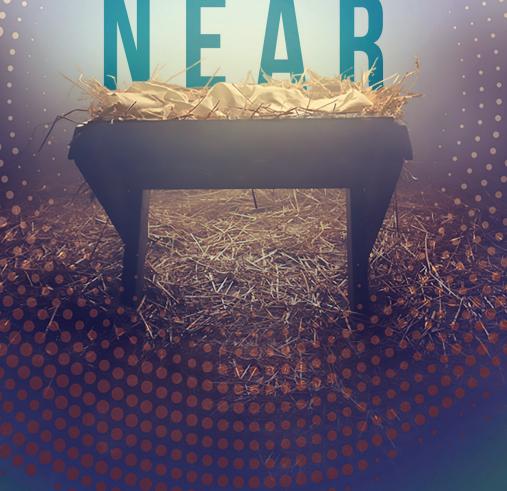
**COME SEE!** 

Dec. 16 & 17, 2018





#### **Order of Service**

December 16 (9:30 & 11:00am)

December 17 (6:30pm)

[K-6 grade will remain in the 11:00am service]

#### **Prelude**

#### **Worship Together**

Sing We Now of Christmas How Great Our Joy Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

#### Welcome

### **Prayer & Offering**

Ding Dong Merrily on High Angel Medley Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

#### Message

#### **Benediction**

**JOIN US FOR LUNCH!** 

Following the 11:00am service in Fellowship Hall.

#### **Come Near**

Come See! - Luke 2:22-38 (p. 857)

At Christmas, we celebrate that Jesus has Come Near to us in order to invite us to Come Near to Him. In the Christmas story there were some who knew the facts and chose to remain at a distance and just look at Jesus. Others took the invitation that the Messiah had come and moved towards Jesus to see Him and let Him change their lives. Will you come near? Will you see?

Look and See	
Some chose to look (Matthew 2:3-5, 7-8)	
Some chose to see (Luke 2:22-38)	
Simeo	<b>n</b> Consolation (2:25)
	Salvation (2:30)
	All People (2:32)
	Marveled (2:33)
	Fall and Rising of Many (2:34)
	A Sword (2:35)
Anna	Waiting (2:38)
	A Message (2:38)

Come Near and See Jesus

# What's Happening at Calvary December 16 & 17, 2018

#### **NEXT STEPS**

**The Welcome Gathering:** For Guests and New Friends of Calvary... join us for 10 minutes immediately following each service in the room by the East entrance to meet members of our staff and to learn more about Calvary.

**Starting Point:** For those exploring faith, new to faith or returning to church . . . new sessions begin in January. For details contact Diane: info@calvarychurch.org.

**Christmas Services:** Join us at one of 4 identical services for a time of worship and celebration: Sunday, December 23 at 9:15am & 11:00am, and Monday, December 24 at 4:30pm & 6:30pm.

- Childcare will be provided for all four services for children born on or after September 1, 2015. Please pre-register.
- Serving Opportunities are available for Monday (4:30 & 6:30pm) in Guest Services, Food Services, and in the Nursery.
- Sign Language Interpretation and Spanish translation will be offered at the 11:00am Sunday and 4:30pm Monday services.
- Please use the two main entrances (East & West) into the church building for our Christmas services.

To sign up to serve or to pre-register your child, go to calvarychurch.org/christmas or stop at a Connection Center.

**Sunday lunch** and the Monday evening meal will not be served December 23 & 24. We will have meals December 30 & 31.

**Offering Envelopes for 2019** are available on the tables across from the Chapel. If you do not have or no longer need envelopes, please let us know at a Connection Center or call the Church Office at 717-560-2341.

**Elementary Ministries**: Consider having an impact on a child's spiritual journey by serving as a small group leader in 1st grade or for a 5th grade boys group (9:15 hour). Contact Kathy: knoel@calvarychurch.org.

Men's Wednesday Bible Study begins January 16, 6:30pm, for a study in the first half of the book of Romans. Learn about the transforming power of the righteousness of God. Led by Pastor Steve Kilgore and a team of teachers. Sign up at www.calvarychurch.org/men.

