to help the Church Chums which is a group that has events for families and young children.

*Thank you for your time and consideration.
The Visioning Committee*

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