Willow Springs Mennonite Church

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9:30 **WORSHIP**

Gathering / Call to worship
Singing
Responsive reading / Lighting of Advent Candle
Prayer of Confession
Singing

Children's time
Scripture: Isaiah 2:1-5, Matthew 24:42-44, Romans 13:11-14
Sermon: *The Mountains We Climb*
and One Mountain of Peace
Song

Sharing and Pastoral Prayer
Offering
Announcements
Sending

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children's classes: age 2 through 8th grade
(Basement & Pine Room)

Welcome to Willow Springs worship this first Sunday of Advent.
Our overall theme: What are you waiting for?
Today's title: Our Wait Begins
Focus statement: Together we enter the season of Advent crying out to God to break into our lives with a new light and a new hope. We ask the question, "God what are you waiting for?"

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

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

During the Sunday school time today, consider helping to decorate the building for Advent/Christmas.

Next Sunday, December 8, the MCC Great Lakes IVEPers will be with us during our morning worship and Sunday school. They will share some of their backgrounds during Sunday school. Please plan for a carry-in meal to share with our international guests and MCC personnel.

MCC projects: The following items have been delivered to the MCC resource center: 11 school kits, 3 comforters, 1 blanket, and 6 sheets. Thank you for your contributions.

CALENDAR

December 8	IVEP guests share during Sunday school. Carry-in meal
December 11	Church board meeting
December 13	Mennonite Women meeting
December 15	Open House at Cal and Carol's home , 3-7 pm
December 16-18	MCC Meat Canning, Freeport

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

Vision Statement

Willow Springs Church is a thriving Anabaptist community of believers saved by Grace, who love and desire to follow Jesus Christ. We celebrate life together through joyful worship, faithful study, intentional sharing of the gospel, and compassionate caring and service to others.