**Women's Bible Study:** Study & Share begins January 15/16. Our study topic is Colossians & Philemon. For details and to pre-register go to www.calvarychurch.org/women. Note: Childcare pre-registration deadline is Monday, January 7.

**Precepts Bible Study** will be studying Revelation 4-22 in their spring study beginning Tuesday, January 15. If you are interested in joining them, please stop by the table near the East Connection Center today for more information and to sign up.

**Financial Peace University** will be offered on Monday evenings beginning January 14. Please stop by the table near the East connection center for more information and to register at a reduced rate.

**Weather Closings and Delays:** Our primary means of communication is by phone (717-405-3844) or website (calvarychurch.org/weather). Information will also be posted on Twitter (twitter.com/CalvaryChurchPA) and Facebook (facebook.com/calvarychurchpa). Sundays and Wednesdays, information is also announced on WDAC 94.5 FM and WJTL 90.3 FM.

**Widows' Ministry:** Join us for lunch on January 6 following the 11:00am service. To RSVP and for details call Jean at 717-625-3308.

**Congratulations** to Theron and Margaret Kreider who celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on December 11!

#### PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER

LGH: Lori Shannon, Joan Martin | Ephrata: Patty Hauber Lancaster Rehab: Nancy Long

Scott & Mary Sourber and family in the homegoing of Scott's father, John Sourber, on November 27.

#### THIS WEEK/LOOKING AHEAD

#### Monday

5:15-6:15pm—Meal (\$4/meal, \$12 family maximum)

6:30pm—Worship Service

#### Tuesday

7:00pm—Faithful & True Men's Group

7:30pm—C4 College & Young Adults, Lower Auditorium

#### Wednesday

**Budget YTD** 

6:15pm—Worship Ministries Rehearsals

6:30pm—Global & Family Prayer, Chapel

Note: Family meals and mid-week ministries have ended for 2018. We will resume the week of January 14.

**December 24-January 1:** The church office will be closed.

**December 26 & January 2:** Global & Family Prayer will not meet.

**December 30 & 31:** Regular Sunday & Monday schedules.

#### FINANCIAL INFORMATION (Week 24, December 9) General Global Building Weekly Goal 87,000 43,000 19,000 Received 86,203 31,053 30,845 Received YTD 1,986,074 764,325 421,506

Facility Debt: 2,493,574

456,000

1,032,000

Financial summaries thru Nov 30 available at Connection Centers.

2,088,000

**Did You Know:** If you are planning a special year-end gift to Calvary Church or a required minimum distribution from your IRA, please remember that gifts credited to 2018 must be received or postmarked no later than Monday, December 31. For last minute gifts, consider giving online at calvarychurch.org/mycalvary or at our regularly scheduled worship services on Sunday, December 30 (9:15 & 11:00am) or Monday, December 31 (6:30pm). May you and your family have a blessed Christmas and New Year as we all continue to Pursue Life in Christ in the year ahead.

#### **ELDERS**

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# WELCOME! Thanks for joining us today!

We hope you find friendly people, an inspiring service, and real-life issues discussed from the Bible in ways you can understand and apply. If you're a guest, we'd love to meet you at the Welcome Gathering (near east lobby entrance, immediately following the service). Let us know if we can serve you. We hope to see you again!

**CHRISTMAS SERIES:** 

# N E A R

Christmastime is filled with invitations. But one invitation stands out—the biggest and best of all—an invitation for all time, to all people. It's an invitation to come near to Jesus, because He first came near to us. God's invite went out to all that first Christmas. Some came, some didn't! His invitation still stands today.

Are you Far Off? Will you Come Near?

## JOIN US NEXT WEEK!

**CHRISTMAS SERVICES:** 

SUNDAY, DEC. 23: 9:15 & 11:00AM

MONDAY, DEC. 24: 4:30 & 6:30PM

Our Vigion & Values

Pursuing Life in Christ by...

LOVING GOD

LIVING GOD'S WORD

GROWING WITH GOD'S PEOPLE

GOING INTO GOD'S WORLD
INVESTING IN GOD'S WORK

Worship Services

**Sunday** – 9:15am & 11:00am\*

Monday - 6:30pm

\*Sign language, Spanish translation and WDAC FM 94.5 broadcast at 11:00am

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