

# REMEMBERING HIS

# Sacrifice

FOR WHENEVER YOU  
EAT THIS BREAD AND  
DRINK THIS CUP,  
YOU PROCLAIM THE  
LORD'S DEATH  
UNTIL HE COMES.

1 CORINTHIANS 11:26 (NIV)



**Welcome to Shiloh United Church of Christ**  
**Worship and Communion Service**  
**January 8, 2023**  
**8:30AM and 11:00AM**

## MEDITATION

*“So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.”*

*(Galatians 3:26-28)*

## PRELUDE

**8:30AM**     *“Alleluia, Lord Most High!”*     Taylor  
**11:00AM**     *“Mary Did You Know?/Away in a Manger”*     Arr. Hamme

## WELCOME AND CONCERNS

### INSTALLATION OF CONSISTORY AND ORDINATION OF NEW DEACONS

Pastor: Let us remember the model of leadership provided by our Lord, who came not to be served, but to serve, and who said to his disciples, “Whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whosoever would be first among you must be slave of all.”

**Consistory: In Christ’s name and by his grace we accept our mission of witness and service to all people.**

Pastor: Let us remember the unity that God has given us: one body, one spirit, one hope of our calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Creator of all, over all, through all, and in all.

**Consistory: We rejoice in God, maker of heaven and earth, and in the covenant of love which binds us to God and to one another.**

Pastor: Let us remember the church we are chosen to serve using the gifts with which we are equipped “for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.”

## ACT OF ORDINATION

Pastor: The laying on of hands is the symbolic act whereby the church in every age recognizes God's call to ministry in the lives of faithful men and women and asks the Holy Spirit to confer upon you *Carolyn Poff*, for the position of deacon.

### *Laying on of Hands*

Pastor: May the Holy Spirit strengthen you for the ministry of deacon in Christ's church and equip you with everything good to do God's will. Receive authority to execute your office in the name of Christ.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: And now do you all gladly accept the duties of members of the consistory to which you have been elected, and do you promise to fulfill those duties?

**Consistory: I do, the Lord being my helper.**

Pastor: Do you, members of Shiloh UCC, agree to encourage these Elders and Deacons and respect their decisions, as together we seek to witness to Jesus Christ?

**People: We do.**

Pastor: Let us pray,

**People: We thank you, God, for these who have accepted special servant roles in the life of Shiloh UCC. We are blessed by the gifts they are willing to share in our mutual ministry. Preserve the resolve each of these servants has at this moment. We pray in the name of our Lord Jesus, Christ. Amen.**

Pastor: May the Holy Spirit strengthen you for the ministry of *deacon and elder* in Christ's church and equip you with everything good to do God's will. Receive authority to execute the office of deacon or elder in the name of Christ. Amen.

## 2023 CONSISTORY

### ELDERS

Norina Bentzel  
Sallie Hagerman  
Jane Harrison  
Jeff Hershey  
Matt Hildebrecht  
Nathan Limbert

### DEACONS

Dani Bentzel  
Judith Clark  
Carolyn Poff

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In the beginning, God separated the darkness and the light. God called the Light "Day" and the Darkness "Night".

**All: We were once people who dwelled in darkness, but God has given us the true Light, Jesus Christ.**

One: God has blessed us and adopted us as God's own beloved children, through the sacrament of Baptism.

**All: The water of baptism brings to us healing and reconciliation; it is a symbol of nourishment and cleansing.**

One: Today we remember Jesus' Baptism.

**All: As we hear the words of his baptism, let us be reminded of our own adoption by God and celebrate the joyous connection to the Almighty God.**

## \*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

One: Let us pray!

**Gracious God, we come to this time and place to be with you, to worship you, and to learn from you. We thank you that you claim us, that you wash us, strengthen us, and guide us, that you empower us to live a life worthy of our calling. In the way of Jesus, make us as water in a dry and thirsty world. Establish us to be places of refreshment. Root us and nurture us in love, that with all your people we may rightly and justly serve you. Fill us with your fullness that our lives may overflow with service and love. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

## \*HYMN

*"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"*

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## CHILDREN'S SERMON

*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

*"This Little Light of Mine" (Vs. 1-3)*

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## WITNESS TO OUR SACRED STORY

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9

Second Reading: Psalm 29

SPECIAL MUSIC: HANDBELL CHOIR

Third Reading: Matthew 3:13-17

SERMON "I am Proud of You"

\*HYMN "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" #293

PASTORAL PRAYER

SILENT PRAYER

THE LORDS 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

Just as the waters of the earth are abundant and full of life, so are the blessings God pours upon us daily. Let us now joyfully offer our tithes, pledges, and offerings with the hope that they may enable others to feel immersed in God's love.

\*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!  
Holy God, thank you for making each of us a beloved child in your great family. You guide us by your Spirit to the way of life. Through your grace, we have enough to share with our neighbors who are in need. May these offerings bring your kindness to strangers. We pray through Christ, who loved us and gave himself as a fragrant offering and sacrifice while we were yet strangers. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION  
(All are welcome to partake of communion)

COMMUNION HYMN "We Are People on a Journey" #340

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #887

Leader: We are not alone; we live in Gods' world.  
People: We believe in God: Who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, The Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

INVITATION

One: Jesus Christ said: I am the bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger; you who believe in me shall never thirst.  
All: In company with all who hunger for spiritual food, we come to this table to know the risen Christ in the sharing of this life-giving bread.

