

No Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship

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*This morning, as an expression of appreciation for all God has given us, including His Son who is our Savior, our act of worship is bringing our gifts to Jesus. You are each invited to come, worshipping Him with your gifts, whatever you bring. The wise men brought gold, frankincense, and myrrh; the shepherds brought their wonder and joy at the news the angels had given them, glorifying and praising God.  
What will you bring to Jesus today?*

Prelude - *Ranita Shenk*

Introduction of Service - *Ann Frank*

“Why Me? Why Not Me?” - *Wendy Hochstedler, Kristi Stoltzfus*

Call to Worship (back of bulletin) and Prayer

Congregational Singing - *Alan & Sharon Shenk*

Sharing our Gifts - *Congregation*

Offering (*includes coin offerings for missions*)

Children’s Time

Congregational Singing

Sharing our Gifts - *Congregation*

Congregational Sharing and Prayer

Sending Song

Benediction

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*Nursery Volunteers: Orpha Beyeler, Wendy Hochstedler*

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Nancy Stoll & Kevin Goertzen will be **out of the church office** most of this week. If you have bulletin items/information, please give them to Kevin by Thursday at noon. Feel free to call or text Kevin as needed.

# TODAY

Christmas Eve Service (7 p.m.)

## NEXT WEEK / COMING EVENTS

- Dec. 31:** No Sunday School; Christmas Breakfast (9:15 a.m.)
- Jan. 4:** Sewing Circle (9:30 a.m.)
- Jan. 7:** “Exploring Biblical Forgiveness” Adult S.S. Class Begins
- Jan. 14:** Congregational Meeting (following worship / lunch)
- Jan. 22:** Providing Lunch for Disciples’ Kitchen (11:30 a.m.)
- Feb. 18:** Southern & Central District “Year of Worship, Healing, Reflection & Renewal” Service (6 p.m., at Springdale)
- Feb. 26-Mar. 4, 2024:** Serve as Host for WARM Participants

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You are invited to our **Christmas Eve service** at 7 p.m.: “What Child is This?” The service will include singing, readings, and candle light.

There will be **no prayer gatherings** at Springdale this week.

**Please pray** for LaVelle Harris who is sick with COVID.

**Next Sun., Dec. 31,** you are invited to breakfast at 9:15 a.m. (please sign up in the foyer or online to bring food; there will be no Sunday School that morning). Note the following information from Gerald Shenk for that day’s worship service: *Our brother Paul wrote to the church at Corinth (1 Cor. 14:26): "What should be done then, my friends? When you come together, each one has a hymn, a lesson, a revelation..." As we prepare for worship on Dec. 31, we will close the year with songs of remembrance, and turn toward the new year with songs of anticipation. Please be prepared to share a song (or two) that has helped you mark the year gone by, perhaps with a brief testimony of why this selection is significant for you, or a song that is guiding your hopes for the coming year. Thank you!*

**Financial Update:** Income thru 12/17 - \$141,600; Estimated expenses thru 12/31: \$152,000; Amount needed to balance by 12/31: \$10,400.

If you have church **expenses to be reimbursed** for 2023, please submit those to Alan Shenk today.

**Offerings** collected today & next Sunday will be **for both missions & the budget**. Please use a designated envelope if you want your gift to go toward missions (other donations will go toward the budget).