

**WELCOME TO SHILOH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
REIGN OF CHRIST  
NOVEMBER 26, 2023  
8:30AM AND 11:00AM**

**MEDITATION**

*"Love and compassion are necessities, not luxuries. Without them, humanity cannot survive."*

**- Dalai Lama XIV, 21st century**

**PRELUDE**

**8:30AM**                    *"Medley Thanksgiving Tributes"*                    Arr. Hamme

**11:00AM**                    *"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*                    Larson  
*"Blessed Be the Name"*                    Courtney

**WELCOME AND CONCERNS**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 100)**

**One:** Know that the Holy One is God.

**All: We are God's people.**

**One:** Worship the Holy One with gladness;

**All: Come into God's presence with singing.**

**One:** Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and God's courts with praise.

**All: Make a joyful noise!**

**One:** For God is good; God's steadfast love endures forever, and God's faithfulness to all generations.

**All: Let us praise God in song and word and prayer! Let us worship God with thanks and joy!**

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

**One:** Let us pray!

**Glorious God, enlighten our eyes to behold the hope to which we are called and the richness of our splendid inheritance in Jesus Christ, our Shepherd. Reveal your ways to us and help us understand our actions, that we might bring your light to the world in all that we say and in all that we do. Bless Shiloh UCC with unity and strength that it may be Christ for the world, who rescues the perishing and reclaims the lost and scattered. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.**



*To him be glory*

IN THE CHURCH AND IN CHRIST JESUS  
THROUGHOUT ALL GENERATIONS,  
FOR EVER AND EVER! AMEN.

*EPHESIANS 3:11 (NIV)*

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of glory, we do not always see your  
 glory in the world around us.  
 When we see a person in need,  
 it’s not easy to look him in the eye.  
 When we hear a cry for help,  
 it’s not easy to offer quick assistance.  
 When we know of a lonely prisoner,  
 it’s not easy to make the visit.  
 Forgive us when we fail to see you  
 in our everyday lives.  
 Forgive us when we are afraid to act, and afraid to care.  
 Encourage us, God of glory.  
 Help us see others with the eyes of compassion,  
 that we might be your loving presence  
 in the world. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: There is immeasurable greatness in the power of God for those who believe. In the name of Christ Jesus, who brings fullness to all, you are forgiven.  
 All: Thanks be to God!

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

One: God loves us with a tenderness that can heal the deepest wounds in our soul. Christ offers us shelter in green pastures and leads us beside still waters. The Spirit offers us a peace that passes all understanding. Let our hearts rejoice this day, as we turn to our neighbors and share the peace of our shepherd.  
 The peace of Christ 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.*

WITNESS TO OUR SACRED STORY

First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24  
 Second Reading: Psalm 100

CHANCEL CHOIR “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” Arr. Wright

Third Reading: Matthew 25:31-46

SERMON “Unfinished Business”

\*HYMN “Won’t You Let Me Be Your Servant?” #539

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

Enter God’s gates with thanksgiving. Enter God’s courtyard with praise. As sheep of God’s fold, we have received goodness and grace from God’s hand. Let us show our gratitude as we collect today’s offering – an offering that continues Christ’s work of mercy and compassion for all of God’s lambs.

\*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**

One: Let us pray!

**God of abundance, we give these offerings of material goods as our commitment to give back to you and to care for your people. Let our giving remind us to see Your Son, Christ Jesus all around us. Use our offerings of money and of our lives for ministry. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**      *“Crown Him with Many Crowns”*      Insert

**BENEDICTION**

One: Go into God’s world, enabled by Christ to be in ministries of compassion for all God’s people. Hear the cries of those in need! Love this world as God has loved you. Care tenderly always for all of creation. Go, and faithfully serve in the name of Jesus Christ.

