

The Worship Service

Sunday, September 28, 2025



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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

Psalm 121

(arr. Tournquist)

Welcome

Invocation

Call to Worship

L: Out of the fullness of the lives God has given us we have come to worship and to praise.

C: With thanks we offer to God the creativity of our minds, the warmth of our hearts, and the joy of our spirits.

L: We love because God has first loved us, freeing us from the power of sin and death.

C: With glad hearts let us join together in singing praise to God, Creator, Word, and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Opening Hymn

"Come My People"

(SmSngBk#1)

~Coming Alive in Community~

Call to Confession

Let us come humbly and boldly to our corporate confession.

Prayer of Confession

O God, we come to you as little children who both honor and fear their parents. You are like a Mother and Father to us, so we come to you with both trust and anxiety. It has been so easy to choose the path of our own indulgence instead of the way of sacrifice. We like to feel comfortable and secure rather than risking the disfavor of others or the consequences of standing up against wrong. Forgive us, God, for being so unsure of you and of our own best selves. Grant us the courage to follow the truth you reveal to us. Amen.

Silence for Prayer and Meditation

Assurance of Pardon

God hears our prayers and forgives. Know that you are forgiven, accepted, and loved.

Special Music

I Got Peace Like A River (African-American Spiritual)

~We Hear God's Word~

Scripture Lessons

Sandy Rowe

I Timothy 6:6-19

Psalm 146

Luke 16:19-31

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

Sermon

Rev. Suzanne M. Spaulding

Hymn for Reflection: "You are Salt for the Earth, O People" (SmSngBk#60)

~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.
September's Special Offering – Church World Service

Offertory Still (Morgan)

Offering Response "Here Are Our Hearts"

Here Are Our Hearts **178**

The musical score is written on four staves in G major, 4/4 time, with a tempo marking of quarter note = 100. The lyrics are: "Here are our hearts. Here are our hands. Here are our lives. Use them as You can. Show us those who hurt. Show us those in need. Show us how to serve. Teach us how to see." The score includes various chords such as C, G/B, Am, Em/G, F, C/E, Dm, G, G7, and C.

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Prayer of Dedication

~Going out in Joy~

Sending Hymn "We Plow The Fields and Scatter" (SmSngBk#36)

Benediction

Postlude Phillipianas 4:5-9 (Sirchio)

Pastor: Rev. Suzanne M. Spaulding
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Sexton: Stacy Keim
Ministers: All Members of the Church

Music Director: Dan Wolgemuth
Organist: Susan Royer
Secretary: Danielle Petersen

Announcements:
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~This Sunday at Shenkel UCC~

Sun, 9/28/25 Traditionalish Worship Service at 9:45 am in the Grove with the Blessing of the Animals followed by refreshments.

~Upcoming events at Shenkel UCC~

Sun, 10/5/25 ~ Reflective Worship Service at 8:30 am with communion in the Sanctuary.

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

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



Scripture Reading for October 5th

Joan Palubinsky

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

Psalms 37:1-9

Cluster donations for September: Canned pineapple and mango

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!

Forrest Kreiger's 90th Birthday Celebration: Join the Kreiger's in celebrating Forrest's 90th Birthday on 10/5/25 from 1:00-4:00 pm at the Frederick Living Auditorium, 2849 Big Road, Zieglerville, PA 19492. Enter at the front of the building, under the portico. In lieu of gifts to Forrest, contributions can be made to the Benevolent Care Fund of Frederick Living if you wish. (Checks payable to Frederick Living, with Benevolent Care Fund written in the memo line.

Andrew Foss Family: Gift cards for the Foss family can be placed in the envelope near the bulletins. Door Dash, Redner's, Weiss and Aldi's are all helpful gift cards.

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!

Speaker Series – David Youngren: Life Ascending on October 18th from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm. Join us for a talk about mental wellbeing based on new science and the wisdom of Jesus.

Boscov's Friends Helping Friends on October 22nd: \$5.00 Coupon Shopping Passes. Shopping can be done in any Boscov's or this year online!! The proceeds will go to the Mission Fund.

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 October 7th 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 October 19th.

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:

Marie Bade
Christian, Mari and Connor O'Drain
Dan and Rose Wolgemuth
Forrest Kreiger
Faye Pedrick

Birthdays in the month of September

Mark Dushanko	9/5/25
Clay Zachesky	9/5/25
Glen Bradley	9/8/25
Sherri Mocarski	9/9/25
Collin Gray	9/11/25
Connie Armbruster	9/16/25
Catherine Dyott	9/19/25
Heather Burhans Tran	9/20/25
Chris Gray	9/21/25
Tesia Craner	9/23/25
Ronald Pearson	9/24/25

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300th Anniversary Church Services of the First Communion of the German Reformed Church in America

There are two separate worship services in October to lift up the communion anniversary we have been celebrating since May.

Oct. 12th—3:00 service, reception following, at Falkner Swamp UCC
—in person and online—reservations REQUIRED—limited seating

A state-wide celebration on Sunday afternoon. The communion bread from this service will be shared out to all four conferences.

Oct. 15th—6:30 pm at Wentz's UCC—in person and online,
reservations required

A PSEC only celebration on the actual anniversary date.

For free registrations and information on all these events, visit the **300th Anniversary Celebrations** page of our website for more information. Do this by going to psec.org and clicking on the "Learn More" button on the 300th Anniversary Celebrations slider at the top of the home page.



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Protecting Places of Worship Virtual Events from DHS

In support of September's National Preparedness Month, the Department of Homeland Security is coordinating "Protecting Places of Worship Weeks of Action." Online events include:

Active Shooter Preparedness

Introduction to Bomb Threat Management

Bomb Threat Assessment

Suspicious Activity Recognition for Bombing Prevention

Response to Suspicious Behaviors and Items for Bombing Prevention

Introduction to Conflict Prevention Techniques

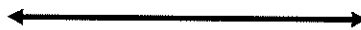
Conflict Prevention Strategies to Deter Targeted Violence

Surveillance Detection Principles

House of Worship Active Shooter

For dates and to register, go to:

<https://www.fema.gov/event/protecting-places-worship-weeks-action-2025-calendar-events>



From the Addiction & Recovery Taskforce: Healing Happens (1)

Recovery thrives in environments that say:

I see you. You matter. You're not alone. A sense of security comes from having enough food, a roof overhead and support from people who care.