



**Welcome
To our Church**

**Welcome to this time of worship at
Shiloh United Church of Christ**

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Our Mission Statement

***“Shiloh United Church of Christ is called to show Christ’s love for all
through witness, word, and worship.”***

MEDITATION - *“Reverence is a specific attitude toward something that is precious and valuable, toward someone who is superior. It is a salute of the soul; an awareness of value without enjoyment of that value, or seeking any personal advantage from it. There is a unique kind of transparency about things and events. The world is seen through, and no veil can conceal God completely. So the pious man is ever alert to see behind the appearance of things a trace of the divine, and thus his attitude toward life is one of expectant reverence.”*

Abraham Joshua Heschel: Man is

Not Alone: A Philosophy of Religion

PRELUDE

8:30 AM

“I know Whom I Have Believed”

Wilson

11:00 AM

“Higher Ground”

Gabriel/Arr. Tornquist

WELCOME AND CONCERNS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Come, all who need help!

All: Our help comes from God, the one who made heaven and earth.

One: Come, all who desire blessing!

All: Our blessing comes from God, the God of Abraham, the God of the ages.

One: Come, all who long for salvation!

All: Our salvation comes from Jesus Christ, the one sent by God to save the world. Let us worship God!

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

One: Let us pray!

God of the ages,

we come into this holy space

asking for your blessing,

only to find that the abundance of your love

is already around us.

Open our eyes to see the blessing of your creation

in the beauty all around us.

Open our ears to hear the blessing of your word

as it is proclaimed in story and song this day.

Open our hearts to experience the blessing of faith

through the gentle touch of a friend

or the supportive smile of a stranger.

And open our doors,

that we may become vessels of your blessing

to a world still in need of salvation.

All this we pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Let us pray!
God of salvation,
 you shower our lives and our world with love,
 yet we too often turn away from your blessing.
 It is just so easy to complain!
 There are little annoyances each day,
 but they pile up into a mountainous burden
 that becomes a curse on our lives.
 Free us from our unwise choices, O God.
 When we are distracted and confused,
 redirect our attention to the abundant opportunities
 to experience your love.
 Help us focus our hearts on you,
 that we may choose the blessing of salvation
 offered us each day through Jesus Christ,
 in whom we pray. Amen.

Silence is observed for reflection and prayer

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: God did not send Jesus into the world to condemn it,
 but that the world might be saved through him.
All: Through the saving love of Jesus Christ,
you are forgiven and blessed!

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

One: God’s blessings are all around us, in all the families of the earth. As human beings created in God’s own image, we all carry a divine blessing. Knowing that, turn now to one another and offer these words:

The peace of God be with you.
All: And also with you.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

All children (including infants) and youth who desire to come forward for the Children’s Sermon are welcomed and encouraged to do so. Parent’s/caregivers are welcome to accompany their child during the children’s message.

8:30 & 11:00 AM NEW MEMBERS JOINING SHILOH UCC

Judy Clark & Patricia Myers
Tom Fox

INVITATION

We invite to come forward those who wish to affirm their baptism by uniting with us in this household of faith.
 Friends in Christ, we are all received into the church through the sacrament of baptism. These people have found nurture and support in the midst of the family of Christ. Through prayer and study they have been led by the Holy Spirit to affirm their baptism and to claim in our presence their covenantal relationship with Christ and the members of the church. They are here for service to Jesus Christ, using the gifts which the Holy Spirit bestows.

OPENING SENTENCES

You are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are equally citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus along being the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy Temple in Christ. In him you also are built into that structure to be a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

QUESTIONS OF THE CANDIDATES

One: Do you desire to affirm your baptism into the faith and family of Jesus Christ?

Candidates: I do.

One: Do you renounce the powers of evil and desire the freedom of new life in Christ?

Candidates: I do.

One: Do you profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior?

Candidates: I do.

One: Do you promise, by the grace of God, to be Christ's disciple, to follow in the way of our Savior, to resist oppression and evil, to show love and justice, and to witness to the work and word of Jesus Christ as best you are able?

Candidates: I promise, with the help of God.

One: Do you promise, according to the grace given you to grow in the Christian faith and to be a faithful member of the church of Jesus Christ, celebrating Christ's presence and furthering Christ's mission in all the world?

Candidates: I promise, with the help of God.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

One: Let us unite with the church in all times and places in confessing our faith in the triune God. Do you believe in God?