**All: Amen.**

**POSTLUDE**

<b>8:30AM</b>	<i>“The Gift of Love”</i>	Hopson
<b>11:00AM</b>	<i>“Blessed Assurance”</i>	Tornquist

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

- **THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented to the glory of God and in memory of our parents, Mr. And Mrs. Robert L. Hodgson Sr. and Dora M. Ross and James W. Klein by Helen and Dick Hodgson.
- **THE BULLETINS** are dedicated to the glory of God and in this season of Thanksgiving – despite the wars, strife, stress, hatred and the sinful ways of the world – Just remember God is still in charge of everything. As hard as it seems to be, just keep your faith and in the end everything will be okay. All honor, praise, glory and blessing be to God, our Heavenly Father by Mark Garber.
- **VIDEO TEAM:** Lew Wallace, Sallie Hagerman, Dani Bentzel, Matt Hildebrecht, & Nathan Limbert.
- **LITURGIST: 8:30AM:** Natalie Fuhrman **11:00 AM:** Jeff Hershey
- **GREETERS: 8:30AM** Don & Jeanie Bentzel **11:00AM:** Steve & Sue Besecker
- **NURSERY: 8:30AM:** Nathan Limbert **11:00AM** Jessie Sechriest
- **MUSIC:** Chancel Choir, Donna Seifarth, Joan Hamme

**PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:**

**Morning Prayer**

Dear God, this daylight, upon waking and getting ready for my day, I pray that You give me strength today to be strong for You in this world full of temptations. Lord, You know that there are struggles I will go through today. I pray that you are with me as I go through them. Carry me when I am too weak. If I stumble into temptation, forgive me, Father. Bless my loved ones with the strength You have given me, Lord. You are worthy of all praise and worship. You are my strength and my protection. Keep my family and me safe at all times, Lord, especially those in transit this morning. In Your Son Jesus’ name, I pray, Amen. (*Source: PrayWithMe.com*)

**Evening Prayer**

Loving God, I am so grateful for who you are and for all you do. You are the King of kings, and Lord of lords. You are my God who I will follow and serve all my days. Thank you for taking care of me. Thank you for being with me no matter what I go through. Thank you for watching over my loved ones and having them in your hands. I praise you for all your goodness and love.

Let my mind be set upon you this evening. Let me dwell on your goodness and holiness. I worship you because you are the only God. You alone are worthy of my praise. Thank you for sending your Son to save the world and for sending your Spirit to guide us in truth. I love you, Lord, and praise you with all my heart. Let my life be honoring to you, let my faith be deep and lasting, and help me to cling to you in all circumstances. You are magnificent and glorious, oh Lord! I praise your Holy Name. Amen! (*Source: biblestudytools.com*)

**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

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!



“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>Reign of Christ/Slate of Consistory Nominees</b>	
	9:45	Sunday School (100 & 202)	
TUES	6:30	Cub Scouts (100, 117 or library)	
	7:00	Outreach (202)	
	8:00	Men’s Chorus	
WED	9:30	Bible Study	
	5:00	TOPS (117)	
	6:00	Advent Soup & Study (202)	
THUR	5:00	ELC Board (202)	
	6:30	NA Group	
	6:30	Choirs	
FRI	7:00	Relay 4 Life (100)	
SAT	7:00	Relay 4 Life (100)	
	5:00	Parent’s Night Out (100)	
SUN	8:30 & 11	First Sunday in Advent/Communion	



Christmas is rapidly approaching! We are taking orders for **poinsettias**. 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.

It's that time of year to warm up with a nice cup of **coffee** from **Costa Rica**! A new shipment has come in and it includes decaffeinated coffee as well as whole coffee beans for a fresh grind! Please contact Linda Little if interested at 717-309-4523



**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 94**



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. 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 **December 3**. Please make checks payable to Shiloh UCC. Thank you for your support as we prepare for the Christmas season!

