

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.”*

WELCOME TO SHILOH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

**WORSHIP SERVICE**

OCTOBER 8, 2023

8:30AM and 11:00AM

**MEDITATION**

*Each day holds a surprise. But only if we expect it can we see, hear, or feel it when it comes to us. Let's not be afraid to receive each day's surprise, whether it comes to us as sorrow or as joy. It will open a new place in our hearts, a place where we can welcome new friends and celebrate more fully our shared humanity.*

**- Henri Nouwen**

**PRELUDE**

*"But Now I See"*

Williamson

**WELCOME AND CONCERNS**

**MISSION MOMENT**

**8:30AM** – Sallie Hagerman

**11:00AM** Steve Besecker

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** *(Please stand if you are able)*

One: O Lord, you are God.

There is no other God but you.

**All: We renounce all that we have allowed to come between us.**

One: O Lord, we worship you.

We praise and honor your name.

**All: We worship you on this, your holy day.**

One: For your love, for your word,  
for all that you have given:

**All: O Lord, we thank you and praise you.**

**We love you! Let us worship our God together!**

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Almighty God,  
your word bursts forth into our lives  
like a glorious sunrise.  
You speak, and our hearts rejoice.  
You command, and our eyes are opened.  
The sound of your voice brings revival to our souls.  
Your words are purer than the finest gold.  
True and righteous one, living Word,  
light our way.  
As we listen to your Holy Spirit,  
may the words of our mouths  
and the thoughts of our hearts  
be accepted in your sight, O Lord,  
our strength and our redeemer.  
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

**\*HYMN**

*“Come, O Fount of Every Blessing”*

#459

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Philippians 3)**

No matter how righteous  
we imagine ourselves to be, O God,  
your perfect word reveals our imperfections  
all too clearly.  
No matter how hard we strive  
to fulfill the requirements of your law,  
we always fall short.  
We have forgotten that righteousness and perfection  
come not from rules and regulations  
but from faith.  
We have ignored the truth that your righteousness  
comes from faith.  
Open our eyes to see that all we have accomplished  
is nothing compared to knowing Jesus Christ  
as our Lord.  
Let us count everything as loss,  
that we might gain heaven  
and be found blameless in your Son.  
In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

## **WORDS OF ASSURANCE (Philippians 3)**

Take heart; have faith. The goal is in sight.  
Press on to take hold of it,  
as Jesus has taken hold of us.  
Have no fear; leave the past behind.  
Reach out for what lies ahead, for the prize,  
for the life to be found in Christ Jesus.

## **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 (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.*)

**\*HYMN** "Pues Si Vivimos (*In All Our Living*)" #499

## **WITNESS TO OUR SACRED STORY**

First Reading: Psalm 19

Second Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14

**MEN'S CHORUS** "*All the Way My Savior Leads Me*" Arr. Crosby & Lowry

Third Reading: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

**SERMON** "*Let's Talk About It!*"

**\*HYMN** "*What a Covenant*" #471

## **PASTORAL 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

No matter what we are carrying this morning, or what we face, we are not alone. God is with us. At this moment in our worship, we're invited to share what we have, so that others may find the same hope and the same joy that we have known.

**\*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.**

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**O God, Creator of all that we have and all that we are,  
no one can utter all your mighty deeds  
or declare all your praise.  
Yet accept these gifts, we pray,  
both as tools of the work of the gospel  
and as signs of our pledge to be coworkers  
in Christ's name. Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**                      “*Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*”                      #286

**BENEDICTION** (Based on Philippians 4)

One: Do what you have learned and received  
and seen and heard in Jesus Christ,  
and the peace of God will be with you.  
And may that peace,  
which passes all understanding,  
guard your hearts and your minds  
in Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

**POSTLUDE**                      “*Lord of Our Life*”                      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 memory of Paul Waldron a loving husband, father and pop-pop by Stephanie Waldron.
- **THE CHANCEL FLOWERS** are presented to the glory of God and in celebration of our 70th Wedding Anniversary on October 10th by Bart and Gerry Funkhouser.
- **THE BULLETINS** are dedicated to the glory of God and in honor of our Family Wedding Anniversaries by Bart and Gerry Funkhouser.
- **VIDEO TEAM:** Lew Wallace, Sallie Hagerman, Dani Bentzel, Reen Bentzel, Matt Hildebrecht, & Nathan Limbert.
- **LITURGIST:** Jane Harrison
- **GREETERS: 8:30AM:** Bart & Gerry Funkhouser **11:00AM:** Shirley Lohmann & Joyce Mummert
- **NURSERY: 8:30AM:** John Reiber **11:00AM** Jessie Sechriest
- **MUSIC:** Men's Chorus & Sandy Bamberger

### **PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:**

#### **Morning Prayer** (Inspired by a prayer on [abide.com](http://abide.com))

Our Father in heaven, how we love you; how you love us. A new day unfolds, and we desire that it is infused with our worship of you. As we turn our eyes on the beauty of you, so our spirits lift and find peace. Please pour out your Holy Spirit upon us today, so that we can worship You in fresh ways. We humbly ask for a deeper relationship with you, so we can have a heightened awareness of your presence with us all day. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

#### **Evening Prayer** *Armenian Prayer*)

O Lord our God, keep us in peace during this night and at all times. Keep our hearts and thoughts secure in holy reverence for you, so that we may be protected at all times from the snares of the enemy. And let us offer blessing and glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

### **PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH**

Sandy Baboian, Julene Bechtel, Jim Sr. and Rosemary Bentzel, Rosabel Bentzel, Marvel Burg, Helen Byers, 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

Mark your calendar for the next Shiloh UCC Men's Breakfast on **Tuesday, October 10, at 8:30 am at Dover Valley Restaurant** located at **3720 Carlisle Rd, Dover, PA.** Contact Brad Jacobs at 717-764-2773 or bcj402@verizon.net for additional information.



**Engaging Women** will be meeting on **Friday, October 13 in the library.** Contact Sally Curren at dgft25@hotmail.com for additional information.

The **Women's Social and Support Group** will meet for lunch at **The Olive Garden Restaurant** on **Friday, October 20 at 12:00 pm.** Please contact Beverly Gerberick at 717-764-2988 by **Monday, October 16th** if you plan to attend.



The **Church Chums** will be holding the **Fall Festival/Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 22.** There will be games and activities for the kids in the parking lot. There will also be food trucks, fall desserts and goodies in Room 100. We are asking for donations for our Bakery table. Seasonal desserts would be greatly appreciated, but anything at all is welcome! Please see Patti Goodyear or Katie Bentzel with any questions.

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.



A **Service of Remembrance** will be held on **October 29.** We will remember by name members of our church who have **died since last years' service, on October 30, 2022.** 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 20** so their names may be included in the bulletin. Memorial gifts made during the past year will be dedicated and pictures of deceased loved ones will be displayed. Please bring any pictures to the **Gallery on Sunday October 22 or 30.** A short scripture passage should be prepared to include with the recognition.

**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 **Worship/Mission Challenge Ends/Harvest Home**  
MON 7:00 Consistory Meeting (202)  
TUES 8:30 Men’s Breakfast (Dover Valley Rest.)  
6:30 Cub Scouts (100)  
WED 9:30 Bible Study (202)  
5:00 TOPS (117)  
THURS 6:30 NA Group (100)  
6:30 Choirs  
FRI 9:30 Engaging Women (Library)  
SUN 8:30 & 11 Worship

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



**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 112**

### THE CHURCH STAFF

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