

Welcome to Shenkel United Church of Christ!

Sunday, January 15, 2023 – Traditional Service at 9:45 am

Second Sunday of Epiphany

~Gathering Together ~

Prelude "Sinfonia" Bach

Welcome

Invocation

Choral Introit "Light of the World" Insert

Call to Worship

Pastor: We have come to praise God, who has done wonderful things among us.

People: In Jesus, the Christ, God has shown us love, giving light for our darkness, and strength for all our days.

Pastor: Sing praise to God's name, bow before God in prayer, open your hearts to God's saving word.

People: Arise, shine, for your light has come!

Opening Hymn "Arise, Your Light Is Come" NCH # 164

Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey;
Show forth the glory of your God which shines on you today!

Arise, your light is come! Fling wide the prison door;
Proclaim the captive's liberty, good tidings to the poor.

Arise, your light is come! All you in sorrow born,
Bind up the brokenhearted ones and comfort those who mourn.

Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

~ *Coming Alive in Community* ~

Call to Confession

Let us confess our sins to God, for the Holy One is steadfast in love and always ready to forgive.

Prayer of Confession

Mothering God, we have chased after foolish things, and spent our strength on vanity; our labor has been in vain. Deliver us from arrogance and forgive our self-concern, that we may find our reward with you, as servants of your dream. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Silence for Prayer and Reflection.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Pastor: Beloved, you are forgiven in Christ, the Lamb who bears our sin. Happy are those who put their trust in God, and delight to do God's will, for God makes our footing sure upon the rock of Christ.

Special Music

“This Little Light Of Mine”

Sue Stultz, flute

African-American Spiritual © 2023 First Run Muzik Psalter (ASCAP)

~ *We Hear God's Word* ~

Scripture Lessons

The Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 49:1-6

Susan Royer

The Reading of Psalm 40:1-11

The Gospel Reading: John 1:29-42

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

Mark how the Lamb of God's self-offering our human sinfulness takes on

In the birth-waters of the Jordan as Jesus is baptized by John.

Hear how the voice from heaven thunders, “Lo, this is my beloved Son.”

See how in dove-like form the Spirit descends on God's Anointed One.

From this assurance of God's favor Jesus goes to the wilderness,
There to endure a time of testing that readied him to teach and bless.
So we, by water and the Spirit baptized into Christ's ministry,
Are often led to paths of service, through mazes of adversity.

Grant us, o God, the strength and courage to live the faith our lips declare;
Bless us in our baptismal calling; Christ's royal priesthood help us share.
Turn us from every false allegiance, that we may trust in Christ alone;
Raise up in us a chosen people transformed by love to be your own.

~ *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.

Offertory "Let There Be Light O God" Vories

Offering Response "I Am the Light of the World" NCH # 584
**I am the light of the world! You people come and follow me!
If you follow and love you'll learn the mystery of what you were meant to do and be.**

Prayer of Dedication

~ *Going out in Joy* ~

Sending Hymn "Jesus, the Light of the World" NCH # 160
Hark! the herald angels sing, Jesus, the light of the world;
Glory to the Christ-child bring, Jesus, the light of the world.

Refrain:

We will follow the light, beautiful light, come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright,
Shine all around us by day and by night, Jesus, the light of the world.

Joyful, all you saints arise, Jesus, the light of the world;
Join the triumph of the skies, Jesus, the light of the world. [Refrain]

Christ, by highest heaven adored, Jesus, the light of the world;
Christ, the everlasting Word, Jesus, the light of the world. [Refrain]

Hail the Bearer of God's peace! Jesus, the light of the world;
Hail, the Sun of righteousness! Jesus, the light of the world. [Refrain]

Benediction

Postlude

“God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens”

Holy Manna

Announcements

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

Cara Bevan

Kaleena Sweinhart

Judy Miller

Joel Sweinhart

Britnee, Bill, Olivia and Delia Sanserverino

~ This week at Shenkel UCC ~

- Sun., 1/15 ~ Reflective Worship service at 8:30 am in sanctuary.
~ Worship service at 9:45 am in sanctuary
~ Newsletter deadline
- Tues., 1/17 ~ Midday Dinner Club at Brookside at noon
~ Annual report committee reports due
- Wed., 1/18 ~ Yoga 4:30 pm
- Thurs., 1/19 ~ Card Class at 10 am
~ Agape at 6:30 pm

~Upcoming events at Shenkel UCC~

- Sun., 1/22 ~ Reflective Worship service at 8:30 am in sanctuary.
~ Worship service at 9:45 am in sanctuary
- Mon., 1/23 ~ Community Meal at Christ Episcopal at noon
- Weds., 1/25 ~ Yoga 4:30 pm

Scripture Readings for January 22:

Psalms 27:1, 4-9; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23

Pottstown Cluster. This month's items are paper towels, razors, and shaving cream. Please place your items in the bin marked for the Cluster.

