

WELCOME

Welcome to Calvary Gravenhurst! At Calvary, our vision is **To See Lives Transformed by Christ**, and not just our lives, but the lives of every person on earth. To see this vision completed, we have developed a three step mission: to **Go Deep in Christ; Live Out Authentic Faith**; and **Make Disciples**. We pray that the service today will encourage you to go deeper in your life with Christ!

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP Sunday, December 10th, 2023

Welcome & Announcements

Worship in Song

Scripture: Matthew 2:1-15

Message: “The People Who Missed Christmas”...*Craig Brannan*

Closing

SERVICE INFORMATION

Children’s Ministries are available downstairs for Nursery – Gr. 5 at the 9 a.m. service, until we reach capacity for individual classes. At 11 a.m. all ages worship together in the sanctuary. The Nursery will be available during the 11 a.m. service, with a live feed of the service, for parents who would like to be in there with their own children. There is also a live feed of the service available in the Narthex (entryway), if you need to step out of the service for any reason.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

If you do not have church offering envelopes and would like to have them for 2024, please notify the church office. And if you currently have offering envelopes but do not want to receive them for 2024, please notify the office. Thanks, Calvin

MAIL FILES

If you have been attending Calvary for a couple of months or more, there should be a mail file for you in the Narthex (entryway). This is where you will find fun things like Christmas cards (and more mundane items like income tax receipts in the new year). And if you would like to give Christmas cards, or anything else, to someone else in the congregation, you can always leave them in their mail file! (And if you don’t have a file, please let Jeanette know!)

SERMON NOTES

The People Who Missed Christmas

Matthew 2:1-15

_____ missed Christmas. He was _____ for all the wrong things.

What are some evidences that Herod was searching for all the wrong things?

1. He forgot that _____ is _____ and HEROD is not! What did Herod ignore?

2. He refused to look _____ to God but remained focused horizontally on his own _____.

3. Because of _____ power and position

4. He missed the _____. He missed the ‘_____’ in Christmas and of Christmas

Practical: Why does the fact that Herod missed Christmas matter to us today? What are some evidences that we are searching for all the wrong things this Christmas?

1. We can miss Christmas because we forget who God is – Instead of a search for God we _____ God for:

2. We can miss Christmas because we refuse to focus vertically on whose we are in Christ. Rather we focus on the horizontal – particularly our own agendas

3. We can miss Christmas because we Covet what others may have...on to pursue vapor! We can spend a lifetime searching for all the wrong things:

4. Finally, we miss Christmas when we never really wanted to search for THE Christ of Christmas in the first place.

THIS WEEK AT CALVARY December 11th - 17th, 2023

Please note: Pastor Mark will be away this week. If you have any pastoral needs, please contact one of the elders, or the church office. (see contact information on the back page)

Mon Rooted Women’s Christmas Party – 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Tues Afternoon Prayer Group – 2:00 – 3:30 at the church

Tues – Thurs – Evening Prayer Groups meet from 6:30-8:00 pm in various homes

Thurs Prayer Meeting - 9:00 - 10:00 am

Sun Worship Services begin at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. with Children’s Ministries available downstairs at the 9 a.m. service for children in Nursery - Grade 5. We will be celebrating Communion at both services.

UPCOMING AT CALVARY

Monday, December 18 - 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.- New Horizons Seniors Ministry. All seniors are invited to join us for a time of teaching, singing, fellowship, and enjoying a delicious meal together. This month we will be sharing a potluck lunch, so please bring a first course, or salad, or dessert. Tickets are available at the Welcome Desk after the service today.

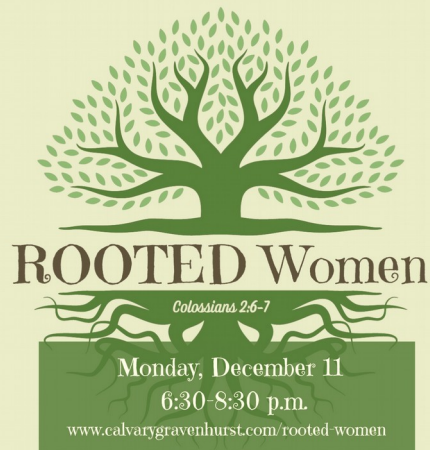
Monday, December 18 – 6:00-8:00 p.m. Calvary Youth Christmas Party! All youth are invited to celebrate the life-changing birth of Jesus. Registration is necessary so we know how much food to provide. Please register **by Friday, December 15** at: www.calvarygravenhurst.com/calvary-youth

Sunday, December 24 – Our Sunday Worship Services on **Christmas Eve** will be at **4:00 and 6:00 p.m.** All are welcome! There will be NO morning worship service that day.

Sunday, December 31 – We will be having one worship service, beginning at **10 a.m.**, led by the Good family. There will be no children’s ministries – all ages will worship together. All are welcome!

BAPTISMAL SERVICE

We are planning an **indoor baptismal service in the new year.** If you are interested in being baptized, or would like to find out more about baptism, please speak to one of the elders or call the church office (see contact information on the back page).



Monday, December 11
6:30-8:30 p.m.
www.calvarygravenhurst.com/rooted-women



CALVARY SENIORS
NEW HORIZONS
MONDAY, DECEMBER 18th
11:00 AM-1:00 PM
THIS WILL BE A POTLUCK LUNCH
SO BRING A FIRST COURSE OR SALAD
OR DESSERT TO SHARE!!
REGISTER AND PICK UP TICKETS
AT THE WELCOME DESK THIS MORNING



CALVARY YOUTH
CHRISTMAS PARTY
MONDAY, DECEMBER 18
6:00-8:00 P.M.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you would like to know more about our church ministries, you can find information on our website, or by calling or emailing the church office (see Contact Information above). On the website you can also access a variety of resources, including current and previous sermons in audio or video format, resources for children, the bible reading plan, and links to sign up for online giving and RightNow Media.

We also send out weekly e-newsletter to all our regular attendees, if we have your email address. The newsletter contains information about upcoming programs and events with links for registration, as well as links to the sermon and worship resources. If you don't already receive this newsletter, but would like to, please email the church office (see above).

WEEKLY PRAYER UPDATE

Each week we send out a Prayer Update by email on Saturday mornings. It includes prayer requests for our congregation, our community, and our world. If you would like to receive this update, please email the church office. There is also a paper copy of the update available on the back table on Sunday mornings. If you have any prayer requests that you would like to have added to this update, please call or email the church office.



“The People
Who Missed Christmas”

