

# Willow Springs Mennonite Church

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## 9:30 WORSHIP

Singing  
Call to worship  
Confession  
Lighting of Advent candle  
Words of Assurance

Singing  
Children's time  
Dramatic Reading: *Wisdom and Wonder*  
Scripture: Isaiah 40:1-11, Mark 1:1-8, 2 Peter 3:8-15a  
Sermon: *Active Waiting!*  
Songs

Sharing and Pastoral Prayer  
Offering  
Announcements  
Sending

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children's classes (age 2 through 8<sup>th</sup> grade (basement)  
Youth class (Pine Room)  
Adult classes: Christmas & Advent Singing (Sanctuary)  
Talk It Over class (Pastor's Study)  
Connecting in conversation

## Welcome to Willow Springs this Advent!

**Theme:** "Yes, Let it be," from Mary's prayer in Luke 1:38, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Mary had just heard an amazing plan—and from an angel, no less! The plan was for her to carry and give birth to the Son of God! Mary responded, "Let it be."

**Focus statement:** We long to be comforted, we long for change. Moving from uncertainty and fear, we call upon God to make things ready—the mountains leveled, the paths made straight, our hearts prepared. We actively wait- Prepare.

Worship Leader: Heather Munn    Song leader: Phil Kaufmann  
Children's story: Lori Boekeloo & Randy Hermanson  
Message: Cal Zehr

**A special welcome to Tony Hartman** as he brings an update from Anabaptist Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, Indiana.

**The plastic bank passed during the offering time** is for coins (50 cents or so). This symbolizes our desire to combat world hunger. Proceeds are divided between the local food pantry and MCC hunger projects.

## This afternoon:

**Christmas Music program:** Kaufmann Family & Friends at the Prairie Arts Center Building, Princeton, 1:30 pm

**Christmas Open House** at the Cal and Carol Zehr home, 130 N Galena St, Tiskilwa, 3-7 pm. All are invited!

**Kids Klub**, Wednesday, December 13, 6 pm at the Tiskilwa Bible Church. Activities for grades K-8.

**Next Sunday, December 17 – All Tiskilwa Christmas Worship Service**, 6 pm at the Tiskilwa Bible Church. Please bring cookies or other goodies for a time of fellowship following the service.

**Interested in Christmas caroling sometime before Christmas?** Meet with Steve Graham following worship.

## Stewardship report:

- Our November offerings kept up with expenses. We are still \$5,745 behind in budget giving, about the same as last month.
- We provide scholarships to our students at Mennonite colleges. \$1000 is needed for next semester. Please consider a year-end gift to the scholarship fund and extra giving to the budget. Thank you!

**MCC meat canning** takes place December 18-20 at the Freeport Mennonite Church. If possible, sign up for a shift at 815 291-6382 or [www.freeportmennonitechurch.com](http://www.freeportmennonitechurch.com). Contact Cal for possible car-pooling.

**Bill Pollack asks us to consider sending a Christmas card to a friend** who receives no mail. Anthony Erpenbeck 0387-061 9/2 PO Box 4000, Rochester MN 55903.

## Available for your use:

Accessible restroom by library  
Childcare for children through age 4 (following children's story)  
Elevator located inside main door and by library