

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: Kathryn Cressman

Pianist: Susan Cressman

Chorister: Terry Keller

Speaker: Greg Yantzi

Focus Statement: On this final Sunday of Advent we delight with Mary in the blessing bestowed on all God’s people through the gift of Christ. In preparation for Christmas Day we humble ourselves before God’s greatness—our Messiah who comes to restore the world. We rejoice that Jesus came into the world to be our light, our peace, and our example.

Gather to Worship

Prelude
Welcome
Time of Anticipation
Call to Worship
Invocation

Hearing God’s Word

Hymn # 86 (duotang)Hope is a star
Hymn # 121 (purple)Nothing is lost on the breath of God
Children’s Storyled by Lois Cressman
Special Music - Hallelujah
Scripture ReadingLuke 1:39-55
Sermon ‘Let it be’

Turning to Jesus

Offering
Hymn # 191 (blue)O little town of Bethlehem
Announcements
Sharing Time and Prayer of the Church
Hymn # 16 (purple)Peace before us

Go With the Spirit

Benediction
Time of Reflection
Postlude

Next Sunday – December 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.

Nith Valley Events:

- 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. Jan. 6. First Sunday groups will meet. Sunday school will resume on January 13.

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.

From PCRC Ministry Team:

Coming sometime in the new year Greg Yantzi (interim pastor) will plan to meet with each family unit. Here are some questions to ponder or take notes on in preparation for this:

- *When do you feel closest to God or when are you at peace in your life?
- *What helps your faith to feel real?
- *What is one thing you love about Nith Valley currently?
- *What is one thing you would like to see in the future that is different?
- *What does the physical building and meeting place mean to you and your family?
- *What do you think is God's Vision for Nith Valley 5 years or 10 years from now?
- *Or, if we were just starting Nith Valley as a church, what would it look like? Where would we meet? What would worship services look like? What programs/activities would there be?

Please speak to anyone on the PCRC ministry team (Greg, Jackie, Janet, Brenda, Lyle & Dan) with your questions/comments or suggestions.