All: I believe in God.

One: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

All: I believe in Jesus Christ.

One: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

All: I believe in the Holy Spirit.

ADDRESS

Pastor: By your baptism you were made one with us in the body of Christ, the church. Today we rejoice in your pilgrimage of faith which has brought you to this time and place. We give thanks for every community of faith that has been your spiritual home, and we celebrate your presence in this household of faith.

QUESTIONS ABOUT PARTICIPATION

Pastor: Do you promise to participate in the life and mission of this family of God's people, sharing regularly in the worship of God and enlisting in the work of Shiloh UCC as it serves this community and the world?

Candidates: I promise, with the help of God.

PRAYER

One: O God, we praise you for calling us to faith and for gathering us into the church, the body of Christ. We thank you for your people gathered here at Shiloh UCC, and rejoice that you have increased our community of faith. Together may we live in the Spirit, build one another up in love, sharing in the life and worship of the church, and serving the world for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*WELCOME AND RECEPTION (All who are able please stand)

One: Let us, the members of Shiloh UCC, express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.

Congregation: We welcome you with joy in the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit my we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.

One: In the name of Jesus Christ, and on behalf of Shiloh UCC, we extend to you the hand of Christian love, welcoming you into the company of this local church.

All: Thanks be to God!

WITNESS TO OUR SACRED STORY

First Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Second Reading: Luke 18:1-8

8:30 & 11:00AM PIANO SOLO BY JOAN HAMME

"You Raise Me Up" Loveland & Graham

SERMON

“God Watches Over You”

*HYMN

“Spirit of the Living God (Sing 2 x’s)”

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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

Through this invitation to share our gifts, we acknowledge that God has blessed us abundantly, and that we are to be a blessing to the world. In the very act of giving, in every act of bestowing blessings on another, we find that we are blessed yet again. I encourage you now to enter fully into this amazing cycle of blessing. “Through Christ let us continually praise God and share what we have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.”

*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

One: Let us pray!

Merciful Lord, we offer our gifts and we offer our prayers, not trusting in our righteousness, but as those who know our own unworthiness and trust only in your love and grace. Keep from us any temptation to see ourselves as better than any other, remembering that you love us all equally, no matter where we are on life’s pilgrimage. We pray in Christ’s name. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

“Be not Dismayed” (God Will Take Care of You)

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BENEDICTION

As you leave this place, lift up your eyes to the Lord! The One who sent Jesus Christ, as salvation for all the world, will never desert you. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in, from this time on, and forevermore. Go now in peace, with God’s blessing. Amen.

POSTLUDE

8:30AM

“If You But Trust in God to Guide You”

Cherwien

11:00:AM

“Reach Out to Jesus”

Carmichael

WE ARE DELIGHTED THAT YOU JOINED US FOR WORSHIP TODAY!

- **THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of Rodney and Barbara Miller by Karen Bupp.
- **THE BULLETINS** are dedicated to the glory of God and in memory of my sister Linda Glass who passed away on September 19, 2022 by Debbie & Bob Myers.
- **VIDEO TEAM:** Lew Wallace, Sallie Hagerman, Dani Bentzel, Reen Bentzel, Matt Hildebrecht, George & Jaron Flickinger & Nathan Limbert.
- **LITURGIST: 8:30AM:** Jeanie Bentzel, **11:00AM:** Jeff Hershey
- **ACOLYTE: 8:30 AM:** Keith Krout, **11:00 AM:** Kendra Tredway
- **USHERS: 8:30AM:** Milton & Beverly Hoak, **11:00AM:** Stephanie Berkheimer
- **GREETERS: 8:30AM:** Elaine Krout, **11:00AM:** Jay & Joyce Mummert
- **NURSERY DUTY: 8:30AM:** Sallie Hagerman & Natalie Fuhrman, **11:00AM** Marsha Reiber
- **MUSIC:** Sandy Bamberger, Joan Hamme, Jessie Sechrist

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

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:

Morning Prayer (Written by Wendy Blight)

“This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.” Psalm 118:24

Dear God,

I don't know who or what will cross my path today. But I do know that you are my Rock and my Fortress. You are my Shield and my Strong Tower. Help me to anchor myself to you today. Teach me how to stand strong in you and choose only your way today. Help me walk by your truth and not my feelings. Help me to embrace anything that comes my way as an opportunity to see you at work and as an opportunity to point others to you. Thank you that you love me and nothing can ever take that away from me! In Jesus' name. Amen.

