

## **Willow Springs Worship**

**December 1, 2024 9:30 a.m.**

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### **Welcome and Call to Worship – Esther**

Leader: Responding to the call of the living God,

**People: our rescuer and Savior,**

Leader: we welcome the Holy Spirit's presence,

**People: among and within us.**

Leader: In the name of Jesus, our risen Lord,

**All: we offer ourselves in worship.**

### **Candlelighting – Laura and Tarik**

Reader 1: When we find ourselves between a rock and a hard place, we may ask how to continue on.

Reader 2: When Daniel's persistent prayers brought him between opposing laws of the land and the mouths of hungry lions in a stone-covered den, despite the risk, he chose to trust God.

Reader 1: When Jesus found himself faced with persecution and false accusations, he chose forgiveness over self-defense.

*Candlelighting of first Advent candle*

**All: Our path may meander through rocky situations, but we will hold Christ as our center as we journey together.**

### **Songs – Phil Kaufmann**

### **Children's time – Beth Gerig**

### **Scriptures – Daniel 6:1-28, Luke 23:1-11**

### **Sermon – Jacob Landis**

*From Bad, to Worse*

### **Song – VT #416 Beyond a Dying Sun**

### **Sharing and prayer – Dale Bachman**

### **Song**

### **Announcements**

### **Sending Blessing**

Go, borrowing the courage of Daniel,  
in the sure and certain hope of God's faithful presence.

May the praise of God be on our lips,  
the Holy Spirit at our side,  
and the peace of Christ within our hearts. Amen.

## Sending Song

### Calendar

Dec. 6-10      MCC Meat Canning in Freeport  
December 8    Input by Richard Blackburn  
December 11   Church Board meeting, 7:30 pm

\*Correction: Mennonite Women will **not** be meeting in December.

Thank you to Jacob Landis for bringing the message today!

Willow Springs Missional Giving emphasis for Nov. is Mennonite Mission Network (MMN). You can give to MMN's general fund by writing a check to Willow Springs and **putting MMN on the memo line**. You can also give directly to the many different MMN projects and partners through their website, including the Center for Justice and Peace in Ivory Coast. Thank you for supporting organizations ministering to many.

MCC Meat Canning at Freeport Mennonite Church is on Dec. 6, 7, 9, and 10. Sign up to volunteer on FMC's [website](#).

For half an hour following the service, the Pine Room (near the library) will be open for sharing and prayer. All are welcome to participate.

January 21, 2025 will mark the 500th anniversary of the first re-baptism event that started the Anabaptist movement. There will be various commemoration events across the broader church. Jacob Landis is exploring having some events across the northern Illinois region. Please let Jacob or Anna Zehr know if you would like more information and have interest in helping plan events.

Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) volunteers are in western North Carolina responding to the impacts of Hurricane Helene with equipment to move debris, mud, and downed trees. MDS is accepting donations for the recovery effort.

Visit [MDS.org](https://www.mds.org) to see the latest volunteer needs or to make a donation. Check donations can be mailed to Mennonite Disaster Service, 583 Airport Road, Lititz, PA 17543. Write "Hurricane Helene" on the memo line. Continue to pray for the people impacted by storms and for the volunteers as they respond.

If pastoral care is needed, please contact an Elder: Dale Bachman, Ellen Davis-Zehr, Pam Kaufmann, or Elvin Krabill

Church Board: Dale Bachman, Ellen Davis-Zehr, Marilyn Eigsti, Pam Kaufmann, Phil Kaufmann (board chair), Tarik Kheshgi, Elvin Krabill, and Anna Zehr (as Worship Coordinator).

Anna Zehr is putting together the worship sheet and checking [WillowSpringsMenno@gmail.com](mailto:WillowSpringsMenno@gmail.com). Please send emails to be forwarded to the church to this address. If you are not receiving these emails, let Anna know.

**Luke 23:1-11**

23 Then the whole assembly rose and led him off to Pilate. 2 And they began to accuse him, saying, "We have found this man subverting our nation. He opposes payment of taxes to Caesar and claims to be Messiah, a king."

3 So Pilate asked Jesus, "Are you the king of the Jews?"

"You have said so," Jesus replied.

4 Then Pilate announced to the chief priests and the crowd, "I find no basis for a charge against this man."

5 But they insisted, "He stirs up the people all over Judea by his teaching. He started in Galilee and has come all the way here."

6 On hearing this, Pilate asked if the man was a Galilean. 7 When he learned that Jesus was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem at that time.

8 When Herod saw Jesus, he was greatly pleased, because for a long time he had been wanting to see him. From what he had heard about him, he hoped to see him perform a sign of some sort. 9 He plied him with many questions, but Jesus gave him no answer. 10 The chief priests and the teachers of the law were standing there, vehemently accusing him. 11 Then Herod and his soldiers ridiculed and mocked him. Dressing him in an elegant robe, they sent him back to Pilate.