



Welcome to Shiloh United Church of Christ
First Sunday of Advent
November 27, 2022
8:30AM and 11:00AM

MEDITATION

Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness.

~Desmond Tutu

PRELUDE

8:30AM

“Prepare the Way, O Zion”

Paxton

11:00AM

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Larson

WELCOME AND CONCERNS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: I was glad when they said unto me, “Let us go into the house of the Lord!”

All: We are standing in God’s presence, alert and ready to receive God’s blessings.

One: The night is passing. The day of salvation is near.

All: We seek to live as people of the light. Come, Lord Jesus, come! We worship and praise you!

***UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

One: Let us pray!

All: Your season comes, Lord. Come once again, and feed your flock like a shepherd. Come once again, and gather up the children, the oppressed, the sick, the lonely, the humble, and the rejected of the earth. Turn our hearts to the least of your children. For if we lose them, we become lost. Reconcile us to you and to those we have hurt.

At this Advent, join us together with neighbors, with strangers, and especially with our own household. Bring us to your light in our time of darkness, through your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen

***HYMN**

“Come, O Long Expected Jesus”

#122

We’ve a story to tell to the nations, that shall turn their hearts to the right, a story of truth and mercy, a story of peace and light, a story of peace and light.	Refrain: For the darkness shall turn to dawning, and the dawning to noonday bright; and Christ’s great kingdom shall come on earth, the kingdom of love and light.
We’ve a song to be sung to the nations, that shall lift their hearts to the Lord, a song that shall conquer evil and shatter the spear and sword, and shatter the spear and sword. Refrain	We’ve a message to give to the nations, that the Lord who reigneth above hath sent us his Son to save us, and show us that God is love, and show us that God is love. Refrain
	We’ve a Savior to show to the nations, who the path of sorrow hath trod, that all of the world’s great peoples might come to the truth of God, might come to the truth of God. Refrain

LIGHTING THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE THE PROMISE OF HOPE

In this season of Advent, we remember that Christ is coming to bring us hope. For those of us bound by bitterness and anger

Christ is coming to bring us hope.

For those of us feeling trapped and misunderstood

Christ is coming to bring us hope.

For shoes of us burdened with ceaseless worry

Christ is coming to bring us hope.

For those of us whose lives feel out of control

Christ is coming to bring us hope.

Candle Lighting

In this season of Advent, as we look forward to Christmas, we take time to celebrate and to remember. On this, the first Sunday, as we light the **first candle**, we celebrate hope. Hope for a better world and better tomorrow. We also remember that we are God’s instruments of hope here on earth and it’s up to us to spread the message of hope.

***HYMN**

“Hope Is a Star” Insert
When God is a child there’s joy in our song.
The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong,
And none shall be afraid, none shall be afraid.

CLOSING PRAYER

Most merciful God, we thank you for the hope that shines like a star in the night. With your promise, we can look forward to a better tomorrow. Fill our hearts with the love that hope brings to all humankind during times of darkness. In your name, O Lord, we pray. Amen.

8:30 & 11:00AM 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**

“Dona Nobis Pacem” Insert (Sing 2 times)

Dona nobis pacem, pacem
Dona nobis pacem, Dona nobis pacem,
Dona nobis pacem, Dona nobis pacem,
Dona nobis pacem

WITNESS TO OUR SACRED STORY

First Reading: Psalm 122; Second Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

8:30 & 11:00AM-CHANCEL CHOIR

“My Lord, What a Morning” Gilpin

Third Reading: Matthew 24:36-44

SERMON

“Hope”

***HYMN**

“Keep Awake, Be Always Ready”

#112

Keep awake, be always ready, God’s time approaches sure and steady, God’s strength will keep your heart from blame. Clouds, the Spirit’s light concealing, disperse, God’s purest light revealing; creation will its Sovereign name. Dry branches burst forth green God’s advent signs are seen: Hallelujah! Christ’s judgment won, God’s will be done; God’s new dominion thus begun.	Rise and shine for One is coming whose love will quench all nature’s thirsting to be made whole forever more. On that day to end all weeping, death’s swords transformed to tools of reaping, the God of might will mercy pour. Incarnate, God appears embracing all our tears: Hallelujah! God’s majesty eternally revealed to set the cosmos free.
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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 OFFERING BEFORE GOD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Even in difficult times we remember that God has done great things for us. We choose to live our lives in hope, counting on the goodness of God in every age. As a sign of our trust in God, we share our gifts this morning, strengthening the ministry of Shiloh UCC, as we seek together to extend hope and summon peace. Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God in gratitude and praise!

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

“Doxology”

**Praise God for gifts of hope and peace Praise God for gifts of joy and love
Praise God for sending Christ to dwell On earth for us – Emmanuel. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

One: Let us pray!

