Willow Springs Worship
Nurturing Faith Together
November 1, 2026 9:30 a.m.

Welcome and Call to Worship – Pam
VT 884

Songs – Phil K.

Children's time – Connie

Scripture – Psalm 51 NRSV

Sermon – Phil Waite
Restore the Joy

Song – VT 141 Create in Me a Clean Heart

Sharing and prayer – Ellen

Song

Announcements

Sunday School ends at:

Sending Blessing – VT 985H

Sending Song

Calendar

Nov. 4	Church Board, 7:00 pm
Nov. 8, 15	Phil Waite preaching
Nov. 14	Game Night, 6:00 pm
Nov. 22	Ron Guengerich 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.

Please remember to place your gifts in the basket towards the back of the sanctuary.

The funeral service for Carol Zehr's mom, Elsie Long, will be this Saturday, November 7 with visitation from 9am to the funeral time of 11am. Both will be at Science Ridge Mennonite Church in Sterling, IL. The burial will be at the church after the service and will be followed by a meal.

Our next game night will be Saturday, November 14 at 6:00 pm and will include a bonfire. We will bring food to share as usual. When it gets dark, we will go outside for the bonfire. Makings for s'mores will be provided by the church. Then we can go back in and play games if desired. Mark your calendars and be ready for an evening of fun!

10/18 Pastoral Search Update: In consultation with Conference Minister Bryan Miller, we are only searching for a settled pastor at this time. Bryan Miller has reached out to a number of persons on our behalf. We encourage you to be praying for the pastor who will be a good fit for us. If you have questions about the search process please reach out to one of us. – Ellen Davis-Zehr, Megan Krabill, Phil Kaufmann, Tarik Kheshgi, and Anna Zehr.

Between now and the first Sunday of Advent (November 29) our worship series will focus on practice of prayer. Prayer undergirds the life of the church and the individual Christian. It is at the center of nurturing faith. Scripture models prayer for us. The prayer that Jesus taught us gave shape to the prayer life of the early church. Speech about God, to God, and from God to us, fills the Bible. In a world where most speech means talking to each other about ourselves, prayer goes missing. Scripture models many ways to pray. Christians pray in many ways. This fall we will nurture our faith together by exploring prayer!

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

Psalm 51 (NRSV)

Prayer for Cleansing and Pardon

To the leader. A Psalm of David, when the prophet Nathan came to him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba.

1 Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;

according to your abundant mercy,
blot out my transgressions.
2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.

3 For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.
4 Against you, you alone, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you are justified in your sentence
and blameless when you pass judgment.
5 Indeed, I was born guilty,
a sinner when my mother conceived me.

6 You desire truth in the inward being;[a]
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.
7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
8 Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.
9 Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.

10 Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right[b] spirit within me.
11 Do not cast me away from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from me.
12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing[c] spirit.

13 Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
and sinners will return to you.
14 Deliver me from bloodshed, O God,
O God of my salvation,
and my tongue will sing aloud of your
deliverance.

15 O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare your praise.
16 For you have no delight in sacrifice;
if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not
be pleased.
17 The sacrifice acceptable to God[d] is a broken
spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will
not despise.

18 Do good to Zion in your good pleasure;
rebuild the walls of Jerusalem;
19 then you will delight in right sacrifices,
in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings;
then bulls will be offered on your altar.