

Willow Springs Mennonite Church

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9:30 WORSHIP

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

Children's time
Scripture: Isaiah 61:10-11, Luke 1:26-38, 46-55
Sermon: *Mary's Fear and Beyond*

Sharing and Pastoral Prayer
Offering
Announcements
Sending

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

Welcome to Willow Springs worship this third Sunday of Advent.

Our overall theme: What are you waiting for?

Today's title: Kept waiting by fear

Focus statement: O lord, what am I waiting for? Why am I afraid? I see my need for your strength in my weakness and my need to be filled with your courage in the midst of all my fears. I long for an awakening, for a renewed trust, and for patience in the coming of the Lord.

Today is the 3rd Sunday of the month when we collect a special offering for our new missionaries Josh and Alicia Garber of Spain. The mission can will be passed. The globes (50 cent offering) will not be passed today.

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

Today: All are invited to Cal and Carol's **Christmas Open House** from 3-7 pm. Come fellowship and enjoy some food together.

Advent visuals: Thanks to Boo and Elaine for working with the worship visuals! Now Boo has a request for ideas. What is a tangible item that represents grace to you? Please contact Boo with your ideas.

Singing at Our Table: We are invited to sing Christmas songs at Our Table again this year. If interested, meet at the 1st Methodist Church in Princeton tomorrow at 5 pm. Your supper is provided!

Consider assisting with MCC meat canning this week in Freeport. Cal and Miaga hope to go on Monday, Eldon and Marilyn on Tuesday, and Steve and Boo on Wednesday. If you would like a ride, contact any of them.

Financial report: At three months into the fiscal year, we are about 10% or \$3,000 short of meeting our budget. Thanks for your giving!

Winter retreats at Menno Haven: The church board is offering a \$25 scholarship for any young adult or junior high student attending a retreat this year. Register soon to take advantage of other discounts.

CALENDAR

December 16-18	MCC Meat Canning, Freeport
December 19	Elders' Christmas Supper
December 31	New Year's Eve Candlelight Communion, 7:30 pm
January 3-5	Young Adult Retreat at Menno Haven
January 10-12	Junior High Retreat at Menno Haven

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 & and hearing devices available from ushers.