

The Worship Service

Sunday, January 19, 2025



Shenkel United Church of Christ

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Shenkel's UCC's Covenant Statement

So reach out and welcome one another to God's glory. Jesus did it, now you do it!

(Romans 15:7, The Message)

We are aware of pain organized religion has inflicted on many; and we are aware many places of worship have not given the extravagant welcome God offers to us all. Therefore, Shenkel United Church of Christ covenants to extend heartfelt hospitality to ALL. Shenkel UCC affirms all persons are created in the image of God, so we offer full inclusion (communion, life, and ministries) in the faith journey of this congregation, regardless of differences: whether religious background, economic status, sexual orientation, gender identity, race, national origin, immigration and refugee status, age, ethnicity, relationship status, addiction/recovery, physical or mental ability, and political affiliation. We proclaim this statement: **no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.**

Welcome to Shenkel United Church of Christ!

An Open and Affirming congregation since 2018

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~Gathering Together~

Prelude He Leadeth Me (Bradbury)

Welcome

Invocation

Silence for Meditation

Call to Worship

L: From the midst of our real lives with their very real problems,

C: We come to seek courage and strength from the presence of God and the support of one another.

L: As persons who love imperfectly and are loved imperfectly,

C: We come to be renewed by the perfect love of God, proclaimed in the community of love and faith.

L: As persons who never fully live up to their high calling in Jesus Christ,

C: We come to be encouraged to do our best for one more week.

All: Let us worship, with hearts open to the love of God, with hands outstretched to one another, and with whole selves willing to accept the cost and joy of being Christ's disciples. Amen.

Opening Hymn "Come, O Fount Of Every Blessing" (NCH #459)

~Coming Alive in Community~

Call to Confession

Let us confess together that we have not always lived as those forgiven, set free, and united in Christ.

Prayer of Confession

God of all people, we come here as your church this morning to worship you in community. May we listen with our hearts as you call each of us by name... as you speak in the silence, in song, in scripture, in a sermon this Sabbath morning. May we continue the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and others who have peacefully worked for justice and equality for all people. Forgive us for what we have left undone. Help us to become vessels of reconciliation and to recognize our responsibilities to fight racism, sexism, economic deprivation, environmental destruction, and injustice wherever it is. We share the same hopes, tears, laughter, and dreams with all humanity. May we respond to Jesus' prayer "that they may all be one." Amen.

Silence for Prayer and Meditation

Assurance of Pardon

The good news is that Christ calls us to new life and enables us to begin again and again. In Christ we are forgiven and set free.

Special Music

~We Hear God's Word~

Scripture Lessons

Joan Palubinsky

Isaiah 62:1-5

Psalms 36:5-10

John 2:1-7

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

Sermon

Rev. Kris Hayden

Hymn for Reflection: "Immortal Love, Forever Full"

(NCH #166)

~Sharing Blessings with Others~

Prayers of the People

The Prayer of Our Savior

All: Our Mother/Father, who are 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

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

Offertory

Larghetto

(Mozart)

Offering Response "Love Came Down At Christmas"

Love shall be our token; love be yours and love be mine.
Love to God and neighbor, love for plea and gift and sign.

Prayer of Dedication

~Going out in Joy~

Sending Hymn

"Lift Every Voice And Sing"

(NCH #593)

Benediction

Postlude

Go Down Moses

(Spiritual)

Pastor: Rev. Suzanne M. Spaulding

Music Director: Dan Wolgemuth

Email: shenkelpastor@gmail.com

Organist: Susan Royer

Sexton: Stacy Keim

Secretary: Danielle Petersen

Ministers: All Members of the Church

**Announcements:
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~This Sunday at Shenkel UCC~

Sun, 1/19/25 ~ Reflective Worship service at 8:30 am in the Sanctuary

~ Traditionalish Worship service at 9:45 am in the Sanctuary

~ Chancel Choir rehearsal at 11:00 am in the Sanctuary

~ Church School at 11:00 am

~Upcoming events at Shenkel UCC~

Mon, 1/20/25 ~ Sanctuary open from 11:00-1:00 pm for prayer

Tues, 1/21/25 ~ Midday Dinner at Michael's Diner at 12:00 pm

~ Committee Annual Report due by 12:00 pm

Sun, 1/26/25 ~ One service at 9:45 am in the Social Hall

~ Congregational Meeting after service

~ Chancel Choir rehearsal at 11:00 am in the Sanctuary

Sun, 2/2/25 ~ Rev. Nishan and Maria Bakalian will be with us for both services

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Scripture Reading for January 26th

Maddie Mest

Luke 4:14-21

I Corinthians 12:12-31

Cluster donations for January: Laundry detergent and dish soap.

Pastor Suzanne will be in Georgia at a conference from January 15th – 21st: In case of pastoral care needs Pastor Jim Jannotti is available and can be contacted at 610-326-3941 or templeumc@comcast.net.

Pottstown Communities of Faith Annual MLK Celebration: Sunday January 19th from 4:00-5:15 pm. The Hill School Center for the Arts: 766 Beech Street. All are welcome to attend.

Monday, January 20th: The sanctuary will be open from 11:00-1:00 pm for any who wish to stop in to pray. There will be organ music in the background.

Sunday, January 26th: One service at 9:45 am in the social hall followed by the congregational meeting and discussion about finances and ministry vision.

Sunday, February 2nd: Rev. Nishan & Maria Bakalian, Global Mission Partners in Lebanon will be with us. You can read his blog at nshanakir.blogspot.com.

2024 Annual Report: Anyone that is on a committee, the annual report is due by 1/21/25 at 12:00 pm.

Adopt a Window: Our Fellowship Hall refresh is almost finished. We have twelve windows that need new shades. While some of the money is coming from the Carol Lykens bequest, it will not cover the full cost of the windows. Here is your opportunity to help by adopting a window for \$180 to take care of the rest. But don't worry! If that number is beyond your budget, you can donate whatever you can afford. **PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO SHENKEL UCC BY FEBRUARY 9 AND WRITE "ADOPT A WINDOW" IN THE MEMO LINE or go to SHENKELUCC.ORG TO DONATE ONLINE by choosing the "ADOPT A WINDOW" button.** Thank you in advance for your generosity!

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 meets the first Wednesday of the month 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 Yocum, 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 today.

Shenkel Prayer Group: Meets at 10:00 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:

Kelly Strunk, Steve, Madeline and Jacoby Mest
Louise Hine
Scott Kutz
Rachel Berriker
Anthony Gulotta

Birthdays in the month of January:

Kimberly Yocom	1/4/25
Susan Miller	1/5/25
Barry Peterman	1/5/25
Olivio Dushanko	1/9/25
James Heath	1/10/25
Brandon Foss	1/13/25
Freda Wanner	1/13/25
Delia Sanseverino	1/18/25
Mike Martin	1/21/25
Aurora Keim	1/22/25
David Braley	1/24/25
David Klein	1/24/25
Eric Klein	1/27/25
Joseph Bradley	1/29/25
Suzanne Spaulding	1/30/25