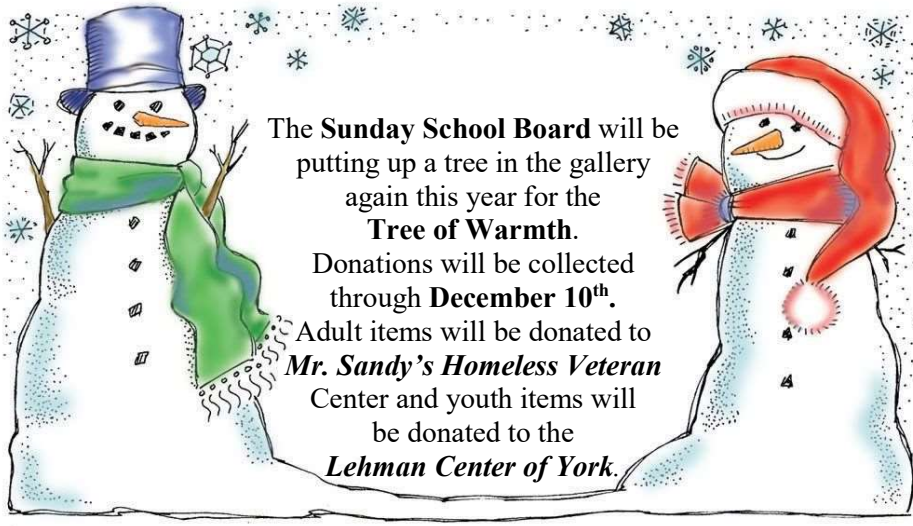
As a reminder, the **first Sunday of every month** is food collection for the Salvation Army. The non-perishable food items should be placed in the shopping cart in the Welcoming Center.



**THE CHURCH STAFF**

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The **Sunday School Board** will be putting up a tree in the gallery again this year for the **Tree of Warmth.**

Donations will be collected through **December 10<sup>th</sup>.**

Adult items will be donated to **Mr. Sandy's Homeless Veteran Center** and youth items will be donated to the **Lehman Center of York.**

*Veteran's Helping Hand* was created by Sandy Walker, a Vietnam Veteran who did not want any of his fellow Veterans to feel isolated or unwelcomed after coming home from war. The mission of *Veteran's Helping Hand* is to provide immediate aid to homeless Veterans and any Veteran that needs assistance. *Veteran's Helping Hand* offers a variety of services including: emergency shelter, mental health counseling referrals, emergency food baskets, clothing, hot meals on weekends and many more!

The *Lehman Center* was started in 1913, by a group of compassionate and dedicated individuals who made a contentious decision to do something to help orphaned, neglected, and indigent children to change their life situation. Today, their team of compassionate and dedicated professionals, volunteers, churches, businesses and community organizations collaborate to create the Children's aid Society. Their vision, is that all children are safe and feel loved by helping them and their families build stronger healthier lives through their compassionate and professional services of; children centered creative art & play therapy, crisis nursery respite care, family advocacy, *Incredible Years* Parent Support & Education groups, children's clothing bank, and their 24-hour Parenting Hotline and York Cares Coffee Spot. The Children's Aid Society is unique in our commitment to help all children and their families regardless of their economic or social circumstances.

The Sunday School Board thanks you for your consideration in donating to these two organizations!

The **Carlisle Truck Stop Ministry, Inc.** is conducting a cookie collection and distribution event to provide a little home away from home for truck drivers during the holiday season. Individuals from local churches and other groups prepare cookies and place 6-8 cookies in decorated bags along with a note, tract or Bible verse (Homemade cookies are preferred but we understand if they aren't). Try to package your individual bags in something to preserve their freshness, if possible. There will be a **table placed in the gallery** near the parlor beginning **Sunday, November 26 through Sunday, December 10 for donated cookies.** Thank you for caring! Please contact Brian Curren at [bcurren@hotmail.com](mailto:bcurren@hotmail.com) with any questions.



**\*\*Please Note\*\*** Due to ongoing Covid concerns, we are asking you to wear masks and gloves while preparing and packaging cookies and that you seal the bags with staples, bows, etc.



The **Women's Guild** will be meeting **December 4, at 1:00 pm in room 202.** The program will be from our study book **Encouraging One Another. Chapter Nine: "One Another" Actions.** Zoe Bordes will be leading this chapter. Special offering this month is for New Life for Girls and Cash Rally. *We invite all women of the church to join us at any time.*

**Engaging Women will be meeting on Tuesday, December 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the parlor** For additional information, contact Sally Curren at [dgft25@hotmail.com](mailto:dgft25@hotmail.com).



**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.

