

January 9, 2022
The Baptism of Christ
First Sunday after Epiphany

~Gathering Together ~

Welcome

Missions & Ministries

Invocation

Prelude

“From the Sacred Waters”

Grundy

Call to Worship

Pastor: You are God’s beloved children.

People: We are God’s beloved children.

Pastor: Let us come with joy to worship God to whom we are precious.

Opening Hymn

“How Firm a Foundation”

NCH # 407

~ Coming Alive in Community ~

Call to Confession

We can come with humility and confidence before God who loves us so and is always ready to forgive. Let us confess our shortcomings.

Prayer of Confession

The voice of God is powerful; the God of glory thunders; the voice of God flashes forth flames of fire: Before this God, we humbly bow and confess that we have not lived in the freedom of our baptism. We have not loved God as God loves us; we have not loved our neighbors as we are bidden. As you ordered the chaos of creation, so order the chaos of our lives. Speak to us tender words of love and forgiveness. Amen.

Silence for Prayer and Reflection

Assurance of Forgiveness

God speaks again and again words of love and forgiveness, “You are my son – my daughter – my beloved ones; with you I am well pleased.” Hear these words and go in peace. Our sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

Special Music “Baptized in Water” Chancel Choir Women/Sue Stultz, Flautist

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Music arr. by D.Wolgemuth © 2000 First Run Muzik Psalter (ASCAP)

~ We Hear God’s Word ~

Scripture Lessons

The Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 43:1-7

Susan Royer

The Reading of Psalm 29

The Gospel: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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

Sermon

Rev. Suzanne M. Spaulding

Hymn for Reflection

“Mark How the Lamb of God’s Self-Offering”

NCH # 167

~ Sharing Blessings With Others ~

Prayers of the People

The Prayer of Our Savior

Minister: Let us pray as Christ our Savior has taught us.

All: 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.

Offering our Gifts - Thank you for your faithful support of Shenkel’s ongoing ministries

Bethany Children's Home - provides residential services for children and adolescents who are unable to live with their own family. Using the Sanctuary Model, Bethany strives to provide a safe place of nurture, protection, and supportive care to aid their residents in their self-understanding, growth, and healing toward a brighter, healthier future. Founded in 1863 and related to the United Church of Christ, Bethany serves more than three hundred boys and girls each year on its Womelsdorf, PA campus.

Offering Response

***We will follow the light, beautiful light,
come where the dew-drops of mercy are bright,
Shine all around us by day and by night,
Jesus, the light of the world.***

Prayer of Dedication

~ Going out in Joy ~

Sending Hymn

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

NCH # 82

Benediction

Postlude

“Jesus the Light of the World”

Elderkin, arr. Radford

Announcements

The Prayer Community asks you to join with us this week in praying for:

Maryln Rohrbach

Sandy Peterman, James Heath and Bryan and Emily Trego

Antony Gulotta

Jenn and David Braley

Barbara Sweinhart

~ This week at Shenkel UCC ~

Sun., 1/9 ~ Reflective Worship service at 8:30 am in sanctuary.
~ Worship service in the sanctuary at 9:45 am.
Tues., 1/11 ~ Consistory 6:30 pm
Wed., 1/12 ~ Bible Study on Zoom at 7 pm

~Upcoming events at Shenkel UCC~

Sun., 1/16 ~ Reflective Worship service at 8:30 am in sanctuary.
~ Worship service in the sanctuary at 9:45 am.
~ Music and Worship Committee Meeting after church
Tues., 1/18 ~ MidDay Dinner at Coventry Pub at noon
Wed., 1/19 ~ Bible Study on Zoom at 7 pm
Thurs., 1/20 ~ Agape at Freda Wanner's at 6:30 pm

Scripture Readings for January 16:
Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10; John 2:1-11

Pottstown Cluster. This month's items are Baby Items: baby cereal, baby food, baby lotion, baby wipes, baby shampoo. Please place your items in the bin marked for the Cluster.

Mid-day Dinner club will be meeting at Coventry Pub on Tuesday, January 18 at noon. It is open to young-at-heart adults of any age who enjoy eating out and would like to get to know other Shenkel members a little better. If you are attending, please add your name and phone number on the sign up sheet no later than Sunday, January 16 so your reservation can be made on time or you may call Sharon Sabo at 610-326-1945 or let her know at the Sunday service if you are able to attend.

Attention Committee Chairpersons

The end of the year is *fast approaching*, and your annual committee report will be due at the church office no later than January 12th in order for the annual report to be completed on time.

On Sunday, **January 30th**, we will hold the Annual Congregational Meeting . Copies of the 2021 Annual Report will be available for you. Please plan to join us for this yearly gathering informing all on the past year of Shenkel UCC.