

# 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 as you celebrate His birth!

## CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICE Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Worship

Scripture: Matthew 1:18-25

Message: "Our Greatest Present is God's Presence" ..*Pastor Mark*

Communion

Closing Worship & Candle-lighting

## SERVICE INFORMATION

There will be no Children's Ministries at this special Christmas Eve Service. All ages will worship together in the sanctuary. The Nursery will be available with a live feed of the service, for parents who would like to be in there with their 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 today. Anyone who has received 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.

## OFFERING ENVELOPES

The 2024 numbered Church Envelopes are available for you to pick up in the Narthex. If you would like to have offering envelopes for 2024, but have not requested them yet, please speak to our Envelope Steward, Calvin Everitt, or call the church office.

## SERMON NOTES

"Our Greatest Present is God's Presence"  
Matthew 1:18-25

## THIS WEEK AT CALVARY December 25<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023

**Our staff and volunteers are on a much-needed break this week. Please keep them in prayer as they prepare for a busy season of ministry ahead!**

**Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>** - 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!

## UPCOMING AT CALVARY

**Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup> – 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. New Horizons Seniors Ministry** - 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. All seniors are invited to join us for a time of teaching, singing, fellowship, and sharing a meal together. Tickets are available at the church, or by calling the church office.

**Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup> - Calvary Day of Prayer (see back page)**

**Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup> - 6:15 - 8:30 p.m.** - Men aged 16 and up are invited to join other Calvary men to build each other up to become "**Ready Men**" who are ready for the challenges men face in life. There will be man-focussed teaching, discussion, and fellowship over a great meal. This month we will be sharing a potluck meal together. Please register at: [www.calvarygravenhurst.com/ready-men](http://www.calvarygravenhurst.com/ready-men) and indicate what you will be bringing!

**Sunday, January 28 – 6:30 p.m.** is our **Annual General Meeting**. This is a wonderful time to find out what has been going on in all the ministries at Calvary, and what is planned for the new year! Only members can vote, but all are welcome.


**Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup> - 6:30-8:30 p.m.** All women High School age and older are invited to **ROOTED Women**, where we will build friendships with one another, worship together, and continue to grow in our faith, so that we may be "rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, ... abounding in thanksgiving." (Col 2:6-7) We will be sharing a potluck meal together, so please bring a first course, or salad, or dessert, that would be enough for 4 or 5 people. To register go to: [www.calvarygravenhurst.com/rooted-women](http://www.calvarygravenhurst.com/rooted-women), or call the church office.

# DECEMBER 31ST WORSHIP SERVICE

10 A.M.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

There will be no Children's Ministries



## CALVARY DAY OF PRAYER

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

PRAYER WALK  
3:30-4:30 PM

PRAYER & SINGING  
6:00-7:30 PM

Mark January 13th on your calendars for a day to gather with your church family and pray in earnest for our church - our people, our ministries, our outreach, and our mission and vision. There will be a **PRAYER WALK** in the church from **3:30-4:30PM** and an evening of singing and focused prayer from **6:00-7:30PM**. Please consider attending one or both events. There is no child care but children are most welcome!

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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.

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