

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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Worship Leader: Ruth Cressman

Pianist: Bonnie Stemmler

Chorister: Jeannette Cressman

Speaker: Greg Yantzi

Focus Statement: On this second Sunday of Advent we listen with open hearts to the one who proclaims God’s goodness embodied in the Messiah. By listening, we learn what we can do to prepare ourselves to live in right relationships as embodied in Jesus’ life and message.

Gather to Worship

Prelude
Welcome
Time of Anticipation
Call to Worship
Invocation

Hearing God’s Word

Hymn # 172 (blue) v. 1,2O come, O come, Immanuel
Hymn # 180 (blue)The angel Gabriel
Children’s Storyled by Lois Cressman
Scripture ReadingLuke 3: 1-6
Hymn # 176 (blue)Comfort, comfort, O my people
Sermon ‘Christmas Preparations’

Turning to Jesus

Hymn # 174 (blue)Bless’d be the God of Israel
Offering
Announcements
Sharing Time and Prayer of the Church
Hymn # 61 (green)How can we be silent

Go With the Spirit

Benediction
Time of Reflection
Postlude

Sunday School Class

	Location
1. Preschool & Kindergarten	Downstairs
2. Primary Class (gr. 1-5)	Downstairs
3. Junior Class (gr. 6-12)	Balcony
4. Worship Discussion Class	Downstairs Hall
5. Current Affairs Class	Sanctuary
6. Bible Study Class	Upstairs Library

Coffee/Juice Prep: Amzie & Doris Brubacher
Clean Up: Bill & Linda Barker

Next Sunday – December 16:

Worship Leader: Tammy Shantz
Pianist: Janna Lynn Cressman
Children’s Story Leader: Lois Cressman
Coffee/Juice Prep & Clean Up: Stacey & Mark Keller

Speaker: Greg Yantzi
Chorister: Lois Cressman

Nith Valley Events:

- Wed. Dec. 12, 9:15-11:15 am. MOPS.
- Tues. Dec. 18, 7 pm. The Fellowship Ministry Team has planned a carol service at Nithview Home for all residents. Everyone is invited to join us in the Nithview auditorium (main floor). Bring your singing voices and plan to fellowship with our Nith Valley family who call Nithview home.
- Mon. Dec. 24, 7 pm. Christmas Eve service. Invite your neighbours and friends to join us as we celebrate the birth of Christ with music and readings in a candle-lit setting.
- Sun. Dec. 30, 9:45 am. Joint worship service with Wilmot Ignited Churches at Wilmot Mennonite Church with special music, carols and readings. Bring leftover Christmas goodies to share with coffee, tea and apple cider following worship. There will not be a service at Nith Valley that morning.

Financial Update:

Budget givings to Nov 30/18	\$100,855.28
43/52 of 2018/19 Budget	\$117,960.58
Shortfall	\$17,105.30

Donations are still needed for the Retreat Fund as it contains a \$2,300 deficit. Deadline for givings eligible for a 2018 tax credit will be Sun. Dec. 30.

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