

Willow Springs Worship

November 23, 2025 9:30 a.m.

Prelude – VT 22 What Is This Place

Welcome and Call to Worship

VT 857 – Anna Zehr

Songs – Elaine and Ellen

VT 790 How Can We Be Silent

VT 564 What Wondrous Love Is This

VT 512 Let the Children Come

Children's time – Andy Krabill

Scriptures – Jeremiah 23:1-6, Luke 23:33-43 NIV

Sermon – Mary Kennell

Christ the King or Jesus the Good Shepherd

Songs

VT 156 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

VT 718 Gentle Shepherd, Come and Lead Us

Sharing and prayer – Elvin Krabill

Song

VT 544 Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling

Announcements

Sunday School ends at:

Sending – VT 1050

Calendar

Nov. 30 First Sunday of Advent

Dec. 7-21 Phil Waite in Tiskilwa

Dec. 7, 14, 21 Phil Waite Preaching

Tuesdays at 10:00 am: Praise, Prayer and Pacing: If you would like company getting in your daily walk join the group at the church to Praise, Pray, and Pace. If you want to receive a text reminder, let Beth know.

Please remember to place your gifts in the basket towards the back of the sanctuary. You may still give to the love gift for Marilyn and Eldon by noting "Love Gift - Eigstis" on the memo line.

For adult Sunday School today, the Elders will lead a time of reflecting and responding to the sermon. Children's Sunday School now begins after the worship service ends. Adult Sunday School meets in the sanctuary. Both Sunday Schools will end one hour after the end of worship.

On November 24 and December 8 Willow Springs is providing salad and volunteers for the Our Table meal at the First United Methodist Church in Princeton. On December 8, we are also invited to sing Christmas carols during the meal.

Everence: FreedUp personal finance training: Are you looking for financial training based on Biblical principles? Discover personal finance training with the FreedUp financial program, which helps people develop strong habits for personal finances. Learn more and sign up at [GetFreedUp.com](https://getfreedup.com). Through Everence®, we have access to a discount code: pay \$19 instead of \$99 when you use code fru24eve.

Everence announces Medicare Mondays webinar series for Fall 2025

Everence Financial will host a monthly Medicare Mondays webinar series. Topics will include, when and where to sign up for Medicare, what Medicare covers, plus an explanation of Medicare Parts A, B, C, and D. Attendance is recommended for those ready to sign up for Medicare. The webinars will take place the second Monday from October to December at 2:00 & 8:00 p.m. Eastern. The webinars will be presented by Everence professionals and there will be plenty of time for your questions. To register, or for more information, visit www.everence.com/national.

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

Jeremiah 23:1-6 (NIV)

The Righteous Branch

23 “Woe to the shepherds who are destroying and scattering the sheep of my pasture!” declares the LORD. **2** Therefore this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says to the shepherds who tend my people: “Because you have scattered my flock and driven them away and have not bestowed care on them, I will bestow punishment on you for the evil you have done,” declares the LORD. **3** “I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and will bring them back to their pasture, where they will be fruitful and increase in number. **4** I will place shepherds over them who will tend them, and they will no longer be afraid or terrified, nor will any be missing,” declares the LORD.

5 “The days are coming,” declares the LORD,
“when I will raise up for David[a] a righteous
Branch,
a King who will reign wisely
and do what is just and right in the land.
6 In his days Judah will be saved
and Israel will live in safety.
This is the name by which he will be called:
The LORD Our Righteous Savior.

Luke 23:33-43 (NIV)

33 When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. **34** Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”[a] And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

35 The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is God’s Messiah, the Chosen One.”

36 The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar **37** and said, “If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.”

38 There was a written notice above him, which read: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

39 One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: “Aren’t you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!”

40 But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God,” he said, “since you are under the same sentence? **41** We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.”

42 Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.[b]”

43 Jesus answered him, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”