

WELCOME TO SHILOH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
WORSHIP SERVICE
NOVEMBER 21, 2021
8:30AM AND 11:00AM

MEDITATION

If the only prayer you said in your whole life was, "thank you," that would suffice.

~Meister Eckhart

THE PRELUDE TO CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

8:30AM....."Give Thanks".....Innes

DUET DANI BENTZEL & SANDY BAMBERGER

11:00AM....."Blessed Be The Name".....Courtney

WELCOME AND CONCERNS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Come with hearts overflowing in gratitude.

All: God has done great things for us.

One: Be glad and rejoice!

All: We rejoice in God's gifts.

One: Sing praises to our God who loves and cares about us.

All: We praise God for our lives, for harvest, and abundant blessings.

Let us worship God!

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Giver of Life, for sunshine and showers, we give you thanks; for food and drink, we praise you; for clothing and shelter, we bestow our gratitude. In this sacred space and time, gather our burdens and worries, and instead fill us with your comforting presence, the Holy Spirit. Shelter us from fear and despair. Free us from everything that separates us from your love. Help us rest assured in your arms, knowing that your loving care is enough. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***HYMN**....."Come, Ye Thankful People, Come".....#422

CHILDREN'S TIME

***HYMN**....."For the Beauty of the Earth".....#28

*We
give thanks
to God and the Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

COLOSSIANS 1:3

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Patient God, we are rushing headlong into the holiday season, forgetting that the word “holiday” is actually comprised of two words: “holy and day.” Forgive us when we treat the “holiday” as a task and a burden, when we load ourselves down with tasks that do not enhance the day. Help us move past the busyness of the season into the attitude of gratitude for all the wonders and blessings you have poured on us. Forgive us when we grumble about the work and do not relish the delight in having family and friends together. Remind us that there are those for whom this day holds little delight and hope. Help us reach out to them with love, listening to their hearts and trying to meet their needs. Cause us to be people of Passion about the love you have given to us and about the joy of serving you by helping others. In Jesus’ Name, we pray. AMEN.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Though hosts encamp around you, uttering messages of fear and dread, place your trust and hope in God who lavishly provides for you and who calls you beloved. Rejoice, for God loves you and you are forgiven. Amen.

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.

WITNESS TO OUR SACRED STORY

Joel 2:21-27
Psalm 126

CHANCEL CHOIR

8:30AM.....”*All Good Gifts*”..... Sleeth

11:00AM.....”*Great is Thy Faithfulness*”..... Larson

DUET SHELLEY STEWART & OLIVA PITUCH

Philippians 4:1-7

SERMON

”*Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart*”

***HYMN**.....”*Give Thanks*”..... See 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 OFFERINGS BEFORE GOD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Generous God, You have blessed us with gifts beyond measure and love that defies understanding. We give you now a portion of our possessions, a promise of our devotion, and the commitment of our lives, hoping that these gifts will be shared with those in need. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

***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**

Bountiful God, we look forward to your harvest each year. Our tables overflow with the goodness of your green earth. Our tables, however, are pale in comparison to the splendor that awaits us and all of your children, at your heavenly banquet. Receive these offerings, as we thank you for your many blessings. Help us be mindful of those who go without, as we feast and make merry during this festive season. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**.....”*Great Is Your Faithfulness*”.....#423

BENEDICTION

Beloved of God, place your whole trust in God’s absolute abundant love. Feel the powerful presence of God in your life and know that God’s blessings are with you. Go in peace, and may God’s peace always be with you. Amen.

POSTLUDE

8:30AM.....”*The Lord Is King*”..... Broughton

11:00AM.....”*Close To Thee*”..... Courtney

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 BULLETINS** are dedicated to the glory of God and to celebrate our son's 41st birthday by Brian and Sally Curren.
- **ACOLYTE: 11:00AM:** Lily Fahnestock
- **LITURGIST: 8:30AM:** Brad Jacobs, **11:00AM:** Stephanie Berkheimer
- **USHERS: 8:30AM:** Patti Goodyear, **11:00AM:** Marsha Reiber
- **GREETERS: 8:30AM:** Gary & Marvel Burg, **11:00AM:** Jeff & Cheryl Hershey
- **NURSERY DUTY: 8:30AM:** John & Mary Reiber, **11:00AM** Jessie Sechriest
- **MUSIC: 8:30AM: Chancel Choir, Sandy Bamberger & Dani Bentzel 11:00AM: Donna Seifarth, Shelley Stewart & Olivia Pituch**

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF THE VOLUNTEERS, THE CHANCEL CHOIR, SANDY, DANI, DONNA, SHELLEY AND OLIVIA FOR PROVIDING THE WORSHIP MUSIC THIS SUNDAY!

