

# The Worship Service

## Sunday, January 11, 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

“Musette”

(Wolford)

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: We are here to praise God because Jesus Christ has set us free to live.

**C: We are here because in Christ we are forgiven and made whole.**

L: We are gathered because Jesus Christ has united us into one family of faith.

**All: We will witness to the good news: Jesus Christ frees and unites. Praise God! Alleluia! Amen.**

Opening Hymn

“Arise Your Light Is Come”

(NCH #164)

### ~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

**O God, Source of life and grace, we are aware that we are, at times, prisoners of fear and habit. Through the healing touch of Christ, set us free to live and to love, that we may be the people you have created us to be. 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 and again.

Special Music

“Everytime I Feel The Spirit” (African-American Spiritual) Congregation w/percussion

### ~We Hear God's Word~

Scripture Lessons

Dan Wolgemuth

Acts 10:34-43

Psalm 29

Matthew 3:13-17

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

Sermon

Rev. Suzanne M. Spaulding

Hymn for Reflection: "What Ruler Wades Through Murky Streams"

(NCH#169)

**~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      "There's a Spirit of Love in this Place"      (M. Miller)

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 "Mark How The Lamb of God's Self-Offering"      (NCH #167)

Benediction

Postlude      "Fount of Ev'ry Blessing"      (arr. Innes)

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Ministers: All Members of the Church

Music Director: Dan Wolgemuth

Organist: Susan Royer

Secretary: Danielle Petersen

**Announcements:**

**Sunday, January 11, 2026**

**~This Sunday at Shenkel UCC~**

Sun, 1/11/26 ~ Reflective Worship Service at 8:30 am in the Sanctuary.

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

~ Music and Worship meeting after Worship Services.

**~Upcoming events at Shenkel UCC~**

Sun, 1/18/26 ~ One Worship Service at 9:45 am in the Social Hall.

~ Church School at 11:00 am.

Please feel free to scan this code to donate through our online giving page.



## Scripture Reading for January 18th

Pam McShane

Isaiah 49:1-7  
Psalm 40:1-11  
John 1:29-42

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

**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! Cost is \$12/class, cash or check payable to Shenkel UCC. Hope you'll join us!

**Carol Lykens Giving Challenge:** We're receiving gifts for our Carol Lykens Fill-The-Hat Challenge! You're encouraged to make an additional contribution to the Current Fund beyond your usual giving. Contributions can be made to Shenkel UCC with "Carol Challenge" in the memo line, or donate online through our website. Thank you!

**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 January 18<sup>th</sup>.

**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:

Anthony Gulotta  
Ken and Betsy Bevan  
Lilly Keim  
Glen and Debbie Hoff

**Birthdays in the month of January:**

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