One: This table is for all Christians who wish to know the presence of Christ and to share in the community of God's people.

CONFESSION OF SIN

One: Let us pray!  
All: We are incredibly stubborn, O Lord. We have entered the season in which Your Light has been given to the world, your blessings have been poured out on the world, and yet all we can think about is our own problems, our own needs, and our own desires. Help us to desire you, O God. Help us to yearn for your presence. Pour your baptismal waters over us again, cleansing us from our self-pity and arrogance. Nourish and heal us so that we may joyfully serve you. Wash away our jealousy, greed, and all negative thoughts that stand in the way of our truly being the people you have called us to be. Again let us receive the blessings offered in creation, in the birth and baptism of Jesus, and in the ministry of the saints of light. We ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The love of God is always offered to us, freely, joyfully, for all eternity. Rejoice, dear friends, this is the Good News of our Lord. Amen.

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

“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”

One: Let us greet each other in Christian Friendship.

The peace of God be with you.

All: And also with you.

\*HYMN “Let There Be Peace on Earth” #14 Special Hymnal

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

To demonstrate our unity in Christ, we will take the elements together.  
Please open the cup containing the bread first, then please open the juice.  
Thank you!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: Let us pray!

Gracious and loving God, you have made us one in the body of Christ,  
and nourished us at your table with holy food and drink. Thank you  
for feeding our hunger and relieving our thirst. Now send us into the  
world to do the work you have given us to do: to find the lost and  
lonely, to heal broken souls, to free prisoners, and make the powerful  
care. Grant us strength to persevere in resisting evil, and to proclaim  
in all we say and do your good news in Christ Jesus our Savior. Amen.

\*CLOSING HYMN “In the Bulb there is a Flower” #433

BENEDICTION

As you prepare to leave this place, may the baptism of the Holy Spirit  
remain with you and refresh you, renewing you for the service and work  
that awaits you. Go in peace and may the peace of God go with you. Amen.

POSTLUDE

8:30AM “The Light That Shines in Darkness” Peterson  
11:00AM “Go Tell It on the Mountain” Arr. Goldston

THIS WEEK

SUN	8:30 & 11	<b>Communion/Installation of Consistory</b>
	9:45	Sunday School (100)
	9:45	Wired Word (202)
MON	7:00	Consistory (100)
TUES	6:30	Cub Scouts (100)
	6:30	Engaging Women (Parlor)
	8:00	Men’s Chorus
WED	9:30	Bible Study
	5:00	TOPS (100)
	7:00	Outreach (202)
THUR	6:30	NA Group
	6:30	Choirs
SUN	8:30 & 11	Worship



ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 66

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WE ARE DELIGHTED THAT YOU JOINED US FOR WORSHIP TODAY!

- **VIDEO TEAM:** Lew Wallace, Sallie Hagerman, Dani Bentzel, Reen Bentzel, Matt Hildebrecht, George & Jaron Flickinger & Nathan Limbert.
- **THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented to the glory of God and thank you to the Shiloh UCC staff, consistory, members, and ELC staff for their dedication to our church and community by Sue and Brad Jacobs.
- **LITURGIST: 8:30AM:** Natalie Fuhrman, **11:00AM:** Tom Klunk
- **USHERS: 8:30AM:** Bart & Gerry Funkhouser **11:00AM:** Volunteer
- **GREETERS: 8:30AM:** Bev Arnold & Joyce Bowers **11:00AM:** Richard & Helen Hodgson
- **NURSERY DUTY: 8:30AM:** Carol Burns **11:00AM** Volunteer
- **MUSIC:** Handbell Choir, Joan Hamme & Sandy Bamberger

### PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:

#### Morning Prayer (By Debbie McDaniel)

Dear God, Thank you for your amazing power and work in our lives, thank you for your goodness and for your blessings over us. Thank you for your great love and care. Thank you for your sacrifice so that we might have freedom and life. Forgive us for when we don't thank you enough, for who you are, for all that you do, for all that you've given. Help us to set our eyes and our hearts on you afresh. Renew our spirits, fill us with your peace and joy. We love you and we need you, this day and every day. We give you praise and thanks, for You alone are worthy! In Jesus' Name. Amen.

#### Evening Prayer (www.holylandprayer.com)

Dear God, As I come to the end of this day, I thank you for the many blessings you have given me. I am grateful for my health, my family, my friends, and all the good things in my life. As I prepare for sleep, I ask for your protection and guidance. Please watch over me and my loved ones, and keep us safe from harm. Help me to let go of any worries or concerns, and give me peace of mind. Thank you for your love and grace. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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 New 8**. If services are held, please use your best judgement as to whether you are able to attend.



### 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



Engaging Women will be meeting on **Tuesday, January 10, at 6:30 p.m. in the parlor.**

Mark your calendar for the next Shiloh UCC Men's Breakfast on **Tuesday, January 17, at 8:30 am at Dover Valley Restaurant.** Contact Brad Jacobs with additional information at [bcj402@verizon.net](mailto:bcj402@verizon.net).



The Women's Social and Support Group will meet for breakfast at **Dover Family Restaurant on Friday, January 20 at 9:00am.** Please contact Bev Arnold at 717-825-3319 by January 18 if you plan 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.



**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.