A big thank you to my friends and church family for the cards and prayers during my recovery.
Barbara Brown

Restorative & Yin Yoga at Shenkel Full Session

Another **trial session** is added for January 18 from 4:30—5:45. Cost is \$20

The 5-Week series will run from 4:30 – 5:45 on Wednesdays

January 25, February 1, 15, 22, March 1 (snow date: March 8)

Cost for the series: \$100.00 (paid at registration before or on the first day of class)

For this series you will need:

Yoga mat, 2 yoga blocks (9" x 6" x 4"), 8 foot long yoga strap with a "D" buckle and 2 thick blankets. Because this is a more quiet and still practice wear warm clothing and socks.

Please contact Chris Gray cgc@comcast.net, (610) 246-3548 to register for the 5-week series by January 18. **Pre-registration is required, as a minimum number of participants is required to conduct the classes.

ALL are welcome, Invite your friends!

Mid-day Dinner club will be meeting at Brookside Family Restaurant on Tuesday, January 19th 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 15 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 annual meeting is *fast approaching*, and your annual committee report will be due at the church office *no later than January 17th* in order for the annual report to be completed on time.

Food Drive

Join us in supporting Operation 143 Sunday, January 8 through Sunday, February 12 (lovingly delivered the week of Valentine's Day) by donating food from the pre-approved shopping list found in the narthex and included on next page. Food donations may be placed in the designated bins in the narthex. Generic items are acceptable.

Operation 143 provides food to students in our community who otherwise go without over the weekend. There are currently 377 students enrolled in the program and the numbers rise weekly. Partnering with schools in 6 school districts, 48 schools in total, Operation 143 delivers food to wherever the students are residing.

Food donations over the holidays are abundant, however this slows dramatically, over the winter months. Thanks Shenkel for your contributions to keep the donation shelves full!

Create The Change! We need your help.

Pre-Approved Shopping List

Item	Product Example
Tuna To-Go	StarKist Lunch To Go
Compleats Meals	Hormel
Mac & Cheese	Chef Boyardee Mac & Cheese (7.5 oz. or 14.25 oz.)
Spaghettios/Ravioli	Chef Boyardee Beef Ravioli (7.5 oz. or 14.25 oz.)
Chicken & Beef Soups	Campbells To Go Chicken & Beef Noodle Soups
Fruit Cups/Applesauce	Dole Fruit in Juice & Motts Applesauce
Granola Bars/Fruit Bars	Quaker Chewy Bars (chocolate), NutriGrain Bars
Pop-Tarts	Kellogg's Pop-Tarts
Cereal (single serve)	Kellogg's, General Mills
Non-refrigerated Milk	Hershey's, Horizon, Giant (8 oz. boxes with straw)
Variety Snack Packs	Gold Fish, Cheez-Its, Animal Cookies, Crackers
Fruit Snacks	Welch's Kellogg's
Water	Store Brand Bottled Water (12 packs/16 oz. bottles)
Juice Boxes	CapriSun, HiC, Juicy Juice, Apple & Eve
Pudding	Jello Pudding Snacks

SWBP does not endorse any of the items or brands listed. All items should be sized for a single individual and ready to eat with no cooking required. Items should be easy to open without a can opener. Products containing peanuts will not be distributed.

Visit operation143.org to volunteer & contribute



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Light of the World

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♩=120

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The tempo is marked as ♩=120. The score consists of seven staves of music. Above the notes, guitar chords are indicated: Gadd9, Cadd9, Gadd9, Cadd9, Emadd9, Cadd9, Gadd9, Dadd9, Gadd9, Cadd9, Gadd9 Cadd9, Gadd9, Dadd9, Em, Cadd9, Gadd9, Dadd9, Em, Cadd9, Gadd9, Dadd9, Gadd9. The lyrics are as follows:

1. You are the moon you are the sun. You shine your
wind you are the rain. You are the
light on ev - 'ry - one. We of - fer praise for all you've
song, you're our re - frain. You are the One who calls our
done. Light of the world. 2. You are the Light of the
names. Light of the world.
world in us re - veal all that our eyes can nev - er see. Show us a
world, joy - ful and free. Light of the world. Light of the
world bring last - ing peace. Jus - tice and mer - cy for the weak.
— Show us the paths our lives must take, Light of the world.

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