

# **The Worship Service**

## **Sunday, January 25, 2026**



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### **Shenkel United Church of Christ**

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### **Shenkel's UCC's Vision Statement**

Shenkel United Church of Christ extends a heartfelt welcome to all unbound by physical structure or geography and grounded in creative worship, active spirituality, community action, love and service.

## Welcome to Shenkel United Church of Christ!

An Open and Affirming congregation since 2018

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

### ~Gathering Together~

Prelude "Gigue" (Vincent Ryan)

Welcome

Invocation

Call to Worship

Leader: From our homes, from our workplaces,  
from our everyday lives,

**People: Jesus calls us to follow.**

Leader: From our families, from our friendships,

**People: Jesus calls us to follow.**

Leader: to a life of commitment,  
to a path of service,

**People: Jesus calls us to follow,  
and we answer, "Yes, Lord, we will follow you."**

Opening Hymn "Jesus Calls Us" (NCH#172)

### ~Coming Alive in Community~

Prayer of Confession

Leader: As those who have been touched by your Son,  
as those who have been awakened by your Spirit,  
as those who have come together out of conviction,  
yet as those who, in spite of our spiritual pedigree,  
are empty vessels waiting to be filled,  
we ask for your grace and mercy, O God.

**Response – "Lord, Have Mercy" #750 NCH**

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Leader: Where our familiarity with the gospel has desensitized us to its demanding truth,  
where our relationship with Christ has become more nostalgic than dynamic,  
where we have lost our first love and become lukewarm,  
we ask for your grace and mercy, O God.

**Response – Lord Have Mercy #750 NCH**

Leader: Where we have regarded mission as what we do rather than what Christ does,  
where we have regarded mission as the prerogative of the strong  
rather than the gift of the weak, where our hands have been quick to give, but our hearts reluctant to  
receive, we ask for your grace and mercy, O God.

**Response – Lord Have Mercy #750 NCH**

Leader: On us, in us,  
around us, through us  
and if needed, in spite of us,  
we ask for your grace and mercy, O God.

**Response – Lord Have Mercy #750 NCH**

Silence for Prayer and Meditation

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Listen, these are the words of Jesus Christ, and they can be trusted:  
“I did not come to all the righteous, but sinners.  
Whoever does God’s will is my mother and sister and brother.  
“Never mind what others do...you...follow me.”

**ALL: Thanks be to God, who makes and mends us in Jesus. Amen.**

Special Music

Agnus Dei, Brian McShane, Vocalist, Sue Stultz, Flautist

**~We Hear God’s Word~**

Scripture Lessons

Brian McShane

Isaiah 9:1-4

Psalms 27:1, 4-9

Matthew 4: 12-23

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“Pivot Point”

Rev. Pam McShane

Hymn for Reflection: “You Have Come Down To The Lakeshore”

(NCH#173)

**~Sharing Blessings with Others~**

Prayers of the People

**Our Mother/Father, who are in heaven, hallowed by the 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.**

Offering our Gifts – Thank you for your faithful support of Shenkel’s ongoing ministries.  
January’s Special Offering – Bethany Children’s Home

Offertory “Blessed” (Marshall)

Offering Response “God Of Change And Glory” (NCH#177)

**Many gifts, one Spirit, one love known in many ways.  
in our difference is blessing, from diversity we praise  
one Giver, one Word, one Spirit, one God known in many ways,  
hallowing our days. For the Giver, for the gifts, praise, praise, praise!**

Prayer of Dedication

**~Going out in Joy~**

Sending Hymn “O Jesus I Have Promised” (NCH#493)

Words of Sending

Leader: Look at your hands, see the touch and the tenderness.

**All: God’s own for the world.**

Leader: Look at your feet, see the path and the direction.

**All: God’s own for the world.**

Leader: Look at your heart, see the fire and the love.

**All: God’s own for the world.**

Leader: Look at the cross, see God’s son and our Savior.

**All: God’s own for the world.**

Leader: This is God’s world,  
and we will follow Jesus in it,  
loving, teaching and healing in his name.

Benediction

Postlude “Ye Who Called” (R Miller)

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**Announcements:  
Sunday, January 25, 2026**

**~This Sunday at Shenkel UCC~**

Sun, 1/25/26 ~ Reflective Worship Service at 8:30 am in the Sanctuary.

~ Traditionalish Worship Service at 9:45 am in the Sanctuary.

~ Chancel Choir rehearsals after worship service.

~Upcoming events at Shenkel UCC~

- Sun, 2/1/26 ~ Reflective Worship Service with Communion at 8:30 am in the Sanctuary.  
~ Traditionalish Worship Service with Communion at 9:45 am in the Sanctuary.  
~ Chancel Choir rehearsals after worship service.

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**Scripture Reading for February 1st**

**Carol Pearson**

Micah 6:1-8  
Psalm 15  
Matthew 5:1-12

**Cluster donations for January:** Canned oranges and canned pineapple

**Pastor Suzanne Conference:** She will be away at a conference from 1/21 – 1/27. During that time Jim Janotti will be available for any pastoral care needs. He can be reached by email or phone:  
[templeumchurch@gmail.com](mailto:templeumchurch@gmail.com) (610) 326-3941.

**Annual Congregational Meeting:** A pot luck luncheon, to be held immediately after late worship on February 8<sup>th</sup>. Agenda items include our end-of-year financials and submission of our Mission Statement for congregational approval.

**Church Change Changes Churches:** Tired of lugging around loose change? Donate it to Shenkel! You can put your change in one of two receptacles at the end of the back pews. We'll have a little contest to see which side of the sanctuary gives the most from 1/11/26 until Easter Sunday 4/5/26.

**Qigong classes at Shenkel!:** Thursday mornings 11AM-noon. No experience necessary--All are welcome! Suggested cost is \$12/class or come and pay what you're able. Cash or check payable to Shenkel UCC. Hope you'll join us!

**Grocery run? Consider using Giant and Redner's cards for your grocery store purchases:** Shenkel earns \$5 for every \$100 on Giant and Redner's gift cards – which are available every week at church.

**Stewardship:** Stewardship Committee will meet next on February 4th at 5:30 pm. The charge of the committee is to: find ways to increase much needed revenue, attract new members, and identify new ways to provide ministry. Please contact members of the committee with your thoughts. Committee members: Chris Gray, Dan Jenkins, Kim Yocom, Julie Zachesky, and Brenda Berriker.

**Church School:** Children from 3 years through grade 6 are invited to participate in church school on the third Sunday of the month at 11:00 AM. Our next church school is on 2/15/26.

**Shenkel Prayer Group:** Meets at 9:00 am on the first Thursday of the month. All are welcome to participate. Enjoy a cup of coffee or tea and celebrate the Spirit of God moving among us as we pray together.

**Prayer Lottery:** Shenkel will be praying for:

Andrew, Linda, Lexi, Brandon, Aaron, Michael and AJ Foss  
Linda and John Jonides  
Brian and Pam McShane  
Ted and Chris Gray

**Birthdays in the month of January:**

Kimberly Yocom	1/4/26
Susan Miller	1/5/26
Barry Peterman	1/5/26
Olivia Dushanko	1/9/26
James Heath	1/10/26
Brandon Foss	1/13/26
Delia Sanseverino	1/18/26
Mike Martin	1/21/26
Aurora Keim	1/22/26
David Braley	1/24/26
David Klein	1/24/26
Eric Klein	1/27/26
Joseph Bradley	1/29/26
Suzanne Spaulding	1/30/26