



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

2251 Willow Road, York, Pennsylvania 17408

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SEPTEMBER 4, 2022

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

**MEDITATION**

*“The highest proof of the spirit is love. Love is the eternal thing which men can already on earth possess as it really is.”*  
*- Albert Schweitzer*

**PRELUDE 8:30 AM**  
**WELCOME AND CONCERNS**

*“Love The Lord Your God”*

Ressman

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Let us lift up the name of our God!  
**All: Let us praise the faithfulness of the Lord!**  
 One: For just as the Lord's greatness fills the heavens,  
**All: The Lord's love embraces the earth.**  
 One: Preserving our life in the midst of trouble.  
**All: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!**

**\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

One: Let us pray!  
**All: Almighty God, from the very beginning of your creation, you breathed your love into all that you made. You gave us the breath of life and asked us to be good stewards of all creation. You placed your trust and love in us. Help us to turn again with joyful hearts to you, placing our trust in all that you have done for us. Let us be a blessing in this world. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

**\*HYMN**

*“Sweet Hour of Prayer”*

#505

Sweet hour of prayer Sweet hour of prayer That calls me from a world of care And bids me at my Maker's throne Let all my needs and wants be known In seasons of distress and grief My soul has often found relief And oft escaped the tempter's snare By your return, sweet hour of prayer	Sweet hour of prayer Sweet hour of prayer The joys I feel the bliss I share Of those whose anxious spirits burn With strong desires for your return. With them I hasten to the place Where I would know my Savior's face. And gladly take my station there And wait for you sweet hour of prayer	Sweet hour of prayer Sweet hour of prayer Whose wings shall my petition bear To One whose truth and faithfulness Engage the waiting soul to bless. And since I'm bid to seek God's face, Believe God's Word and trust God's grace, I'll cast away my every care, And wait for you, sweet hour of prayer!
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**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: Let us pray!  
**All: Forgiving God, we have messed up in so many ways. You gave us a wonderful world, filled with beauty, power, and majesty, and we have ravaged it - tearing away at its gifts with our own greed and cowardice. We have not treated this world or one another with compassionate love. We have turned our backs on situations of need in which we could have been instruments of help, healing, and peace. We have chased after false gods - greed, power, fame. You are the potter, O Lord. You fashioned us, but we focused on developing our flaws rather than working with our strengths. Please forgive us, Lord. Refashion us to be your people, celebrating your love in service to others. For we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*Silence is observed for reflection and prayer*

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

God’s loving choice for you is peace and hope. God has fashioned you to be God’s people. Rejoice! For God is with you, reaching out to heal and care for you. Amen.

**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**

*“Word of God Speak”*

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I’m finding myself at a loss for words And the funny thing is it’s okay The last thing I need is to be heard But to hear what You would say	Word of God speak Would You pour down like rain Washing my eyes to see Your majesty To be still and know That You’re in this place Please let me stay and rest In Your holiness Word of God speak	I’m finding myself in the midst of You Beyond the music beyond the noise All that I need is to be with You And in the quiet hear Your voice
Word of God speak Would You pour down like rain Washing my eyes to see Your majesty To be still and know That You’re in this place Please let me stay and rest In Your holiness	Word of God speak Would You pour down like rain Washing my eyes to see Your majesty To be still and know That You’re in this place Please let me stay and rest In Your holiness	I’m finding myself at a loss for words And the funny thing is it’s okay

**WITNESS TO OUR SACRED STORY**

First Reading: Psalm 1; Second Reading: Philemon 1:1-21

Third Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

**SERMON**

*“Love God”*

**\*HYMN**

*“Spirit of Love”*

#58

Spirit of love, you move within creation, drawing the threads to color and design: Life into life, you knit our true salvation, come, work with us, and weave us into one.	Though we have frayed the fabric of your making, tearing away from all that you intend, Yet, to be whole, humanity is aching - come, work with us, and weave us into one.	Great loom of God, where history is woven, you are the frame that holds us to the truth, Christ is the theme, the pattern you have given - come, work with us, and weave us into one.
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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.**