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:

Morning Prayer (The Abingdon Worship Annual 2015, Thanksgiving)



Giver of life, we bless you for your many gifts – the gifts of sunshine and rain, the gifts of summer and fall. For the coming winter and the change of seasons, we give you thanks. For the blessings of our lives and the opportunities to experience joy, we give you praise. Even as we thank you, we remember that many are in need of your love and care. Help us worry more for others than we do for ourselves. Be with those who struggle for daily needs. Empower those who live in fear and violence. Encourage those who suffer in sorrow and despair. Restore our fortunes, O God, - not the fortunes of money and power, but the fortunes of love and mercy, the gifts of grace and peace. Strengthen us as we strive for your kingdom and your righteousness in our lives, today and every day. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Evening Prayer (By Rebecca Weston)

Father, we thank thee for the night, and for the pleasant morning light. For rest and food and loving care, and all that makes the day so fair. Help us to do the things we should, to be to others kind and good. In all we do, in work or play, to grow more loving every day. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

Chuck and Sandy Baboian, Julene Bechtel, Jim Sr. and Rosemary Bentzel, Rosabel Bentzel, Oscar Bupp, Bev Kirk, Donna Krone, Dottie Limbert, Catherine Lochman, Marguerite Lochman, Arlene Myers, Joanne Overmiller, Randy Reisinger, Mary Rodgers, Stewart and Marie Wagner, Elva Winter, Sue Trimble.

THOSE WHO GRIEVE FOR THEIR LOVED ONES

The Elicker Family, The Burg/Missinger Family.

We are taking orders for poinsettias beginning **November 14**. The cost is *\$6.50 each. Ordering envelopes will be in the narthex. The **deadline to order is December 5**. Please make checks payable to **Shiloh UCC**, thank you.



The **Sunday School** will collect gloves, hats, scarves and other warm items for the **Tree of Warmth**. from **November 7th through December 12th** All youth items will be given to the Dover Clothes Closet. Adult items will be given to York Giving Helping Hands to hand out to those in need. Thank you for your support!!

Engaging Women will be meeting on Tuesday, December 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. They will continue with the book called "The Power of a Woman's Words," by Sharon Jaynes.




The Carlisle Truck Stop Ministry, Inc. is conducting a cookie collection and distribution event. Individuals from local churches and other groups prepare homemade cookies and place 6-8 cookies in decorated bags along with a note, tract or Bible verse. These bags are dropped off at the trailer and then distributed to the local truck stops, trucking depots, restaurants, motels, and businesses to be handed out to drivers, employees and motel guests. The purpose is to let our truckers and travelers know that we are thinking of them and to provide a taste of home while they are on the road. **This year at Shiloh there will be a table placed in the gallery near the parlor on Sunday November 28 to collect cookies until December 12.** On the twelfth the cookies will be collected and taken to the Carlisle Trucker's Ministry. Please contact Brian Curren with any questions.

*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"*

Shiloh UCC is **adopting families** again this year for the Christmas season. This year we have 2 families. This year we are again asking you to support the families **by donating money to Adopt-A-Family**. We have volunteers who will use that money to purchase as much as we can from the requested items on their lists. 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 28th**. Please make checks payable to Shiloh UCC. Thank you for your support as we prepare for the Christmas season.




We are also collecting **treats and supplies for the York SPCA and the Raven Ridge Wildlife Rehabilitation Center**. Tags with the needed supplies are hanging on the **Animal Angel tree in the gallery**. We will collect supplies from **November 7th through December 5th**.

 **The Sunshine Class** is selling cashews again this year. **The cost is \$7.00 for a half pound bag and \$14.00 for a pound**. They are available in salted or unsalted. We will be making them on **Friday, December 10th and they can be picked up that evening in room 100 from 7-8 p.m. or on the following Sunday morning**. Order forms can be found in the Welcome Center, church office, and room 100, or you may just let a class member know what you'd like to order.

Beginning **November 28**, 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 12**. We will fill small gift bags with the candy and distribute them at Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen in December. Thank you!



 **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.

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



THIS WEEK

SUN	8:30 & 11	Worship
	9:45	Sunday School
	6:00	Confirmation Class (202)
TUES	6:30	Cub Scouts (100)
	8:00	Men's Chorus Rehearsals
WED	9:30	Bible Study (202)
	5:30	TOPS (100)
THUR		Thanksgiving Day – Office Closed
FRI		Office Closed
	1:00	Private Event (100)
SUN	8:30 & 11	First Sunday of Advent



ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 99

8:30 SERVICE: 68

11:00 SERVICE: 31



Coffee Connections will resume in **room 100** instead of the welcoming center to allow for better social distancing. Food and drinks will be individually wrapped or served.

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