Welcome to Nith Valley Mennonite Church

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"Love God with all our being and love others as ourselves"

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Pianist: Susan Cressman Chorister: Lois Cressman
Speaker: Matthew Isert Bender

Gather to Worship
- Prelude
- Welcome
- Time of Anticipation - Special Music ……. Gesu Bambino
- Call to Worship
- Invocation
- Hymn # 212 ……..…….….O come, all ye faithful
- Hymn # 210 ……...……....Good Christian friends, rejoice

Hearing God's Word
- Scripture Reading ……...……Psalm 148
- Hymn # 199 ……..……..The first Noel, the angel did say
- Children's Story
- Scripture Reading ……Luke 2:1-20
- Special Music …….. One Small Child
- Sermon ……..…….... 'Do you have room?'

Turn to Jesus
- Hymn # 189 ……..……...To us a Child of hope is born
- Offering – 'Make Room'
- Announcements
- Sharing Time and Prayer of the Church

Go with the Spirit
- Hymn # 318 ……. ……Joy to the world
- Benediction
- Time of Reflection
- Postlude

Next Sunday – January 1, 10:00 am
Worship Leader & Speaker: Hendrike Isert Bender
Pianist: Bonnie Stemmler Chorister: Jeannette Cressman
Children's Story Leader: Hendrike Isert Bender

Financial Update:

100% of 2016/17 Budget	$163,550.00
Givings to Dec 18/16	$114,554.85
Shortfall	$48,995.15

The last day for givings to be included on your 2016 tax receipt is Fri. Dec. 30. Andy will clear his church mailbox at noon on the 30th. He also welcomes cheques post dated to Dec. 30.

"Make room, make room, make room, there's something here that God wants to do, You can be a part of it too, So open up the door and make room."

On this Christmas morning we give thanks for Nith Valley, our place of pastoral employment and our family's faith home. As we were welcomed into this community years ago may each one of us continue to "make room" to welcome: the old friend and the stranger at our door; the familiar ritual and the unfamiliar ritual; that which is comfortable and that which is unsettling. God's presence is among us continuing to comfort, enrich and challenge us to welcome and follow the Christ Child this Christmas season.

Receive these words of prayer from the United Church Hymnal:

As once you came in the hush of darkness, O God, so still our hearts now by the wonder of this Season. Make us wise with the wisdom of a little one; that truth might be born afresh in us. Let not our hearts be busy inns with no room, but doors opened wide to welcome a Holy Guest, who is Jesus Christ, alive with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.