

October 31, 2021
Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
All Saint's Day

~Gathering Together ~

Welcome

Missions & Ministries

Invocation

Music as we Prepare for Worship "A Mighty Fortress" Luther

Call to Worship

Pastor: We wait for God that God might save us.

People: Let us be glad and rejoice in God's salvation.

Pastor: God will swallow up death forever and will wipe away the tears from all faces.

People: Let us be glad and share in God's salvation.

Pastor: God will take away all reproach and will make a feast for the peoples of the earth.

People: Let us act with compassion so that we may dry tears. Let us walk with justice so that we may silence reproach. Let us make festival with all people so that God's feast may be well-prepared.

Opening Hymn "Come, Let Us Join with Faithful Souls"

*Come, let us join with faithful souls our song of faith to raise;
One family in heart are we, and one the God we praise.*

*Faithful are all who love the truth and perfect truth proclaim,
Who steadfast stand at God's right hand and glorify God's name.*

*And faithful are the gentle hearts to whom the power is given
Of every hearth to make a home, of every home a heaven.*

*O God of hosts, our faith renew, and grant us, in your grace,
To join the songs sung by the saints In every time and place.*

~ Coming Alive in Community ~

Call to Confession

Let us pause and confess our sins.

Prayer of Confession

Gracious Giver of all that we have and are, we confess that each of us is slow to give thanks and to share. Sometimes we deny our oneness with all your creatures, and seek only after our own salvation, our own needs and hopes. Challenge us with a vision for all people, that we may commit our lives to your mission in the world; for we are yours. Amen.

Time for silent prayer

Assurance of Forgiveness

When we confess our sin God is faithful and just to forgive our sin. Friends, believe the good news; in Jesus Christ we are forgiven and set free.

Special Music “When the Saints Go Marching In” Keyboard and Percussion
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Dan Wolgemuth

~ *We Hear God’s Word* ~

Scripture Lessons

The Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9

Louise Hine

The Reading of Psalm 24

The Epistle Reading: Revelations 21:1-6

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

Mission Report

L. Nishan & Maria Bakalian

Hymn for Reflection

“Come, We Who Love God’s Name”

***Come, we who love God’s name, and let our joys be known
Together God’s great love proclaim, and thus surround the throne.***

***Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God;
But we our thanks and praise will bring for love so deep and broad.***

***God’s grace on earth is found, the seeds of glory sown;
Celestial fruits on earthly ground from faith and hope have grown.***

***The hill of Zion yields a thousand sacred sweets
Before we reach the heavenly fields, or walk the golden streets.***

~ *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
Neighbors in Need is a special mission offering of the UCC that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry. Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC’s Justice and Witness Ministries to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants.

Offering Response

*We give you but your own, whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is yours alone, we give it gratefully.*

Remembering the Saints

~ Going out in Joy ~

Sending Music

“For All the Saints”

*For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who to the world their steadfast faith confessed,
your name, O Jesus, be forever blessed. Alleluia, alleluia!*

*You were their rock, their refuge, and their might,
you, Christ, the hope that put their fears to flight;
'mid gloom and doubt, you were their one true light. Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Still may your people, faithful, true and bold,
live as the saints who nobly fought of old,
and share with them a glorious crown of gold. Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Ringed by the cloud of witnesses divine,
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet in your love our faithful lives entwine. Alleluia, alleluia!*

*And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
then hearts are brave again, and faith grows strong. Alleluia, alleluia!*

Benediction

Parting Music

“Toccata in Dm”

Bach

Announcements

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

Wayne Klein

Sue and Gary Stultz

Mary Lou Smith

Joan and Joe Palubinsky

Brenda and Randy Berriker

~ This week at Shenkel UCC ~

Sun., 10/31 ~ Reflective Worship service at 8:30 am in sanctuary. Guest speakers: Nishan and Maria Bakalian
~ Worship service in the Social Hall at 9:45 am. Guest speakers: Nishan and Maria Bakalian

~Upcoming events at Shenkel UCC~

Sun., 11/7 ~ Reflective Worship service with Communion at 8:30 am in sanctuary.
Congregational meeting to follow.
~ Worship service with Communion in the Social Hall at 9:45 am.
Congregational meeting to follow.
~ Youth Group trip to Wilcox Farms. 2 pm in grove.
Tues., 11/9 ~ Consistory at 6:30 pm

Thurs., 11/11 ~ Office closed

Scripture Readings for November 7:
1 Kings 17:8-16; Psalm 146; Mark 12:38-44

Pottstown Cluster. This month's items are dish soap, multi-purpose cleaners, toilet paper. Please place your items in the bin marked for the Cluster.

A **congregational meeting** will be held on November 7th for the express purpose of voting to call Suzanne Spaulding as Shenkel's settled pastor.

We will be holding our first **Youth group** event for this year. On Sunday, November 7th we will be going to Wilcox farms to enjoy the corn maze. We will meet at the grove at 2 pm and then travel to Wilcox Farm.

Please ignore any email you may have received from Pat Kuestner. She was hacked and now has a new email address: plkuestner@gmail.com.

New Address:
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Shenkel U.C.C. Saints 2021

Elizabeth "Bette" Grace Burkhardt	November 10, 2020	86 years old
Elizabeth "Betty" Charlotte Kreiger	January 8, 2021	86 years old
Ann Louse (Hoffman) Hartzell	January 11, 2021	79 years old
June Hartung	February 20, 2021	77 years old
Charlotte R. (Reinert) White	February 26, 2021	90 years old
Carolyn (Nearing) Baseley	August 17, 2021	94 years old