

Order of Worship
September 28, 2025 – 16th Sunday after Pentecost

Announcements and Prelude

Call to Worship – Psalm 22:1-5

- ¹ My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Why are you so far from saving me,
so far from my cries of anguish?
- ² *My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer,
by night, but I find no rest.*
- ³ Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One;
you are the one Israel praises.
- ⁴ *In you our ancestors put their trust;
they trusted and you delivered them.*
- ⁵ *To you they cried out and were saved;
in you they trusted and were not put to shame.*

Hymn *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee* #175

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading – Job 1:1-5, the prologue to the book of Job

¹ In the land of Uz there lived a man whose name was Job. This man was blameless and upright; he feared God and shunned evil. ² He had seven sons and three daughters, ³ and he owned seven thousand sheep, three thousand camels, five hundred yoke of oxen and five hundred donkeys, and had a large number of servants. He was the greatest man among all the people of the East.

⁴ *His sons used to hold feasts in their homes on their birthdays, and they would invite their three sisters to eat and drink with them.* ⁵ *When a period of feasting had run its course, Job would make arrangements for them to be purified. Early in the morning he would sacrifice a burnt offering for each of them, thinking, "Perhaps my children have sinned and cursed God in their hearts." This was Job's regular custom.*

Gloria Patri [#70] & Apostles' Creed [#881]

Offering & Doxology – #95

Scripture Reading – Job 3:1-16, Job reacts to his suffering

- ³ After this, Job opened his mouth and cursed the day of his birth.
² He said:
- ³ "May the day of my birth perish,
and the night that said, 'A boy is conceived!'"
- ⁴ That day—may it turn to darkness;
may God above not care about it; may no light shine on it.
- ⁵ *May gloom and utter darkness claim it once more;
may a cloud settle over it; may blackness overwhelm it.*
- ⁶ *That night—may thick darkness seize it;
may it not be included among the days of the year
nor be entered in any of the months.*
- ⁷ May that night be barren;
may no shout of joy be heard in it.
- ⁸ May those who curse days curse that day,
those who are ready to rouse Leviathan.
- ⁹ *May its morning stars become dark;
may it wait for daylight in vain
and not see the first rays of dawn,*
- ¹⁰ *for it did not shut the doors of the womb on me
to hide trouble from my eyes.*
- ¹¹ "Why did I not perish at birth,
and die as I came from the womb?"
- ¹² Why were there knees to receive me
and breasts that I might be nursed?
- ¹³ *For now I would be lying down in peace;
I would be asleep and at rest
with kings and rulers of the earth,
who built for themselves places now lying in ruins,*
- ¹⁵ *with princes who had gold,
who filled their houses with silver.*
- ¹⁶ Or why was I not hidden away in the ground like a stillborn child,
like an infant who never saw the light of day?

Sermon

Pastor Paul

September 28, 2025

The Oldest Book Asks the Oldest Question:
Why Does God Allow Suffering?

*Why did I not perish at birth,
and die as I came from the womb?
Job 3:11*

Hymn

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

#526

Benediction

Midweek Prayer & Bible Study

9:30 a.m. Wednesday at Jean Christman's

Next Sunday, October 5th

World Communion Sunday

Yard & Craft Sale

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Saturday, October 11, 2025

[Rain Date: Saturday, October 18, 2025]

Cherry Valley United Methodist Education Building

Kemmertown Road, Hamilton Township

¼ mile south of Cherry Valley Rd.

Refreshments will be sold:

Hot Dogs, Barbeque, Baked Goods, Etc.

Tables & Spaces \$10.00

Some tables provided, reservations required until all tables are reserved (then required to bring own tables or use lawn outside)

For more info: John Dennis, (570) 977-6086 [cell / text]

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Cherry Valley United Methodist Church

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Annual Life Chain

Sunday, October 5, 2025. 2-3 pm

**Corner of E. Brown St. & Lincoln Ave., East Stroudsburg
(Near Walmart)**

Signs will be provided.

You may park in front of the jewelry store, which is closed on Sunday. This is not a walk, so you may bring a chair if you wish.

We present simple truths embodied in our

Declaration of Independence:

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed, by their Creator, with certain unalienable rights, that among these are LIFE, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

We gather for a public, prayerful, peaceful reminder that all people are worthy of our protection and God's blessing, since we are all made in his image!

We are asked not to use the time for chatting, but to pray for the unborn, our nation & those who see our witness for life, that their hearts would be turned towards God.

Try to direct signs for maximum exposure, ie, when traffic at the light is stopped, and they can clearly read the signs. Then redirect towards others if the angle is better.

If you have any questions, you're welcome to call or text me at:
570-242-6512.

Thank you for joining with us - now more than ever,
as we see the days getting darker!

Come Lord Jesus!

Please spread the word, and bring some friends! Love you all!



Sheila Tice

2025 Walk for Life

Saturday, October 4, 2025

Greater Shiloh Church, Ann Street, Stroudsburg

8:30 a.m. Registration & Breakfast

9:00 a.m. Walk Begins – One Mile through Stroudsburg

Join us for the

Pregnancy Resource Center of the Poconos

40th Anniversary Walk for Life!

We will meet at 8:30 a.m. for registration and breakfast at Greater Shiloh Church on Ann Street, then at 9:00 a.m. we will begin our walk through the streets of Stroudsburg, take a pit stop at our Center [25 B N. 8th St, Stroudsburg], and head back to Greater Shiloh Church to hand out prizes.

This is a rain or shine event.

*Additional parking will be available at St. Luke's Church on Main St. in Stroudsburg.

Once you register,

you can start finding people to sponsor you!

You don't need to collect your sponsorship money, simply get the contact info for all your sponsors and we will do the rest.