



**Welcome to Shiloh United Church of Christ  
Thanksgiving Sunday  
November 20, 2022  
8:30AM and 11:00AM**

**MEDITATION**

*Thanksgiving Prayer (by Anne G. Cohen)*

Gracious God, Source of all Blessings,  
You have been extravagant in your Generosity.  
You have planted within us the seeds of Hope.  
You have nurtured within us the saplings of Faith.  
You have harvested the fruits of your Creation and  
Spread before us the feast of all Possibility.  
Words cannot express the gratitude with which  
We come before you.

May we embody our thanks with extravagant generosity.  
May we offer our lives to you in acts of compassion for one another.  
May we walk gently upon the earth, ever mindful of your gifts  
Of Breath, of Love, of Life itself. Amen.

**PRELUDE**

**8:30 AM**

**11:00 AM**

*“In Christ Alone”*

*“To God Be the Glory”*

Sprunger

Doane/Arr. Tornquist

**WELCOME AND CONCERNS**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Come, you thankful people, come!

**All: Let us gather before God and lift up our songs of praise and thanksgiving.**

One: God, our Maker, does provide for our wants to be supplied.

**All: Let us give thanks for God’s generosity.**

One: Let us give thanks for the blessings of celebration, family, church, friends, and faith.

**All: Let us give thanks for the beauty of the earth! Let us praise God from whom all blessings flow!**

**\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

One: Let us pray!

**Generous God, we raise to you our joyful noise: words of thanksgiving, and songs of praise! From the depths of the waters to the heights of the land, creation declares your greatness. You fill our days with sun and our nights with starlight. May your goodness**

**transform us, deepening our gratitude for the beauty around us, the kindness among us, and the bread broken for us. Lead us, we pray, in blessing the lives of others, so that all your world may have reason to rejoice. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**\*HYMN**

*“Come, O Thankful People, Come”*

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**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (From *Thanksgiving Sunday: A Joyful Service of Hymn and Witness*, by Kevin Little)

One: In the midst of our thanksgiving,  
let us pause in silence  
to recall how we so often  
lose sight of the gifts of each day  
and of their Giver.

[*Short silence*]

One: Let us pray.

**All: O God, we know that we forget about you,  
we forget to love you,  
we forget to help our neighbors,  
we forget to thank you. In Jesus' name, please, forgive us.**

[*Short silence*]

**All: Grant us clear minds to know you,  
new hearts to love you,  
and strong hands to serve you.**

**Help us live this day, this week, and always,  
so that our whole life is a thanksgiving to you.**

**In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

One: *“For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.” [John 3:17]*

We can trust God's word. Rejoice! In Jesus' name, we are forgiven.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

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

**\*HYMN**

*“He Has Made Me Glad”*

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**WITNESS TO OUR SACRED STORY**

First Reading: Psalm 100; Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-9

**8:30 & 11:00AM MEN'S CHORUS**

*"Through It All"*

Crouch/Arr. Lister

Third Reading: John 6:25-35

**SERMON**

*"Sacred Feast"*

**\*HYMN**

*"Now Thank We All Our God"*

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**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**

Jesus summed up all the laws in a law of love for God and our neighbor. In our ministry here at Shiloh UCC, we see Jesus in each child of God, in every person, and we seek to serve their needs. That is why we bring our gifts this morning. Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God in gratitude and praise!

**\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

*"Doxology"*

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**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** (Inspired by Rev. Michael Mair, Minister of St. David's Broomhouse, Edinburgh)

One: Let us pray!

**Giving God, we know that you are the source of every good thing. You have created us, and you continue to breathe life into us through the power of Your Holy Spirit. You have given us so much, and it is because we recognize the gifts You have given to us that we now give to the work of Your kingdom. May this collection be used wisely and diligently, that**

**Your love may be known widely. As we dedicate this offering, we offer ourselves too. Take and use us, that our hands may reach out in service, our feet may walk the difficult path of reconciliation, and that our words may be words of peace. For this we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

*“Great Is Your Faithfulness”*

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**BENEDICTION** (2 Corinthians 9)

One: Give thanks to God in all that you do, for all that you have, for every moment of your lives. God provides you with every blessing, so that you may share it abundantly with all the world.