- **THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of my parents, Mildred and Earl Chronister by Jane Harrison.
- **THE BULLETINS** are dedicated to the glory of God and to the wonderful volunteers we have at Shiloh to get all the many jobs completed to keep our church moving forward.
- **LITURGIST: 8:30AM:** Natalie Fuhrman, **11:00AM:** Joyce Mummert
- **USHERS: 8:30AM:** Patti Goodyear, **11:00AM:** Stephanie Berkheimer
- **GREETERS: 8:30AM:** Sara Jacoby, **11:00AM:** Jay Mummert
- **NURSERY DUTY: 8:30AM:** Nathan Limbert, **11:00AM** Volunteer
- **MUSIC:** Sandy Bamberger, Joan Hamme, Joyce Mummert & Jessie Sechriest
- **VIDEO TEAM:** Lew Wallace, Sallie Hagerman, Dani Bentzel, Reen Bentzel, Matt Hildebrecht, George & Jaron Flickinger, Nathan Limbert



**Mission Challenge for 2022** is to raise \$13,500 to pay back the money used to update the Audio/Visual equipment. The challenge begins **August 28** and ends on **October 9**. Please prayerfully consider donating money to our challenge and mark the “Other” line on your offering envelope.

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.



### PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:

#### Morning Prayer

Heavenly Father,  
 Give me strength in my weakness.  
 Give me faith in my heart.  
 Give me power in my powerlessness.  
 I'm trusting in you. Amen.



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*You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in you.*

**Isaiah 26:3**

#### Evening Prayer (By Tim Keller)

As I lay down in sleep to safely wake again only by Your grace, keep me in a joyful, lively remembrance that whatever happens, I will someday know my final rising — the resurrection — because Jesus Christ lay down in death for me and rose for my justification. In His name I pray. Amen.

### PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

Chuck and Sandy Baboian, Julene Bechtel, Jim Sr. and Rosemary Bentzel, Rosabel Bentzel, Mark Garber, Linda Glass, 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 Landis/Burns Family, The Harman Family, The Wheeler Family, The Kirk Family, The Frost Family, The Leppo Family, The Little Family



The **Sunday School** Board Members have arranged for two separate and distinct adult Sunday School learning sessions. Each session will **begin at 9:45 and end at 10:45**. One session will return to meeting starting on **September 11**. This session is the “Wired Word”, utilizing information downloaded from the internet and sent to the class members through e-mail. The current topic from the news will be discussed and related to scriptures. If any member of the congregation would like to receive this info, please contact the church office and add your name to the current list. **This class will meet in the Library** since we are a small group. If our group grows (which would be great) we will find other accommodations. The **DVD Video and commentary type** of learning experience will continue in **room 100 through August and this Fall and Winter**. Please plan to participate in one of these truly informative learning experiences.

The pandemic stopped the **Women's Support & Social Group** from gathering for fellowship in early 2020. Some ladies have expressed they wanted to meet again for lunch once a month. Our first meeting for this year will be at **Isaac's in West York at 11:30 on Friday, September 16**. We will decide at that time if we want to meet again and where. **Come join us. Please sign up in the office with your name and phone number**, so the number of ladies attending can be given to the restaurant before that date. You can also leave a message with Carolyn Poff at 717-292-2893.



**Engaging Women** will be getting together on **Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>** for a special field trip to Sight and Sound Theater to watch "David". For more information, contact Sally Curren at dgft25@hotmail.com.

Please join us for our **Fall Family Fun Night**, sponsored by our Church Chums group (our liaison group to connect our Church and ELC families), on **Saturday, October 1st from 4:00-7:00 p.m.** here at the church. Bring the whole family for a variety of food trucks, a bounce house, games, and more!! We hope to see you there!!



**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.



*"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>Worship</b>
	9:45	Sunday School (100)
MON		Labor Day – Office Closed
TUES	9:00	ELC Drop-ins (Mon-Fri)
WED	9:30	Bible Study (202)
	5:00	TOPS (100)
THUR	10:00	Outreach (202)
	6:30	NA Group
	6:30	Choirs
SUN	8:30 & 11	<b>Worship/Communion</b>



**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 100**

**8:30: 70; 11:00: 30**

**THE CHURCH STAFF**

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**Pastor Melinda office hours: Please call for an appointment.**  
**Wednesdays 9AM-2PM & 5-8PM; Thursdays 9:00-11:30AM & 6-8:30PM; Fridays 9AM-2PM**

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