Willow Springs Worship
Nurturing Faith Together
November 8, 2026 9:30 a.m.

Welcome and Call to Worship – Ellen
VT 884

Songs – Phil K.

Children's time – Phil K.

Scripture – Psalm 139 NRSV

Sermon – Phil Waite
To Know and be Known

Song – VT 161 I Sought the Lord

Sharing and prayer – Elvin

Song

Announcements

Sunday School ends at:

Sending Blessing – VT 985H

Sending Song

Calendar

Nov. 13	Mennonite Women, 9:30 am
Nov. 14	Game Night, 6:00 pm
Nov. 15, 29	Phil Waite preaching
Nov. 22	Ron Guengerich preaching
Nov. 23	Our Table: Willow Springs people providing meal, serving, and clean up

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.

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 139 (NRSV)

The Inescapable God

To the leader. Of David. A Psalm.

1 O Lord, you have searched me and known me.
2 You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.
3 You search out my path and my lying down
and are acquainted with all my ways.
4 Even before a word is on my tongue,
O Lord, you know it completely.
5 You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.
6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain it.

7 Where can I go from your spirit?
Or where can I flee from your presence?
8 If I ascend to heaven, you are there;
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.
9 If I take the wings of the morning
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
10 even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me fast.
11 If I say, “Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and night wraps itself around me,”[a]
12 even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day,
for darkness is as light to you.

13 For it was you who formed my inward parts;
you knit me together in my mother’s womb.
14 I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works;
that I know very well.
15 My frame was not hidden from you,
when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.
16 Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.
In your book were written
all the days that were formed for me,
when none of them as yet existed.[b]
17 How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!
18 I try to count them—they are more than the sand;
I come to the end[c]—I am still with you.

19 O that you would kill the wicked, O God,
and that the bloodthirsty would depart from me—
20 those who speak of you maliciously
and lift themselves up against you for evil![d]
21 Do I not hate those who hate you, O Lord?
And do I not loathe those who rise up against you?
22 I hate them with perfect hatred;
I count them my enemies.
23 Search me, O God, and know my heart;
test me and know my thoughts.
24 See if there is any wicked[e] way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.[f]