**All: Amen.**

**POSTLUDE**

**8:30AM**

*“With Grateful Hearts”*

Bach

**11:00:AM**

*“Love Lifted Me”*

Rowe & Smith

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**WE ARE DELIGHTED THAT YOU JOINED US FOR WORSHIP TODAY!**

- **THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented to the glory of God and in honor of Ben and Jake Spangler and Jason Durs by Fay and Donald Myers.
- **THE CHANCEL FLOWERS** are presented to the glory of God and Thanksgiving by Sandy and Chuck Baboian.
- **THE BULLETINS** are dedicated to the glory of God and a huge thanks to the **Visitation Team** who visit our church members who are shut-ins. This team also helps to deliver altar and chancel flowers. The visits are appreciated by our shut-ins and lets them know we care and they are not forgotten. By Jay and Joyce Mummert.
- **VIDEO TEAM:** Lew Wallace, Sallie Hagerman, Dani Bentzel, Reen Bentzel, Matt Hildebrecht, George & Jaron Flickinger & Nathan Limbert.
- **LITURGIST: 8:30AM:** Ray Fox, **11:00AM:** Linda Little
- **USHERS: 8:30AM:** Nelson & Pat Roth, **11:00AM:** Volunteer
- **GREETERS: 8:30AM:** Lisa & Kevan Stough, **11:00AM:** Richard & Helen Hodgson
- **NURSERY DUTY: 8:30AM:** Patti Goodyear **11:00AM** Joan Hamme
- **MUSIC:** Jessie Sechriest, Men’s Chorus, Sandy Bamberger

**WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF THE VOLUNTEERS AND MUSICIANS!**

## PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:

**Morning Prayer** (<https://abide.co/blog/5-powerful-morning-prayers-to-start-your-day>)

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 will not ask where I am going. But only to know and feel in the depths of my heart and soul that you are with me. You are guiding me, and I am safe. In Jesus' name, I offer myself to you. Amen.

**Evening Prayer** Shepherd, Watch While We Sleep ([www.christianity.com](http://www.christianity.com))

Beloved Shepherd of our souls and bodies, you never slumber nor sleep. Spread your holy protection over us and cover us with your mighty wings, that no terrors of the night may disturb us, and let your divine majesty watch over our minds while we sleep; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## 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, 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 Leppo Family, The Little Family; The Snyder Family, The Glass/Myers Family, The Anthony/Bentzel Family, The Waddell/Bentzel Family, The Waldron/Myers Family.

The Consistory has determined, based on the recommendation of the Missions Committee, that this year's special **Thanksgiving offering** will be donated to the **Dover Food Bank**, which also serves persons living in the Shiloh area. Please use the Thanksgiving envelope that is included in your envelope box or use the "Other" line on your regular envelope and list it as "Thanksgiving."



The **Quilting Club** and several Youth Fellowship members have been making quilts and fleece blankets to donate after Thanksgiving to the OB/GYN Clinic. We would also like to collect grocery gift cards to donate to the clinic to use for formula and other items needed by the new mothers. There will be a donation box in the gallery by the quilts if you would like to donate.

Christmas is rapidly approaching! We are taking orders for poinsettias beginning **November 13**. The cost is **\$7.00 each**. Ordering envelopes will be in the narthex. The deadline to order is **December 4**. Please make checks payable to Shiloh UCC, thank you.



The **Sunday School Board** will be putting up a tree in the gallery again this year for the **Tree of Warmth** donations which will be collected from **November 13 to December 11** Adult items will be donated to **York's Giving Helping Hands** and the youth items will be donated to **Harvest of Blessings**. *Thank you for your kindness, Sunday School Board.*



The **Sunshine Class** is selling cashews again this year! A **half-pound bag is \$7.00**. There are order forms in the office, the welcome center, and in room 100. Orders need to be in by **Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>**, and they can be picked up at the church on **Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup> in room 100 from 7-8 pm or on Sunday morning**.

