

HANDBELL CHOIR. “Come, Christian Join to Sing”. Arr. Page

Scripture Lesson: Acts 9:1-6

*MEN’S CHORUS. “I Have a Song”. Treece

Scripture Lesson: John 21:1-19

CHANCEL CHOIR. “How Can I Keep From Singing”. Lowry/Shaw

Scripture Lesson: Rev. 5: 11-14

COMBINED CHOIRS. “Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)”. Arr. Raney

RECOGNITION OF MUSIC DEPARTMENT ANNIVERSARIES

TESTIMONIAL

*HYMN. “Wake My Soul”. #91

1 Wake my soul with all things living Thanks be giving to the source of life and day Sunlight comes and gone confusion Night’s illusion like the starlight fades away.	2 All your hopeful plans confessing Ask for blessing on that good which you would do But if you should need correction Ask direction. Pray for purpose clear and new.
3 Cry for help when griefs assail you Good friends fail you. Life is hopeless. Death appears. One whose child knew deep affliction Crucifixion ever waits to dry your tears.	4 After one last night of weeping One last sleeping you shall wake to pure delight. You at last shall know perfection Pure affection bathed in God’s own morning light.

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

Grant us wisdom to perceive you, hearts awakened to receive you, minds alert to thought that grieve you,
God of mercy, hear us.

Grant us faithfulness in praying, strength to keep our souls from straying, sense to cease from disobeying,
God of mercy, hear us.

Grant us diligence in doing, patience when your truth pursuing, eager to receive renewing,
God of mercy, hear us.

Grant us courage to proclaim you, savior of our lives we name you! May our actions never shame you;
God of mercy, hear us.

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

Having received new life through the generosity of God and the hope Christ brings, let us give thankfully and abundantly that we may be called God’s generous people.

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE. “Take My Gifts (Vs. 3)”. #562

Take whatever I can offer-- gifts that I have yet to find, skills that I am slow to sharpen, talents of the hand and mind,	things made beautiful for others in the place where I must be: take my gifts and let me love you, God who first of all loved me.
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***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

All good gifts around us come from you, O God. You have given us life, and new life in Christ. As you have given us gifts, so we offer our gifts that we may be gifts to one another, even as Jesus so taught and lived. Amen.

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

***COMMUNION HYMN.“Bread of the World, in Mercy Broken”.#346**

Bread of the world in mercy broken, wine of the soul in mercy shed, by whom the words of life were spoken, and in whose death our sins are dead.	Look on the heart by sorrow broken, look on the tears by sinners shed; and be your feast to us the token that by your grace our lives are fed.
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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

#886

You, O God, are supreme and holy.
 You create our world and give us life.
 Your purpose overarches everything we do.
 You have always been with us.
 You are God.

You, O God, are infinitely generous,
 good beyond all measure.
 You came to us before we came to you.
 You have revealed and proved
 your love for us in Jesus Christ,
 who lived and died and rose again.
 You are with us now.
 You are God.

You, O God, are Holy Spirit.
 You empower us to be your gospel in the world.
 You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.

You are our God. We worship you.

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

God of love and justice, we long for peace within and peace without. We long for harmony in our families, for serenity in the midst of struggle, and for commitment to each other’s growth. We long for the day when our homes will be a dwelling place for your love. Yet we confess that we are often anxious; we do not trust each other, and we harbor violence. We are not willing to take the risks and make the hard choices that love requires. Look upon us with kindness and grace. Rule in our homes and in all the world; show us how to walk in your paths, through the mercy of our Savior, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Listen to the words of the scriptures: the mercy and the love of God are endless; God’s wrath is slow, and God’s love is eternal.

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

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

And also with you.

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

Let there be peace on earth And let it begin with me Let there Be Peace on Earth The peace that was meant to be With God our Creator Children all are we Let us walk with each other In perfect harmony.	Let peace begin with me Let this be the moment now. With every step I take Let this be my solemn vow To take each moment and live Each moment in peace eternally Let there be peace on earth And let it begin with me
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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

All good gifts around us come from you, O God. You have given us life, and new life in Christ. As you have given us gifts, so we offer our gifts that we may be gifts to one another, even as Jesus so taught and lived. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN. “Peace I Leave With You, My Friends” #249

Refrain: Peace I leave with you, my friends: Shalom my peace, in all you do. Peace I leave with you, my friends, I give to you, so you can give to others, too.	1 To share God's love is why I came, To show God's kindness without end Go now my friends and do the same, Until I come again... [Refrain]
2 Take my hand and be at peace, The spirit of our love I send; And with this love you will be free, Until I come again...[Refrain]	3 With this love now all will know, That loneliness is at an end, Rejoice my friends though I go For I will come again... [Refrain]

*BENEDICTION. “God Be With You”. #809

God be with you, God be with you, God be with you till we meet again. Oooo
God be with you, God be with you, God be with you till we meet again.

