

Welcome to Nith Valley Mennonite Church

“Love God with all our being and love others as ourselves”

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Worship Leader: Stephen Hoke

Pianist: Bethany Cressman

Chorister: Lois Cressman

Speaker: Matthew Isert Bender

Gather to Worship

Prelude

Hymn # 172 (v.1)O Come, O Come Immanuel

Welcome

Candle Lighting

Hymn # 15 (S the S)Hope is a candle

Hymn # 159All beautiful the march of days

Hearing God's Word

Children's Timeled by Doris Zehr

Hymn # 179Blessed be the Lord

Scripture ReadingLuke 1:24-25; 39-45; 56-57

Sermon 'Hope in a sitting room'

Turn to Jesus

Hymn # 189To us a Child of hope is born

Offering

Announcements

Sharing Time

Hymn (see insert)In Remembrance

Communion

Go with the Spirit

Hymn # 30 (S the S)Arise, your light is come!

Benediction

Sunday School Class

1. Young Adult Class

2. Adult Bible Study Class

3. Discussion Class

Coffee/Juice Prep: Lew Weber

Location

Balcony

Library

Downstairs Hall

Clean Up: Andy Kirkland

Next Week – December 9

Worship Leader: Lois Cressman

Speaker: Hendrike Isert Bender

Pianist: Bonnie Stemmler

Chorister: Jeannette Cressman

Children's Story Leader: Doris Brubacher

Coffee/Juice Prep: Chris Cressman

Clean up: Judy Rivers

Ushers: Dan & Kathryn Cressman & family

Nith Valley Events:

- Fri. Dec. 7, 10 pm. Nith Valley Leafs vs Riverdale Cubs.
- Sat. Dec. 22, 9-11 am. Dress Rehearsal for Christmas Play.
- Mon. Dec. 24, 7 pm. Christmas Eve Service.

The children & youth from grades 1-12 are practicing in the sanctuary for the full Sunday School hour during December to prepare for our Christmas Play, 'The Bells of Glocken,' which will be performed Sunday, December 23. Our dress rehearsal is Sat. Dec. 22, 9-11 am at church. Please contact Susan Cressman if you cannot make this final practice.

Financial Update:

43/53 of 2012/13 Budget:	\$134,705.77
Budget givings to Nov 30/12:	\$ 108,159.89
Shortfall:	\$ 26,545.88

Community Events:

- TODAY, 3 pm. Inter-Mennonite Children's Choir's Christmas Concert at the Church of St. John the Evangelist (23 Water St. N, Kitchener). See poster for more details.
- Sat. Dec. 8, 7:30 pm. Mennonite Mass Choir performs Handel's Messiah at the Centre in the Square. Tickets are going fast. Get yours at the Centre's box office or at www.centre-square.com
- Tues. Dec. 11, 10 am – 2 pm. Parkwood Mennonite Home's Christmas Sale
- Sun. Dec. 16, 7:30 pm. Area Mennonite Church Christmas Concert at Steinmann MC. Freewill offering for MCC.

Benediction:

Leader: Take time, in the busyness of this season, for quiet reflection –
For the light of God’s love is discernible everywhere.

**People: We will let ourselves be surprised by wonder,
And set aside time to offer quiet thanks.**

Leader: The good news of Advent is this:
Christ is coming. Christ is always coming.

**People: We will welcome Christ into our hearts.
We will let ourselves be guided by his ministry.
We will go forth from this place in hope.**

“Hope in a Sitting Room”

Sermon Notes:

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For further reflection:

- 1) How will you fashion times and places of quietness this Advent and beyond for prayer, for waiting, for development a trusting spirit?
- 2) What new signs of life do you feel stirring inside you this Advent?