

# Willow Springs Mennonite Church

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## 9:30 WORSHIP

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

Children's time  
Scripture: Isaiah 61:10, 62:2; Luke 2:1-20  
Sermon: *New name – Manger Gazer*  
Worship Dance  
Singing

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 Christmas Sunday.

Our overall theme: What are you waiting for?

Today's title: Time to get a move on!

Focus statement: What are we waiting for? All creation sings the praises of our God, who is faithful and just. Let us join our voices and rejoice, proclaiming the glory of our Lord. Proclaiming the coming of Emmanuel – God with us. “We gaze toward the manger. I am a manger gazer.” A gaze – a fixed look, looking steadily and intently: a look of wonder, eagerness and adoration.

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.

Special thanks to **Hannah Bachman and April Zehr** for their worship dance to the song, “Light of the World” by Lauren Daigle

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

**New Year's Eve Candlelight Communion Service**, Tuesday, December 31, 7:30 pm. Later 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.

**Our sympathies to Elaine Gerber and Pam Kaufmann** in the death of their brother and uncle Virgil Rocke. He passed away December 16. A memorial service will be held Saturday, January 4, 10:30 am at the Methodist Church in Oregon, Illinois.

**Our sympathies to Jim, Meg, Daniel Foxvog** and extended family in the passing of Sam Foxvog. He died in a car accident very early Tuesday morning, December 24 while traveling to be with family in Maryland. A memorial service will be held on a future date.

## CALENDAR

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 & and hearing devices available from ushers.