

9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship

## Gathering

Prelude - *Martha Laub*  
Welcome and Announcements - *Martha Laub*  
“What’s Next?” - *Mark Hochstedler, Ryan Stoltzfus*  
Call to Worship (back of bulletin)

## Praising

Congregational Singing - *Wendy Hochstedler*  
Offering (*includes coin offerings for missions*)

## Listening

Children’s Time  
“The Poor of the Earth” - *Tammy Driver*  
Scripture Reading: Luke 1:46-55; Jeremiah 12:1-4  
Message: “Questions, Criticism, and Hope” - *Kevin Goertzen*

## Responding and Sending

Interactive Response  
Congregational Sharing and Prayer  
Sending Song  
Benediction

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*Nursery Volunteer: Sharon Shenk*

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### Schedule for next Sunday, December 24:

- No Sunday School.
- Gifts for Jesus service (10:30 a.m.) - please talk to Ann Frank if you are willing to share a scripture, poem, special music, etc., that morning; and/or write your gift on a paper ornament in the foyer & place it on the tree; and bring your completed infant care kits.
- Christmas Eve service at 7 p.m.

## THIS WEEK

**Tues. 7:00 p.m.:** No Evening Prayers at the Church  
**Wed. 6:15 p.m.:** Christmas Caroling (donuts & hot chocolate)

## NEXT WEEK / COMING EVENTS

**Dec. 24:** No Sunday School; Gifts for Jesus Service (10:30 a.m.); Christmas Eve Service (7 p.m.)  
**Jan. 14:** Congregational Meeting (following worship / lunch)  
**Jan. 22:** Providing Lunch for Disciples’ Kitchen (11:30 a.m.)  
**Feb. 26-Mar. 4, 2024:** Serve as Host for WARM Participants

Our **Advent candles** are being handled somewhat differently this year. The increasing light throughout the service symbolizes the illumination and clarity we receive (related to our questions) as we worship together.

All ages are invited to go **Christmas caroling** this Wed. evening, Dec. 20! Please meet at the church at 6:15 p.m. You are also invited to enjoy donuts & hot chocolate afterwards (back at the church).

From the church Treasurer: *If anyone in the congregation has church expenses that need to be reimbursed for 2023, please submit the bill / request to Alan Shenk no later than Dec. 24 if possible.* Thanks.

**Offerings for both missions & the budget** will be collected on Dec. 24 and 31. Please use a designated envelope if you want your gift to go toward missions (all other donations will go toward the budget).

Starting Jan. 7, Jim Goalder will be leading an **8-week adult Sunday School class** (9:30 a.m.) to explore ideas about Biblical forgiveness from Old & New Testament perspectives; why genuine forgiveness is so hard; and how genuine forgiveness improves physical, emotional & spiritual health. All are welcome!

For each day you **spend extra time** in scripture reading / prayer, share Bible stories with your children, or experience a significant encounter with God, you are invited to place a bead in the vase in the foyer!

You are invited to a **Christmas hymn sing** at Pilgrim Christian Fellowship this evening at 7:00; and a **Christmas concert** to benefit Love INC on Dec. 19, 7 p.m., at Tinkling Spring Presbyterian Church.