Evening Prayer (Rebecca Barlow Jordan)

“Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.” Matthew 6:34

Grant me a good night's sleep tonight, O God, so that I can awake refreshed and ready to begin another day loving. Please, watch over me and my loved ones. Thank you again for blessings so undeserved and too numerous to count. I love being your child, and I long for the word “faithful” to describe my service to you. When I awake in the morning, may it be with a joyful smile, not a grumpy spirit. May your protection and your presence bathe this place with peace and safety against the enemy. Good night, Lord. In Jesus's name. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

Chuck and Sandy Baboian, Julene Bechtel, Jim Sr. and Rosemary Bentzel, Rosabel Bentzel, Mark Garber, 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



During the month of **October**, the **Women's Guild**, in cooperation with the Sunday School, will be having a special collection to support the needs of the residents and staff of “**New Life for Girls**” which is a residential ministry for women with drug and alcohol related problems. All members of the congregation, Sunday School classes, and church related groups are asked to review the wish list of needed items (see below) and respond accordingly. Collection boxes will be in room 100 and the gallery to receive your material donations. The deadline to donate is **October 30**. If you wish to donate, you may choose from the following specific request list.

****Most needed item:** Cash donations to repair or enhance the safety of the agency's residential buildings. Church members may use the “other” line on their offering envelope and designate New Life for Girls. Sunday School classes and other church groups may give their cash donations directly to the church treasurer, Natalie Fuhrman.

***Female** personal care items (sanitary napkins, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, razors and Q-tips).

***School supplies** (spiral notebooks with paper, 2 pocket folders, index cards, pens, pencils and 3-ring binders).



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.

Mark your calendar for the next Shiloh UCC Men's Breakfast on **Tuesday, October 18, 2022, at 8:30 am at Dover Valley Restaurant**. Contact Brad Jacobs with additional information at bcj402@verizon.net.





The Woman's Social & Support Group will meet for lunch at the **Outback Steakhouse**, West Manchester Mall on **Friday, October 21st at 12 noon**. Please call Beverly Gerberick at 717-764-2988 if you plan to attend.

A **Service of Remembrance** will be held on **October 30**. With grateful hearts, we will remember by name those members of our church who have **died since last years' service, on October 31, 2021**. We also invite members of our congregation to give us the names of family who are non-members who have died. Please call the church office by **October 21st** so their names may be included in the bulletin. Memorial gifts made during the past year will be dedicated. Pictures of deceased loved ones will be displayed. Please bring any pictures to the Gallery on Sunday October 23 or 30. A short scripture passage should be prepared to include with the recognition.



SERVICE OF
Remembrance



The **Youth Fellowship Trunk or Treat event** and the **Fall Family Fun Night** postponed from October 1 have been combined into one **Big Fun Event!** The Fun Night will be on **Sunday October 30th from 3:00-6:00 p.m.** We need adults to come and give out treats to our Early Learning Center students from 3:00-4:00 p.m. Come and decorate your car trunk and hand out treats!! The Fun Night will continue until **6:00 p.m.** with games, a bounce house and lots of fun!

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 will receive your membership**.



Shiloh UCC is partnering with other local churches in a **Thanksgiving Thankful Drive** hosted by New Hope Ministries. Our goal is to collect **500 jars or gravy mix by November 7, 2022**. Please use the box provided in the gallery for your donations. Thank you for your support!



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.



Please contact the office if you're interested in **sponsoring bulletins**. The cost is \$20 and may be placed in your regular offering envelope. Please call the church office **2 weeks prior** your desired date to have your "Special" wording placed in the bulletin. The following dates are still available for sponsorship.

November 13
November 27
December 4
December 11

*"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	Worship/New Member Reception
		9:45 Sunday School (100 & 202)
	4:00	Fall Fest
TUES	8:30	Men's Breakfast (Dover Valley Rest.)
	6:30	Cub Scouts (100)
	7:00	Quilt Club (202)
WED	7:30	Soup Prep
	9:30	Bible Study (202)
	5:00	TOPS (100)
THUR	10:30	Our Daily Bread
	6:30	NA Group (100)
	6:30	Choirs
FRI	10:00	Grief Group (202)
	12:00	Women's Social & Support Group lunch (Outback)
SUN	8:30 & 11	Worship



ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 94

THE CHURCH STAFF

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