

**This Week at Valleyview**

**TUESDAY**

**Circle of Friends – Ladies Fellowship** – 10:00 am

**THURSDAY**

**Male Chorus Rehearsal** – 7:30 pm

**FRIDAY**

**Agape Christmas Party** – 6:00 pm

**SATURDAY**

**Board Meeting** – 9:00 am

**Next Sunday at Valleyview, December 10, 2015**

**Worship Service** – 10:00 am

**Theme:** Advent 2 – Freedom Bound: The Path of Mercy

**Worship:** Lynne W.

**Speaker:** Pastor Kendall

**Song Leader:** Henry B.

**Pianist:** Krisanne N.

**Greeters:** Dorothy & Helen D.

**Ushers:** Karl E., Linda W., Derek M., Micah W.-M.

**Sound:** Neil F.

**Counters:** Ghebre G., Gary L.

**Coffee:** Rick & Ruth-Ann S.

**Children's Snack:** Donelda & Mike F.

**Baptism**

**Carol Service with Valleyview Male Chorus** – 7:00 pm

# VALLEYVIEW MENNONITE CHURCH

December 3, 2017 Worship Service – 10:00 a.m.

## Advent 1: We awaken to God's purpose

Worship Planner: Lynne W.

Pianist: Christina R.

Song Leader: Henry B.

### Focus Statement

We awaken to God's purpose, which begins in darkness - whether seed in the ground, child in the womb, or new self in the soul. We are shaking, fearful and resistant, yet we call upon God to tear open the heavens and be present with us in our uncertainty.

### Gathering

Welcome

Silence

Call to Worship

Leader: Awake!!

The invitation to carry light, comes from the God of trembling mountains and shaking foundations.

**All: O God, how your expectations terrify us.  
How can our small selves hold your blazing presence?**

Leader: God, hear our questioning souls.

**All: Lead us beyond our resistance. Let it be.**

### Praising

Hymn: **Praise the One who breaks the darkness, vs. 1&2** SS#1

Wonder & Wisdom

Advent Candle Lighting

Prayer for Light

Hymn: **Praise the One who breaks the darkness, vs. 3** SS#1

### Hearing God's Word

Faith stories: **Allison & David H.**

Sponsors: **Doris and Enos K.**

Hymn: **I will come to you in the silence, vs. 1** SS#49

Children come forward during song.

Children's time: **Be still and know that God is here** with **Ken D.**

Child dedications: **Nina H., Everett A.**

Response (see insert)

Singing: **Hosanna, Jesus Loves Nina/ Everett**

Faith stories: **David & Lanette F.-W.**

Hymn: **I will come to you in the silence, vs. 2** SS#49

Offering

Offering Prayer

Faith story: **Faye S. L.**

Sponsor: **Erma Kr.**

Hymn: **I will come to you in the silence, vs. 3** SS#49

Membership Transfer: **Pastor Kendall**

Hymn: **I will come to you in the silence, vs. 4** SS#49

### Responding

Pastoral Prayer

Announcements

Closing: **O Come, O Come, Immanuel, vs. 1, 5, 6** HWB#172

Benediction

### Christian Formation

**Preschool** – ages 2.5+, JK, SK

**Multiage** – Grades 1-4

**Junior Youth** – Grades 5-7

**Youth** – Grades 8-12

**Adult Education: Services offered through London**

**InterCommunity Health Services**, with Allison & David H. and Erin W.P.

## Child Dedication Congregational Response

Leader: People of God, do you accept responsibility for the spiritual well-being of Nina H. and Everett A? Will you by prayer, example, and words support their families in nurturing their children to respond to the grace and truth that are in Christ?

**All: We will. As a congregation and community gathered this morning we express our support in the challenging and rewarding task of raising Nina and Everett to know the Love of God, in all its depth and height and width and breadth. We celebrate and receive them into this church community. We will seek to reflect Christ's love in our own lives, that they may see God's love embodied in human relationships. Together we claim the promise that Everett and Nina are beloved children of God.**

## Announcements

### **Giving Tree**

Again this year our Valleyview Christmas Tree will be a "Giving Tree". We welcome your donations of brightly coloured socks, mittens and hats. These will be shared this winter with those who may be in need of something to help stay warm during these cold days. The socks, mittens and hats will be collected each week during the offering and added to the tree after the service.

### **Christmas Carol Service**

Next Sunday, December 10, 7:00pm featuring the Valleyview Male Chorus