



*That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection,
and the fellowship of his sufferings. PHILIPPIANS 3:10*

WELCOME TO SHILOH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
WORSHIP SERVICE/INSTALLATION OF CONSISTORY
MEMBER/NEW MEMBER RECEPTION

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 12, 2023

8:30AM AND 11:00AM

MEDITATION

"There is no greater agony than bearing an untold story inside you."

~ Maya Angelou, *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*, 20th century

PRELUDE "Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

Leatherman

WELCOME AND CONCERNS

INSTALLATION OF CONSISTORY MEMBER

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 I accept my 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: I rejoice in God, maker of heaven and earth, and in the covenant of love which binds me 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 **Patricia Myers**, 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 gladly accept the duties of a Consistory member 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 this Deacon and respect her decisions, as together we seek to witness to Jesus Christ?

People: We do.

Pastor: Let us pray,

People: We thank you, God, for Patricia who has accepted a special servant role in the life of Shiloh UCC. We are blessed by the gifts she is willing to share in our mutual ministry. Preserve the resolve this servant has at this moment. We pray in the name of our Lord Jesus, Christ. Amen.

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

One: Come, worship the Lord!

All: We come burdened with sorrow.

One: God welcomes all seekers.

All: We come with concerns.

One: Come worship together the God who loves us and whose door is always open to us.

All: We come in anticipation of the miraculous moving of God's Holy Spirit. Come, let us worship God! Amen.

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION*

One: Let us Pray!

Loving and caring God, we come this morning in hope—hope that will sustain us in our trying times, our lonely times, our doubting times. Refresh us this morning with the living water of your presence and love. Open us to the possibilities of friendship—the possibilities of encountering you in unexpected ways, the possibilities of seeing the miraculous in everyday life. In the name of Jesus, the Christ. Amen.

**HYMN "I Love to Tell the Story"*

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Let us Pray!

God of living waters, we confess that we have often turned from you and wandered away in fear and doubt. Our thirst mounts daily, seeking to be quenched by your redeeming love. Yet, when that love is offered to us, we again turn away, unable to truly believe that you would actually love us. We have behaved in very unloving ways. We have chosen to ignore those in need or to deal only passively with them. Our hearts are not placed in service to others, but rather in self-serving motives. Heal us, merciful God. Wash us again in the living water. Help us be faithful servants. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: The waters of mercy and healing are poured over you. God is loving and faithful to those who come to God. Come, seek the loving presence and be healed.

All: Amen.

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

One: Let us greet each other in Christian Friendship.

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 welcome. Parent's/caregivers are encouraged to accompany their young child(ren) during the message.*)

**HYMN*

"Spirit Song"

Insert

NEW MEMBER JOINING SHILOH UCC

Stephanie Waldron

INVITATION

We invite to come forward those who wish to affirm their baptism by uniting with us in this household of faith.

Friends in Christ, we are all received into the church through the sacrament of baptism. These people have found nurture and support in the midst of the family of Christ. Through prayer and study they have been led by the Holy Spirit to affirm their baptism and to claim in our presence their covenantal relationship with Christ and the members of the church. They are here for service to Jesus Christ, using the gifts which the Holy Spirit bestows.

OPENING SENTENCES

You are no longer a stranger and sojourner, but you are equally a citizen with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus along being the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy Temple in Christ. In him you also are built into that structure to be a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

QUESTIONS OF THE CANDIDATE

One: Do you desire to affirm your baptism into the faith and family of Jesus Christ?

Candidate: I do.

One: Do you renounce the powers of evil and desire the freedom of new life in Christ?

Candidate: I do.

One: Do you profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior?

Candidate: I do.

One: Do you promise, by the grace of God, to be Christ's disciple, to follow in the way of our Savior, to resist oppression and evil, to show love and justice, and to witness to the work and word of Jesus Christ as best you are able?

Candidate: I promise, with the help of God.

One: Do you promise, according to the grace given you to grow in the Christian faith and to be a faithful member of the church of Jesus Christ, celebrating Christ's presence and furthering Christ's mission in all the world?

Candidate: I promise, with the help of God.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

One: Let us unite with the church in all times and places in confessing our faith in the triune God. Do you believe in God?

All: I believe in God.

One: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

All: I believe in Jesus Christ.

One: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

All: I believe in the Holy Spirit.

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Pastor: By your baptism you were made one with us in the body of Christ, the church. Today we rejoice in your pilgrimage of faith which has brought you to this time and place. We give thanks for every community of faith that has been your spiritual home, and we celebrate your presence in this household of faith.

