

# Willow Springs Mennonite Church

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## 9:30 WORSHIP

Singing  
Call to worship  
Worship in song

Song "Hope is a Candle" (Children come forward)  
Lighting of Advent candle  
Children's time  
Scripture: Micah 5:2-5a, Luke 1:39-55  
Sermon: *Righteous Branch: Ingredients to Cookies!*  
Songs

Sharing and Pastoral Prayer  
Offering  
Announcements  
Sending

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** – no classes today

**Welcome to Willow Springs Church with our theme** *The Lord is Our Righteousness with Blessing and Restoration*. Our focus statement: On this final Sunday of Advent we delight with Mary in the blessing bestowed on all God's people through the gift of Christ. In preparation for Christmas Day we humble ourselves before God's greatness—our Messiah who comes to restore the world. We rejoice that Jesus came to the world to be our light, our peace, and our example.

**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.

Worship leader – Heather Munn                      Song Leader – Phil Kaufmann  
Children's story – Lori Boekeloo                      Sermon – Cal Zehr  
Candlelighter – Dave Bell

**New Year's Eve Candlelight Communion Service**, Monday, December 31, 7:30 pm in the basement. Bring finger foods and table games to share in a time of fellowship and games following the worship time.

**Attention Young Adults:** For the Menno Haven Young Adult Retreat January 4-6, Willow Springs will cover \$25 of your registration as an encouragement to take in the input, fellowship, and food of the weekend! Aaron Kaufmann and Sarah Sutter will be providing the input.

**MCC Project: Hygiene Kits** to be sent to families who have fled their homes because of disaster or war as well as to schools and orphanages. The following items are needed to complete partial kits:  
3 hand towels (dark colors) and 7 wide-toothed combs (6-8 inches).

## CALENDAR

December 30    Christmas Sunday  
December 31    New Year's Eve Candlelight Communion Service, 7:30 pm

### 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  
Large print hymnals & hearing devices available from ushers

**Have a joyous Christmas  
as God's love is expressed  
in the deepest way ever imaginable:  
Jesus, the Son,  
the gift of life for our life!**