Giver of all good things, as we offer these gifts to you, open our eyes to see more clearly all that we have been given, and all that we have to give. Stretch our capacity to love, to be loyal companions, and spiritual leaders in the world. Challenge us to be generous with our material gifts, and to use them compassionately. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

“We’ve a Story to Tell the Nations”

Insert

BENEDICTION

One: Go into the world awake to the signs of God’s invitations to new life. Know that the reign of Christ draws nearer with each right action we choose. *And may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. (Romans 15:13)*

All: Amen.

POSTLUDE

8:30AM

“Come, Thou Long – Expected Jesus”

Hamilton

11:00AM

“Lead On, O King Eternal”

Tornquist

WE ARE DELIGHTED THAT YOU JOINED US FOR WORSHIP TODAY!

- **VIDEO TEAM:** Lew Wallace, Sallie Hagerman, Dani Bentzel, Reen Bentzel, Matt Hildebrecht, George & Jaron Flickinger & Nathan Limbert.
- **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 thankfulness for His many blessings in the autumn beauty that surrounds us. By Jeff & Cheryl Hershey.
- **LITURGIST: 8:30AM:** Dani Bentzel, **11:00AM:** Tom Klunk
- **USHERS: 8:30AM:** Kevan & Lisa Stough **11:00AM:** Stephanie Berkheimer
- **GREETERS: 8:30AM:** Judy Clark **11:00AM:** Jay & Joyce Mummert
- **NURSERY DUTY: 8:30AM:** Tim & Katie Bentzel **11:00AM** Jessie Sechriest
- **MUSIC:** Chancel Choir, Sandy Bamberger, and Donna Seifarth

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

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:

Morning Prayer (Adrian Rogers)

Lord, I am weary and don’t know when this “race” will end in my life. I feel like I’ve been running forever, trying to outrun this trial. Help me to stop trying to outrun my pain but rather run with endurance the race you have set before me. I know that because of you I am ultimately a victor over the trials in my life. I know that nothing in this world can separate me from your steadfast love. Please give me a measure of your love today; give me the strength to endure this trial. Thank you for your love for me that never ends! And thank you for the crown of joy that awaits me forever in your Kingdom! In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Evening Prayer (Julie Palmer)

Dear Father in Heaven, here, safe with you, I drink in your peace. Help me to sift through the many experiences, feelings and thoughts I have encountered today. I allow myself to rest, to wind down and to be still. Help me to surrender all I am to you, my fatigue, my concerns, my hopes and fears. As I sleep tonight, I choose to hold your hand. I choose to live with you. I choose to believe, I choose to trust, and I choose you always. In Jesus' name I pray. 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, Jay Mummert, 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 Repman Family



Mitten Tree

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

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



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!

The **Outreach Committee** has initiated a direct mailing project. Postcards will be sent to 1000 families in a 3-mile radius from the church. If you receive a card in the mail, the committee is asking you to **pass it forward**. This means to give it to a friend or family member inviting them to join us for one of the Advent events. We appreciate your help in 'reaching out' to the community!



"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	First Sunday in Advent/Slate of Consistory Nom.
	9:45	Sunday School (100) & Wired Word (202)
	9:45	Advent Study (Sanctuary)
MON	6:30	Church Chums (202)
TUES	6:30	Cub Scouts (100)
WED	9:30	Bible Study
	10:00	Staff (Office)
	5:00	TOPS (100)
THUR	5:00	ELC Board (100)
	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	Second Sunday in Advent/Communion



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During The month of **October** and **November** we will be accepting memberships for the **Homewood Auxiliary**. A **single membership is \$3.00 or \$5.00 per couple**. You will receive a quarterly newsletter with updates from all the Homewood sites and a pen for your support. Please see **Pat Roth or Shirley Lohmann to receive your membership**.



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!

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 4th**. and they can be picked up at the church on **Friday, December 9th in room 100 from 7-8 pm or on Sunday morning**.



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.

The cookies will be collected and taken to the Carlisle Trucker's Ministry where they will be distributed to the local truck stops, depots, restaurants, motels, and businesses.

There will be a **table placed in the gallery** near the parlor beginning **Sunday, December 4 through December 18 for donated cookies**. Thank you for caring! Please contact Brian Curren at bcurren@hotmail.com with any questions.



Let's celebrate the season together! You, your friends, and family are invited to attend a **Christmas Concert on December 11** performed by the Brass Ensemble. The event will **begin at 5:00 PM** with a light supper including a variety of soups and pulled pork sandwiches prior to the start of the **concert at 6:30 PM**. A freewill offering will be collected at the concert. The congregation is asked to donate cookies for the supper.

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.



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.*

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



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.

