

**WELCOME TO SHILOH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
WORSHIP SERVICE AND VETERAN'S SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 12, 2023
8:30AM AND 11:00AM**

MEDITATION

"We can never repay those that have served our country but we can show them our appreciation."

Anonymous

"I like to see a man PROUD of the place in which he lives, I like to see a man who lives so that his place will be PROUD of him"

Abraham Lincoln

PRELUDE

"In Joy I Come to Greet My Lord"

Kendall

WELCOME AND CONCERNS

RECOGNIZING OUR VETERAN'S *(Please stand when your branch is mentioned)*

*ARMY

*NAVY

*AIR FORCE

*SPACE FORCE

*MARINE CORPS

*COAST GUARD

*NATIONAL GUARD

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

(Please stand if you are able)

One: This nation, under God, depends on each generation accepting the call to serve both God and country.

All: Everywhere we look we are reminded of the commitment our veterans made in presenting their bodies as a living sacrifice.

One: So today we honor them as we shout a resounding....

All: THANK YOU!

One: THANK YOU that we are free to come and to worship the One who presented His body as the ultimate living sacrifice for all.

All: Come, let us worship God!

*Thank You
for Your Service*

*We bless you in the
name of the LORD.*

PSALM 129:8

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

One: Let us pray!

Almighty God, we could never thank our military men and women enough for their courageous service and sacrifice for our country and its people. Yet today we lift up our voices to express gratitude, and honor these military troops both from the past and present. Show us ways in our communities, churches, and families to thank and love them better. Keep and protect these heroes and their families, in the powerful name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN “America” Insert

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Joshua 24, Matthew 25*)

**God of Mystery,
we want to stay awake
and be ready for your surprises,
but we are tired and overcome
with the usual routine.
We want to wait patiently
for the fulfillment of your kingdom,
but we are frustrated by our need
for immediate gratification.
We want to believe your promises from ancient days,
but we are overwhelmed with postmodern doubts.
Come to us again, O God.
Awaken us with your unexpected grace.
Shock us with your daring mercy.
Lift us up from lethargy
and set our feet on your path once more.
In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (*1 Thessalonians 4*)

One: Encourage one another with these words:
"We will be with the Lord forever."
God's promises are never forgotten.
Do not grieve as those who have no hope.
Our hope is in God,
and not even death can overcome that hope.

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.*)

*HYMN “How Great is Our God” Video

WITNESS TO OUR SACRED STORY

First Reading: Psalm 78:1-7

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

HANDBELL CHOIR “Bound for the Promised Land” Arr. Hakes

Third Reading: Luke 20:27-38

SERMON “Choose Wisely”

*HYMN “Happy Our Home When God Is There” Insert

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

There’s a difference between planning and preparation. We can’t plan the future that God holds, but we can prepare for each day by practices of generosity. Generosity helps us to forgive and to heal; it helps us to make peace in the world; it helps to bring justice and mercy to those in need. Our gifts this morning are one way we prepare for God’s coming into the world in the most unexpected ways. 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!

We dedicate these gifts to you, Generous God, even as we dedicate our lives to you. Keep us true to our promise, that we may witness to you with all that we are and all that we do. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

“The Nation”

Insert

BENEDICTION

One: In the busyness of life may you find space. In the worries of life may you find peace. In the beauty of life may you find joy. In the sorrows of life may you find comfort, and may the blessing of God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit be always with you. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”

Curtis

WE ARE DELIGHTED THAT YOU JOINED US FOR WORSHIP TODAY!

