

# 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: Psalm 80:1-3, Isaiah 7:10-16, Matthew 1:18-25  
Sermon: *Immanuel: A Safe Trip, a Great Trip*

Sharing and Pastoral Prayer  
Offering  
Announcements  
Sending

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

**Welcome to Willow Springs worship this fourth Sunday of Advent.**

Our overall theme: What are you waiting for?

Today's title: Worth the wait

Focus statement: What am I waiting for? When I call out to God, God hears me and restores my soul. I am a child of God, called to belong and to be redeemed by grace. God is with me.

**The plastic bank passed during the offering time** is for coins (50 cent of 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

**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.

**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.

**New Year's Eve Candlelight Communion Service, 7:30 pm.** Following that will be a time of fellowship. Bring snacks and games.

**90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration:** Friends of Wilmer Sears are invited to a 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration on Sunday, January 5 from noon to 2 pm at Liberty Village Social room. Cards may be sent to Wilmer at Liberty Village, 140 N 6<sup>th</sup> St, Princeton, IL 61356.

Mark your calendars for the **Great Winter Warmup!** Science Ridge Mennonite Women of Sterling invite us to join them on Saturday, January 18 from 9-3 to knit as many comforters as we can! This is part of a churchwide effort celebrating 100 years since the beginning of Mennonite Central Committee. Folks all over North America will gather that day to knit comforters to go to persons of need around the world.

**Have a joyous Christmas in light of the very God of the Universe entering into our lives in the gift of Jesus, the Son!**

## CALENDAR

December 29	Christmas Sunday
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
January 18	Great Winter Warm-up, Science Ridge Church, 9-3

## 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.