The Worship Service
Sunday, November 1, 2026

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

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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 "Prayer from l "Organiste" (Franck)

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: We gather this morning to celebrate the lives of persons we name as saints.
Many: Some of them are living, others have completed their physical lives here on earth.
One: Some have touched us personally, others have touched and called into question the institutions and structures of our society.
Many: But all have shaken our being – all have been examples of lives of wholeness, working for justice.
All: We celebrate these persons and their lives in all aspects of God's creation!

Opening Hymn "God, We Thank You for Our People" (NCH#376)

~Coming Alive in Community~

Responsive Prayer for Transformation and New Life

One: God, you send us saints…
Many: And we imprison them, or nail them on crosses. Have mercy.
One: God, you send us saints…
Many: And we persuade ourselves they are fools, or meddlers or incompetents. Have mercy.
One: God, you send us saints…
Many: And we hate them for reminding us that our comfort requires the poverty of others. Have mercy.
One: God, you send us saints…
Many: And we ignore them. Have mercy.

Silence for Prayer and Meditation

Words of Grace

God's Word to us is a word of forgiveness, a word of assurance, a word of grace. We are loved and accepted because we are we and God is God and nothing can finally separate us from our Creator, our Parent, our Sustainer. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Remembering Shenkel's Saints
Karl Metka, November 2025
Verna Walters, December 2025
Maryln Rohrbach, July 2026
Bert Peterman, September 2026

Prayer of Remembrance

God, for all the saints we give you thanks –
For grandparents and godparents,
For doctors and teachers,
For coaches and pastors.

God, for all the saints we give you thanks –
For authors of books that have moved us,
For friends whose advice has guided us,
For strangers who proved an example,
For our children and the children of others
Who have given us courage.

God, for all the saints we give you thanks –
For those nearest and farthest away,
For those who have died,
And those who are living,
For those who knew they made a difference
And those who never will.

God, for all the saints we give you thanks. Amen.

Musical Moment "O When the Saints Go Marching In" (arr. Taylor)
Shenkel Second Line
Reader, Dan Jenkins

1. O, when the saints go marching in,
O, when the saints go marching in.
Lord, I want to be in that number
when the saints go marching in.

2. O, when the sun refused to shine,
O, when the sun refused to shine,
Lord, I want to be in that number
when the sun refused to shine.

3. O, when they gather 'round the throne,
O, when they gather 'round the throne,
Lord, I want to be in that number
when they gather 'round the throne.

4. O, when they crown Him Lord of all,
O, when they crown Him Lord of all,
Lord, I want to be in that number
when they crown Him Lord of all.

5. And on that hallelujah day,
And on that hallelujah day,
Lord, I want to be in that number
on that hallelujah day.

~We Hear God's Word~

Scripture Lessons Tootie Hine

Psalm 34:1-10, 22
I John 3:1-3
Revelation 7:9-17

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

Sermon Rev. Suzanne M. Spaulding

Hymn for Reflection: "As We Gather at Your Table" (NCH 332)

~Sharing Blessings with Others~

Prayers of the People/Lord's Prayer

> **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.**

Invitation to Generosity

> The Holy One has shaped creation so that every need may be met, love may abound, and we might be strengthened in community with one another. Let us demonstrate our participation in the kindom of God through worshipping the Holy One through the giving of gifts of time, talent, and treasure.

Offering our Gifts – Thank you for your faithful support of Shenkel's ongoing ministries.
November's Special Offering – All Saints, Keystone Retired Clergy

Offertory **"**Reflection on You Servants of God" (Haydn, arr. Fred Moyer)

Offering Response "Doxology"

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.

Prayer of Dedication

> Holy Love, we pray that you receive these gifts. Bless those who have accepted the call to generosity and those entrusted with the responsibility of these offerings. May your church be enlivened and your people nurtured in care through these tangible expressions of our love of you and neighbor.

Celebration of Holy Communion

P: God be with you.
C: And also with you.
P: Lift up your hearts.
C: We lift them to God.
P: Let us give thanks to God Most High.
C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, mighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.
By the witness of the saints you show us the hope of our calling, and strengthen us to run the race set before us, that we may delight in your mercy, and rejoice with you in glory.
And so, with all the choirs of angels, with Karl, Verna, Maryln, Bert, and all the faithful of every time and every place, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

All: Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God! Hosanna in the highest!

P: We remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion, Jesus took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to the disciples, saying. "This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, Jesus also took the cup, after supper, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."
By eating this bread and drinking this cup, we proclaim Christ's death, celebrate Christ's resurrection, and await Christ's coming again.

C: Amen. Come, Christ Jesus!

P: Gracious God, we ask you to bless this bread and cup and all of us with outpouring of your Holy Spirit. Through this meal, make us the body of Christ, the church, your servant people, that we may be salt, and light, and leaven for the furtherance of your will in all the world.

C: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Breaking Bread and Pouring Wine

Sharing the Elements

Prayer after Communion (unison)

> **God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.**
> **Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

~Going out in Joy~

Sending Hymn	"For All the Saints"	(NCH#299)
Benediction		
Postlude	"Celebration of Praise"	(Denton)

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Announcements:
~Sunday, November 1, 2026~

Sun, 11/1 ~ Reflective Worship Service with Communion at 8:30 am in the Sanctuary.
~ Traditionalish Worship Service with Communion at 9:45 am in the Sanctuary
~ Choir Rehearsal after Worship at 11:15 am in the Sanctuary, all are welcome.

~Upcoming events at Shenkel UCC~

Sun, 11/8 ~Reflective Worship Service at 8:30 am in the Sanctuary.
~ Traditionalish Worship Service at 9:45 am in the Sanctuary.
~ No Choir Rehearsal after Worship.

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

Scripture Reading for November 8th **Pam McShane**

Joshua 23:1-3, 14-25
Psalm 78:1-7
Matthew 25:1-13

Cluster donations for November: Pasta sauce and broth

Illumine in concert – November 14, 2026, 3:00 p.m.
Featuring Kaitlyn Waterson, David M. Brown, Jodie Levine
Listen to a world-class trio play works from Saint-Saens, Spohr, Falla, Whitacre
Maidencreek Church, 261 Main St., Blandon PA
No tickets needed. Free will offering benefits the church's organ fund.

Mission First Holiday Meal: We are collecting 6oz packages of fried onions. Our goal is 40.

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!

Qigong classes at Shenkel!: Classes are on Thursday mornings from 11AM-noon. Suggested cost is $12/class or come and pay what you're able. Cash or check payable to Shenkel UCC. Hope you'll join us! No experience necessary--All are welcome! **Qigong classes will now be held upstairs in the Sanctuary.**

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 November 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, Tom & Mo Gallant.

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 November 15th.

Shenkel Prayer Group: Meets at 10:00 am on the first Monday 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:

Julie and Bill Zachesky
Jesse Painter
Elizabeth, James, Zoey, Henry and Molly Carr
Tony Gulotta

Birthdays in the month of November:

Cole Major	11/5/26
Louise Hine	11/6/26
Alex Mocarski	11/6/26
Joe Palubinsky	11/7/26
Homer Royer	11/8/26
Kaleena Sweinhart	11/8/26
Madeline Mest	11/15/26
John Sabo	11/16/26
Peter Wanner	11/17/26
Clair Faust	11/19/26
Ben Mocarski	11/21/26
Tracy Dise	11/25/26
AJ Foss	11/25/26
Linda Foss	11/28/26
Mindy Chidawu	11/30/26

Mission Statement

Shenkel UCC

- prayerfully and creatively worships God;
- unconditionally loves and accepts all;
- generously gives and serves our community and our world.