**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	<b>Worship/Thanksgiving Sunday</b>
	9:45	Sunday School (100 & 202)
MON	2:00	Outreach (202)
TUES		ELC Fall Break (thru 28 <sup>th</sup> )
	6:30	Cub Scouts (100)
	8:00	Men's Chorus
WED	9:30	Bible Study (202)
	5:00	TOPS (100)
THUR	1:00	Thanksgiving Dinner (100)
		OFFICE CLOSED
	6:30	NA Group
SUN	8:30 & 11	<b>Worship/First Sunday of Advent</b>



ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 109

## THE CHURCH STAFF

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This year, Pastor Melinda will be leading a new, fun **Advent Study** called **“The Bible and Handel’s Messiah.”** If you enjoy listening to beautiful music and praising God, this study is for you. Possible times will be weekday evenings and/or Sunday mornings (during Sunday School). The study will run 4 weeks during Advent and 6 weeks during Lent. **Sign-up sheets will be available in November.** You can also contact the office or Pastor Melinda if you are interested in the study.

If you do not have plans for **Thanksgiving** come and join us at **1:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 24** for dinner and fellowship in **Room 100.** We will have Turkey and all the trimmings. Please plan to bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to a local food bank. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Gallery, if you have any questions, please contact Stephanie Limbert.







Beginning **November 27**, the **SOUP KITCHEN** crew is asking for donations of wrapped candy (i.e. any snack-sized wrapped candy or mini candy canes). Please put candy donations in the boxes labeled “Soup Kitchen” in the church Gallery or kitchen. The **deadline for donations is Sunday, December 11**. We will fill small gift bags with the candy and distribute them at Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen in December. Thank you!

Shiloh UCC is sponsoring two families for **Adopt-a Family**. We are asking for your support **by donating money** for our volunteers to purchase from the requested items on their lists. These families also need daily household items such as: laundry detergent, fabric softener, cleaning supplies, paper towels, paper plates, garbage bags, baggies, Tylenol, storage containers, dish detergent and air fresheners. (anything that food stamps do not cover.) They can also use towels, dishcloths, blankets, pillows and sheets. You can designate Adopt-A-Family on your offering envelope or. use a separate envelope which can be placed in the collection plate or mail it in to the office by **November 27th**. Please make checks payable to Shiloh UCC. Thank you for your support as we prepare for the Christmas season!



**Adopt-a-Family**



Brian Curren will be collecting and delivering cookies for the **Carlisle Truck Stop Ministry** again this year. Each year, between Thanksgiving and Christmas, Carlisle Truck Stop Ministry, Inc. conducts a cookie collection and distribution event. Individuals from local churches and other groups prepare homemade cookies and place 6-8 cookies in decorated bags and don't forget a note, tract or Bible verse for each little bag. These bags are dropped off at the trailer in Carlisle and then distributed to the local truck stops, depots, restaurants, motels, and businesses to be handed out to drivers, employees and motel guests. A table will be set up in the hallway at Shiloh for collections starting **Sunday, December 4 through December 18**. Try to package your individual bags in something to preserve their freshness, if possible. Thank you for caring!

The **Women's Guild** will be meeting **December 5, at 1:00 pm in room 202**. The program will be from our study book **Leading a Life of Balance**. **Chapter Ten: Balancing Unity and Diversity**. Joyce Mummert will be leading this chapter. *We invite all women of the church to join us at any time.*



Women's Fellowship

**Engaging Women will be meeting on Tuesday, December 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the parlor** for a Christmas Cookie Social. For additional information,

contact Sally Curren at [dgft25@hotmail.com](mailto:dgft25@hotmail.com).





The **Woman's Social & Support Group** will meet for lunch at The **Olive Garden** on **Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 pm**. Please call Joyce Bowers at 717-767-8966 by December 14<sup>th</sup> if you plan to attend.



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