QUESTIONS ABOUT PARTICIPATION

Pastor: Do you promise to participate in the life and mission of this family of God's people, sharing regularly in the worship of God and enlisting in the work of Shiloh UCC as it serves this community and the world?

Candidates I promise, with the help of God.

PRAYER

One: O God, we praise you for calling us to faith and for gathering us into the church, the body of Christ. We thank you for your people gathered here at Shiloh UCC, and rejoice that you have increased our community of faith. Together may we live in the Spirit, build one another up in love, sharing in the life and worship of the church, and serving the world for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*WELCOME AND RECEPTION *(All who are able please stand)*

One: Let us, the members of Shiloh UCC, express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.

Congregation: We welcome you with joy in the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit my we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.

One: In the name of Jesus Christ, and on behalf of Shiloh UCC, we extend to you the hand of Christian love, welcoming you into the company of this local church.

All: Thanks be to God!

WITNESS TO OUR SACRED STORY

First Reading: Exodus 17:1-7

Second Reading: Psalm 95

HANDBELL CHOIR “My Faith Looks Up to Thee” McChesney

Third Reading: John 4:5-42

SERMON “A Time for Testimony”

*HYMN “When, like the Woman at the Well” #196

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

We are called to live in hope and to share this hope with the world. Let us offer thanks to God for all God has given us by sharing generously of ourselves and of our resources. Through our gifts, may all experience the hope to be found in our life-giving God. Let us give generously of our time, talent, treasure to further the work of God in our community.

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE “A Lenten Doxology”

**Praise God throughout these forty days.
Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.
And praise the Spirit who imparts God’s love in
Christ into our hearts. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

One: Let us pray!
Great Provider, bless these offerings and multiply them according to your will. May they restore hope and wholeness to those who benefit from them. In Jesus’s name, we pray. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN “Christ for the World We Sing” Insert

BENEDICTION

One: Brothers and sisters in Christ, be water bearers to a dry and parched world, knowing that the God of love will always be with you. Go in peace and may God’s peace go with you!
All: Amen!

POSTLUDE “God Love the World” Lau

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 in honor of our daughters’ birthdays, Emily and Dani. We love you both very much and for our 36th Wedding Anniversary by Katie and Tim Bentzel.
- **THE BULLETINS** are dedicated to the glory of God and in celebration of Sallie Hagerman’s birthday, Love mom.
- **LITURGIST: 8:30AM:** Katie Bentzel, **11:00AM:** John Reiber
- **USHERS: 8:30AM:** Mike & Penny Hombach, **11:00AM:** Volunteer
- **GREETERS: 8:30AM:** Jeff & Cheryl Hershey, **11:00AM:** Michael & Laura Andras
- **NURSERY DUTY: 8:30AM:** Jeanie Bentzel, **11:00AM** Jessie Sechrist
- **MUSIC:** Handbell Choir & Sandy Bamberger

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

You are invited to join us **today** at **3:00 PM** for a choral concert presented by the **York County Jr. Honor’s Choir** in the sanctuary. This choir is composed of singers from seventh, eighth, and ninth grade, and is directed by Rachel Morgan Im. The **doors will open at 2:30** after the choir prepares for the concert. Following the concert, refreshments will be provided in **room 100**. A freewill offering will be collected to help fund the choir’s program. The Outreach Committee is hoping that you will plan to attend this lovely concert!



PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:

Morning Prayer (*crosswalk.com*)

Meditation: A morning prayer is a wonderful way to focus your time and attention on seeking God's plan for the day ahead. Whether you need encouragement, peace, strength, or rest, God can meet you in a very real and present way when you come before Him with a humble heart. Seek God's presence each morning before your energy and attention are pulled by all the tasks you have ahead.

Dear God, as we rise to meet each new day, please let us be filled with Your spirit. Wherever we go, let us spread love, joy, peace, goodness, and faithfulness. Let us desire to become more like you and to worship you in all we do. Help us desire these things so much more than the sin that entices us. Thank you for always going before us. In Jesus' Name, Amen. (Dr. Charles Stanley)

Evening Prayer (*From the website called Ministry Matters*)

As you have made this day, O God, you also make the night. Give light for our comfort. Come upon us with quietness and still our souls that we may listen for the whisper of your Spirit and be attentive to your nearness in our dreams. Empower us to rise again in new life to proclaim your praise, and to show Christ to the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Please, continue with Prayers of Intercession:

We pray for the Church and the world:

- For the people of our congregation...
- We pray for Shiloh UCC's future...
- For those who suffer and those in trouble...
- For the sick, the hospitalized, and those who care for them...
- For those who mourn...
- For the concerns of our communities...
- For the world, its people, and its leaders...
- For the Church universal—its leaders, its members and its mission...
- For other concerns that you put on our hearts...