POSTLUDE “Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing” Paxton

WE ARE DELIGHTED THAT YOU JOINED US FOR WORSHIP TODAY!

- **THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented to the glory of God and in celebration of Romaine Walton’s 96th birthday with love by her family.
- **THE CHANCEL FLOWERS** are presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of Raymond Bechtel and my mother, Elmira Bentz by Julene Bechtel and family.
- **THE BULLETINS** are dedicated to the glory of God and in loving memory of Brian’s dad by Brian Curren.
- **LITURGIST: 8:30AM:** Jeanie Bentzel, **11:00AM:** Bobby Limbert
- **USHERS: 8:30AM:** Katie Bentzel & Jackie Taft, **11:00AM:** Volunteer
- **GREETERS: 8:30AM:** Jeff & Cheryl Hershey, **11:00AM:** Jay & Joyce Mummert
- **NURSERY DUTY: 8:30AM:** Sallie Hagerman & Natalie Fuhrman, **11:00AM** Jessie Sechriest
- **MUSIC: Sandy Bamberger, Chancel Choir, Chamber Choir and Men’s Chorus.**
- **VIDEO TEAM:** Lew Wallace, Sallie Hagerman, Dani Bentzel, Reen Bentzel, Matt Hildebrecht, Jaron Flickinger

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

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:

Morning Prayer

Dear God, as I rise to meet a new day, please let us be filled with Your Holy Spirit. Wherever I go, let me spread love, joy, peace, goodness, and faithfulness. Let me desire to become more like you and to worship you in all I say and do. Help me desire these things much more than the sin that entices me. Thank you for always going before me. Thank you for this new day. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



Evening Prayer

Heavenly Father, you know my worries and care for my troubles. So I give these heavy concerns to you. I lay these problems at your feet. Thank you that your love in me can transform not only my life but the whole world. I walk with peace into the new day, and I put my hope in you. Today, let me rest in the knowledge that you will light my path and guide my life. In Jesus' holy name. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

Chuck and Sandy Baboian, Julene Bechtel, Jim Sr. and Rosemary Bentzel, Rosabel Bentzel, Uble & Nan Frost, Mark Garber, Linda Glass, Beverly Hoak, Bev Kirk, Donna Krone, Dottie Limbert, Catherine Lochman, Marguerite Lochman, Arlene Myers, Joanne Overmiller, Randy Reisinger, Cindy Repman, Charlotte Rohrbaugh, Cedric Simpson, Sue Trimble, Stewart Wagner, Elva Winter

THOSE WHO GRIEVE FOR THEIR LOVED ONES

The Myers Family, The Keith Family, The Anstein Family, The Wagner Family, The Heath Family, The Hoak/McGinnis Family, The Reiber Family, The Goodling Family, The Bupp Family



It's time to worship outdoors! Everyone is invited to attend our **church picnic!** We can relax and enjoy nature as we worship. **A sign-up sheet** will be in the **Welcome Center and the Gallery on May 1 through May 14.** We hope you will plan to attend!

When: Sunday, May 22

Where: Sunset Lane Park/Pavilion
2458 Sunset Lane, York PA 17408

Time: Worship at 10:00 AM

Pot-Luck Lunch: 11:30 AM, (burgers and hotdogs will be provided)

****PLEASE BRING: PLACE SETTINGS, BEVERAGE, CHAIRS****

We are in the process of organizing a Safety & Security Committee to assess any safety risks or security threats that could affect our church, staff, and members. The Committee will also be responsible for safety and security planning, and disaster preparedness and response. The Pennsylvania State Police is offering a free risk and vulnerability assessment that we have signed up for. They will provide us with a detailed report that will identify any vulnerabilities and will offer recommendations to improve security. Our goal will then be to strategize and implement procedures in the event of an emergency or safety issue. The Pennsylvania State Police will conduct a follow-up interview via telephone within one year following the assessment to ascertain if any of the suggested recommendations were acted upon. If you are interested in joining this Committee, please contact Marsha Reiber or Jeff Hershey.