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:

Morning Prayer

Lord, open my lips; And my mouth will proclaim your praise. (Psalm 51:15)

New every morning is your love, Great God of light, and all day long you are working for good in the world. Stir up in us a desire to serve you, to live peacefully with our neighbors, and to devote each day to your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Evening Prayer

God, come to my assistance. Lord, make haste to help us. (Psalm 70:1)

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 His Holy name we pray. 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 Guillard Family, The Stambaugh Family, The King/Limbert Family

- **THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented to the glory of God and our thankfulness for family and friends by Tammy and Matt Hildebrecht.
- **THE CHANCEL FLOWERS** are presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of Elwood Bentz by His Girls.
- **THE BULLETINS** are dedicated to the glory of God and in memory of Earl Chronister, my father, whose birthday was November 11. He was a Navy veteran from World War 2, and served our church in a variety of ways by Jane Harrison.
- **VIDEO TEAM:** Lew Wallace, Sallie Hagerman, Dani Bentzel, Matt Hildebrecht, & Nathan Limbert.
- **LITURGIST: 8:30AM:** Sallie Hagerman **11:00 AM:** Steve Sechriest
- **GREETERS: 8:30AM** Sally & Brian Curren **11:00AM:** Richard & Helen Hodgson
- **NURSERY: 8:30AM:** John Reiber **11:00AM** Jessie Sechriest
- **MUSIC:** Handbell Choir, Sandy Bamberger

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



Christmas is rapidly approaching! We are taking orders for **poinsettias beginning November 12**. The cost is **\$6.00 each**. Ordering envelopes will be in the gallery. The deadline to order is **December 3**. Please make checks payable to Shiloh UCC, thank you.

“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”



The next **Shiloh UCC Men's Breakfast** will be held on **Tuesday, November 14 at 8:30 am** at Dover Valley Restaurant. Contact Brad Jacobs for more information.

Engaging Women will be meeting on **Tuesday, November 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parlor**. Contact Sally Curren for more information.



The **Soup Kitchen Crew** are looking for volunteers to prepare spaghetti and serve lunch one day a month at Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen in downtown York. Shiloh UCC is one of many local churches that support Our Daily Bread by supplying and serving food to those in need. Volunteers are needed to serve lunch on the third Thursday of the month, and we prepare spaghetti the day before. If you would like to help or want more information, please contact **Cheryl Hershey at 717-891-6440**.

The **Woman's Social & Support Group** will meet for breakfast at **Bob Evans Restaurant** in West York on **Friday, November 17 at 9:00 am**. Please call Carolyn Poff at 717-292-2893 if you plan to attend.



The **Sunshine Class** is selling cashews again this year. They are \$7 for a half pound bag and can be ordered salted or unsalted. Cashews will be available for pickup on **Friday, December 8th in room 100 from 7-8 pm**, or on Sunday morning, **December 10th in the Welcome center**. There are forms around the church or you can see a member of the class to place your order. All orders are due by **Sunday, November 19**.

THIS WEEK

SUN	8:30 & 11	Worship/Veteran's Sunday
	9:45	Sunday School (100 & 202)
	2:00	York Assoc. Annual meeting
MON	6:30	Church Chums (Parlor)
	7:00	Consistory (202)
TUES	8:30	Men's Breakfast (Dover Valley Rest.)
	6:30	Cub Scouts (100)
	6:30	Engaging Women (Parlor)
	8:00	Men's Chorus
WED	7:30	Soup Prep
	9:30	Bible Study
	10:00	Staff meeting (Office)
	5:00	TOPS (117)
	7:00	Visioning meeting (202)
THUR	10:30	Our Daily Bread
	6:30	NA Group (100)
	6:30	Choirs
FRI	9:00	Women's Support Group Breakfast (Bob Evans)
	10:00	Grief Group (202)
SUN	8:30 & 11	Worship/Thanksgiving Sunday

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 90

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If you do not have plans for Thanksgiving come and join us on **Thursday, November 23 at 1:00 PM** for dinner and fellowship in **Room 100**. We will have Turkey and all the trimmings. A free will offering will be collected. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Gallery, if you have any questions, please contact Stephanie Limbert.

Beginning **Wednesday, November 29** through **Wednesday, December 20**, Pastor Melinda will be leading an **Advent Soup and Study** called “**An Unlikely Advent: Extraordinary People of the Christmas Story**”



A Light soup and bread supper will be served at **6:00PM**, followed by the Advent Study at **6:30PM**. You can attend both the “soup” and “study” part, or you can just come for the “study” part. There will be **two sign-up sheets in the gallery**. **One** for the study and one for volunteers to bring soup. The group will meet in **room 202**. Everyone is welcome to join. We would love to have you!



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.

