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 17th, 2023

Welcome & Announcements

Worship in Song

Communion

Scripture: Luke 2:1-7

Message: "The People Who Missed Christmas: Caesar Augustus"Craig Brennan

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.

COMMUNION

We will be celebrating communion at both services this morning. Anyone who has 15received Christ as Lord and Saviour is invited to participate. The bread and grape juice will be served to you in your seat. When you receive these elements, please take a moment to reflect on the body and blood of Christ which they represent, and then we will all partake together.

ROYAL STREET PROJECT

Praise God, the purchase of 150 Royal Street has gone through, so we can now start doing the necessary renovations!!

SERMON NOTES

"The People Who Missed Christmas: Caesar Augustus" Luke 2:1-7

Augustus teaches us that Peace cannot be ______.

It can only be found in _____

1, Why would Caesar Augustus believe he was the Savior of the World?

2. Why was Caesar Augustus NOT the Savior of the World?

Why does this matter?

How can we make sure that we do not miss the Purpose of Christmas by attempting to externally create our own peace and not internally allowing God to change our hearts and minds through a positional peace and progressive peace in Christ?

THIS WEEK AT CALVARY December 18th - 24th, 2023

Mon New Horizons Seniors Ministry – 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Calvary Youth Christmas Party – 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Thurs Prayer Meeting - 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Sun There will be NO Morning Worship Service, but instead we will be holding a **Christmas Eve Worship Service** at 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. There will be no Children's Ministries at either service, and we will be celebrating Communion at both services. All are welcome!

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.

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 services 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!

OFFERING ENVELOPES

The 2024 numbered Church Envelopes are available for you to pick up in the Narthex today and next Sunday.

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 our Administrative Assistant, Jeanette, know!)

© 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

CALVARY YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18 6:00-8:00 P.M.

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICES

4 PM & 6 PM

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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"