We close our prayers with the Lord's Prayer.

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 Roe Family, The Reiber Family, The Kinsley Family, The Garber Family, The Berkheimer/Bechtel Family, The Reiber/Youkers Family



The Sunday School Group is collecting money for **Heifer International for our Lenten Project**. Concurrently, the special Lenten offering will also go towards Heifer International. Both collections will continue thru **Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023**. Your support to this great cause is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Please join us for the **Lenten Soup and Study!** The Advent Study will continue during Lent, on Wednesday evenings. (Handel's Messiah). **A Light soup and bread supper will be served at 6:30PM, followed by the Lenten Study at 7:00PM.** You can attend both the "soup" and "study" part, or you can just come for the "study" part. There will be sign-up sheets in the gallery. Everyone is welcome to join (even if you did NOT attend the Advent studies.) We would love to have you!



Easter is rapidly approaching! The sale of **tulips and lilies** is part of the preparations. The cost for each pot of flowers is **\$7.00**. Envelopes for ordering will be available in the Gallery and the Narthex. Checks should be made payable to Shiloh United Church of Christ. Orders will be accepted **through Sunday, March 27**. Plants may be claimed on Easter Sunday. Thank you for helping to make the church a lovely place to worship.



This year's special Easter offering collected will go to the **Bell Family Shelter**.

Mark your calendar for the next Shiloh UCC Men's Breakfast on **Tuesday, March 14, at 8:30 am at Dover Valley Restaurant** located at **3720 Carlisle Rd, Dover, PA**. Contact Brad Jacobs at 717-764-2773 or bcj402@verizon.net for additional information.



Engaging Women will be meeting on **Tuesday, March 14, at 6:30 p.m. in room 202**. Contact Sally Curren at dgft25@hotmail.com for additional information.

The Women's Social and Support Group will meet for breakfast at **Shiloh Family Restaurant March 17th at 9:00am**. Please contact Pat Myers at 717-487-4642 by March 13 if you plan to attend.



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING is MARCH 19. This year's theme for OGHS is "*It's Time to Share*". Your generosity makes all the difference. Your gifts provide immediate aid and long-term support to people experiencing hunger, thirst, disaster or crisis around the world. The need has never been greater. The opportunity is now. It's time to share. **Offering envelopes may be found in the Pews**. Thank you for your support of this offering.

Shiloh UCC's Outreach Committee is holding a blood drive on **Thursday, March 23 from 1pm-6pm**. The Central Pennsylvania Blood Mobile will be in our parking lot to obtain the blood donations. The church will be open during the donation hours. We have not held a blood drive since before COVID, so please consider donating.



"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	Third Sunday in Lent/Installation of Consistory Member & New Member Reception
	9:45	Sunday School (100) & Wired Word (202)
	3:00	York Co. Jr. Honors Choir
MON	7:00	Consistory (202)
TUES	8:30	Men's Breakfast (Dover Valley Rest.)
	6:30	Cub Scouts (100)
	6:30	Engaging Women (202)
	8:00	Men's Rehearsals
WED	7:30	Soup Prep
	9:30	Bible Study (202)
	5:00	TOPS (100)
	6:30	Lenten Study (202)
THURS	10:30	Our Daily Bread
	6:30	NA Group (100)
	6:30	Choirs
FRI	9:00	Women's Support Group B-fast (Shiloh Fam Rest.)
	10:00	Grief Group (202)
SUN	8:30 & 11	Fourth Sunday in Lent/OGHS Offering

Attendance last week: 91

THE CHURCH STAFF

Pastor	Rev. Melinda LaMontagne, Ph.D pastormelinda@shilohucc.com 717-764-3609
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Daffodil Day has been moved to **Sunday, March 26**. The plants and bunches can be picked up on that date. Sorry if the change has caused any inconvenience. Your support for this project is very much appreciated! Thank you!



The **Youth Fellowship Group** will host an **Easter Egg Hunt** for all children up to age 10 on **April 2 from 2:00 to 3:00 PM**. We have enough plastic eggs but need the congregation's help with providing the candy or small snack size items to fill the eggs with. A bin will be placed in the gallery to collect the candy. You may also make a monetary donation using the LOVE offering envelopes designating Easter Egg Hunt on them. Thank you for your help with this fun filled yearly event!

In case of inclement weather for church and Sunday school, please check our **website, Facebook page, or your email for closings or delays**. We will also submit the information to **Fox 43 News and WGAL News 8**. If services are held, please use your best judgement as to whether you are able



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.

