



# CALVARY GRAVENHURST

## WELCOME!!

Welcome to this Worship Service! Our vision at Calvary is **“To See Lives Transformed by Christ”**. Whether you are joining us in person or online, we pray that the service today will help you to **go deep in your walk with Him; to live out authentic faith; and to be willing to step out in faith to tell others about our awesome God!**

## Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Welcome & Announcements.....*Alyssa LaRocque*

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Worship in Song

Children’s Message.....*Pastor Ben*

Message: “Presents Jesus Gave to You at the First Christmas”

Communion

Closing

## THIS WEEK AT CALVARY

**Thurs** All are encouraged to join us from 9-10 a.m. for a powerful time of prayer for our congregation and our world. Please note: There will be NO prayer meeting next Thursday.

**Fri** All are invited to join us as we celebrate the birth of Jesus on **Christmas Eve!** Join us for Christmas music, a special message, and a unique candlelight service. There will be no child care, but children are welcome! There will be two services, one at 4 p.m. and one at 6 p.m. Because numbers are limited, registration is necessary: [www.calvarygravenhurst.com/christmas-eve-service](http://www.calvarygravenhurst.com/christmas-eve-service), or call the church office, (705)687-2886 ext. 1.

**Sun** There will be NO in person worship services next Sunday, December 26<sup>th</sup>, to enable our staff and volunteers to be able to spend time with family, but there will be resources available online through the Weekly Update. Regular services will resume on January 2<sup>nd</sup>, and registration will open at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, December 28<sup>th</sup>, as usual.

# SERMON NOTES

## “Presents Jesus Gave to You at the First Christmas”

- 1) You Received an Equal Opportunity to know God - Luke 2:8-15, Matthew 2:1-2, 9-11
  
- 2) You Received an Opportunity to live for something lasting - Matthew 1:18-21
  
- 3) You Received Hope for Life after Death - Luke 2:25-32

## BIBLE READING PLAN - 2022

This year as a congregation we have been following the RMM 2-year Bible Reading Plan, which takes us through the entire bible once, and through the New Testament and Psalms twice, over a period of two years. Starting January 1<sup>st</sup> we will be beginning Year 2. A printed copy of the readings for Year 2 are available on the table at the back, and the weekly readings will also be available in the Weekly Updates, and on the website, along with associated resources. Bible reading is important for our growth as believers, and to be reading the same scripture as others in the congregation helps to build unity in the body!

## OFFERING ENVELOPES

Offering envelopes for 2022 are available in the foyer. If you would like to have envelopes for your givings in 2022, please speak with our Envelope Steward, Calvin Everitt, or call or email the church office.

## A CHANGE TO ONLINE GIVING

As we transition to a new church management software that helps our staff keep track of what's going on at the church, we are switching the way that we do online giving. Starting on January 1st, we are going to be using Breeze as our online giving platform. This means that CanadaHelps isn't the best way to give online anymore... in fact, giving through Breeze helps save the church money!

If you give as a one-time donation, you don't need to do anything differently - the Calvary website will have the new donation form starting January 1, 2022.

If you give monthly, we ask that you start to give on Breeze starting in January. Over the coming months, we will reach out to those giving monthly to ask that you switch, but it would help us if you did it on your own! :) Instructions will be on the website after January 1<sup>st</sup>.

If you have any questions about this, you can reach out to Luke LaRocque at [lukelarocque@gmail.com](mailto:lukelarocque@gmail.com) about how to make the transition - he can provide the technical support you need.

## LEADERSHIP CHANGE

Calvary wants to thank Luke LaRocque for his 2 years of service as chair of the deacons board as well as his 2 years of service on the elder board! Luke has started a new job and needs to step back from leadership for a while to focus on learning the job role and caring for his family. He has done a wonderful job in both leadership roles. We thank him for his service and hope he enjoys a period of rest and rejuvenation. Please thank him and our other lay leaders as you see them around the church.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

You can find more information about any of our church ministries on our website: [www.calvarygravenhurst.com](http://www.calvarygravenhurst.com), or by calling the church office: (705)687-2886.