LOVE Offering dedicated to the Scholarship Fund for ELC Students

Our Shiloh UCC Early Learning Center Preschool is in the fundraising process to raise money for their scholarships for the 2022-2023 school year. Instead of selling items, this year they have decided to simply accept any donations for this cause. Each year Allison Hartnett finds that there are families that become financially distressed, for a variety of reasons, and it becomes difficult, if not impossible, to afford to send their child to this wonderful preschool. Scholarship money, which helps to pay the tuition to attend, is then awarded to such families on a case by case basis. Almost \$4,000 in scholarship monies was awarded to students during this 2021-2022 school year.

Any church member who would like to donate to this worthy scholarship fundraiser cause can either use the LOVE Offering Envelopes that are found in the pews or members can use the "Other" line on their weekly giving envelopes, simply writing in the word " ELC Scholarship". This fundraiser will run through the months of May through August.

Thank you for considering this and for helping the children who need to be at preschool the most. Their learning foundations that the ELC can provide are stepping stones to our own future!

The Women's Guild will be collecting baby items for **Wellspring Mother/Child Clinic** until **Mother's Day May 8**. The following baby items are needed:



Newborn diapers, unscented wipes, formula (powder), heavy menstrual pads, breast pads, breast cream, baby clothes (newborn to 3 months), blankets (they love the fleece ones), or lighter ones for summer. Please, all items should be new except clothes and blankets. **There will be a bin marked "Women's Guild" in the gallery for donations.**



The **Women's Guild** will be meeting **May 2 at 1:00 pm in room 202**. The program will be from our study book **Leading a Life of Balance. Chapter Four: Balancing Work and Rest**. Charlotte Mickley will be leading this chapter. **We invite all women of the church to join us at any time.**

Shiloh UCC will be donating this year's special **Mothers' Day Offering to New Life for Girls**. New Life for Girls is a non-profit rehab located in Dover, PA. New Life for Girls provides a comprehensive residential program for those women who are struggling with life-controlling problems such as drug and alcohol addiction, eating disorders, and sexual abuse issues. Their mission is not only to liberate women from the bondage of addiction and other life-controlling issues, but to restore self-worth and train them to successfully re-enter society, ready to give back as the strong and capable women that they truly are by providing a safe and loving environment. Contributions for New Life for Girls may be made by using the special Mothers' Day Offering envelope, using the "Other" line on the offering envelopes by writing in Mothers' Day Offering, or using a regular envelope with Mothers' Day Offering written on the front.



Women's Circles Engaging Women will be meeting on **Tuesday, May 10, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parlor.**



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.



Worship and Music Committee would like to recognize the time and talents of the staff and members who help to make worship services both meaningful and enjoyable. The following members are being celebrated for their service.

CHANCEL CHOIR

Sandra Bamberger
Nathan Limbert
Charles Hull

Norma Hull
Jane Harrison
Stephanie Limbert

Susan Emmons
Robert Limbert
Olivia Pituch

CHAMBER CHOIR

Sandra Bamberger
Linda Little
Norma Hull

Stephanie Limbert
Jane Harrison
Marsha Reiber

Carol Burns
Olivia Pituch
Shelley Stewart

HAND BELL CHOIR

Beverly Arnold
Lori Jacobs
Stephanie Berkheimer
Mary Reiber
Subs: Angela Conlon

Patti Goodyear
Katie Bentzel
Nathan Limbert
Natalie Fuhrman
Sub: Emily Bentzel

Dani Bentzel
Sarah Kruza
Sally Curren
Sub: Kaitlin Rentzel

MEN'S CHORUS

Dan Burns
Robert Limbert

Nathan Limbert
Charles Hull

Brian Curren

Director: Stephanie Limbert
Pianist: Sandy Bamberger

"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	Communion/Music Sunday
	9:45	Sunday School
MON	1:00	Women's Guild (202)
TUES	6:30	Cub Scouts (100)
	8:00	Men's Chorus
WED	9:30	Bible Study (202)
	5:30	TOPS (100)
	7:00	Worship & Music (202)
THUR	5:00	ELC Board (100)
	6:30	NA Group (100)
	6:30	Choirs
SUN	8:30 & 11	Worship/Mother's Day



ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 107
8:30 SERVICE: 50
11:00 SERVICE 57

THE CHURCH STAFF

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Wednesdays 9AM-2PM & 5-8PM; Thursdays 9:00-11:30AM & 6-8:30PM; Fridays 9AM-2PM

Director of Music	Stephanie Limbert
Organist	Sandra Bamberger
Missionaries in Costa Rica	Sally Jane and Crosby Johnson
Early Learning Center Director	Allison Hartnett
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