



# Calvary Christian Fellowship Mennonite Church

## Welcome to our Worship Service!

December 17, 2017

**Devotional:**----- Lester Miller

**Message:**----- Henry Nissley

**Offering:**----- General

**SS Lesson:**----- Luke 1:1-25

**Adult and Youth Verse:** And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord. Luke 1:17

**Intermediate Verse:** Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen. I John 5:21

**Junior Verse:** Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. Psalm 100:4

**Primary Verse:** "Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise" Ephesians 6:2

**Preschool Verse:** "Honour thy father and thy mother" Exodus 20:12

**SS Lesson for next week:** Luke 2:1-20

### CHILDREN'S CORNER

Gray Wolf (Created on Day 6)

**Design:** The gray wolf has a layer of dense underfur that insulates it against the cold temperatures of its habitat. When a female gray wolf digs its den, it digs downward, then upward to prevent flooding. This instinct was given to the wolf by its Creator.

**Features:** Gray wolves can vary in color from white to dark gray based on where they are found.

A gray wolf usually carries its tail high, whereas a coyote usually carries its tail below the level of the back.

**Fun Facts:** The entire wolf pack takes care of the pups. They feed and protect them. Wolves communicate through howling, rubbing chins, and rolling over on their backs. These motions can communicate dominance in the pack, boundaries of a pack's territory, or a call to join in a hunt.

Created Kind Members, Jackal, coyote, dingo, fox, domesticated dog CLASS: Mammalia (mammal) ORDER: Carnivora (meat-eating) FAMILY: Canidae (dog kind) GENUS/SPECIES: Canis lupus Size: Between 3 and 6 ft (0.9–1.8 m), with a tail of 14–22 in (0.4–0.6 m) Weight: 50–115 lbs (23–52 kg); Males are larger than females Original Diet: Plants Present Diet: Mammals such as deer, moose, squirrels; birds and fish Habitat: Arctic coast of Alaska and western Canada

-Kids Answers, <https://answersingenesis.org/kids/mammals/dogs/gray-wolf/>

### Announcements:

- This Evening: Services at 7:00. Brethren, be prepared to share a favorite or fond Christmas memory from your childhood. We'll sing some Christmas songs.
- Plans are to prepare for the guild program Tuesday forenoon. All available help is appreciated. Contact Virginia with any questions. Thank-you!
- Out of state correspondence this week by Hannah Yutzy.
- School Christmas Program is planned for Thursday evening Dec. 21 starting at 7:00. Children need to be there by 5:45 for pictures.
- Please contact Everett with any changes that need to be made in the church calendar.

### ~BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES~

Dec. 19, Happy Birthday! Andrea Martin, 2010

Dec. 21, Happy Birthday! Jonathan Yoder, 2011

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### Christmas Rest

Read: Matthew 11:28–12:8

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened. Matthew 11:28  
As a boy I delivered newspapers in order to earn money. Since it was a morning newspaper, I was required to get up at 3:00 every morning, 7 days a week, in order to have all 140 of my papers delivered to their appropriate homes by 6:00 a.m.

But one day each year was different. We would deliver the Christmas morning newspaper on Christmas Eve—meaning that Christmas was the only morning of the year I could sleep in and rest like a normal person.

We find rest through the forgiveness Christ offers.  
Over the years, I came to appreciate Christmas for many reasons, but one that was special in those days was that, unlike any other day of the year, it was a day of rest.

At that time, I didn't fully understand the meaning of the true rest that Christmas brings. Christ came so that all who labor under the weight of a law that can never be fulfilled might find rest through the forgiveness Christ offers. Jesus said, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest" (Matt. 11:28). In a world that is too much for us to bear alone, Christ has come to bring us into a relationship with Him and give us rest.

What burdens would you like the Lord to carry for you? Ask Him today. Our soul finds rest when it rests in God.

By Bill Crowder <https://odb.org/2015/12/17/christmas-rest/>