



End-of-the-year contributions!

The last day for all 2022 calendar year contributions to Crosswalk Community Church will be December 31st.

Online contributions may be made anytime before midnight December 31, 2022.

All checks mailed to Crosswalk Community Church must be postmarked by Dec 31st to be counted towards 2022 contribution.

If you have any questions contact the finance office at:

finance@crosswalkchurch.com

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CROSSWALK
COMMUNITY CHURCH



Crosswalk Community Church presents

BETHLEHEM A.D. 22

Sunday, December 18, 2022





We will have baptisms during service on
Sunday, January 1!

Baptism is a step of faith to show that you are all in
with following Jesus.

If you are interested in taking this step email

Pastor Briant at:

Briant@crosswalkchurch.com.

We can't wait to celebrate with you!

Shine the Light Project

On Christmas Eve, we will be lining the front of
the church with luminaries in order to shine
the light of Jesus into our neighborhood.

Please join us in supporting this project by
doing the following:

- Bring clear glass or plastic recyclables to church
- Help insert lights into containers each week after the church service
- Join the Shine the Light team on Christmas Eve to help with setup
- Take luminaries with you as you leave the Christmas Eve service to share with friends, family, neighbors, and shut ins.

Christmas Eve at Crosswalk
BETHLEHEM A.D. 22

Saturday, December 24th
3:30 p.m. & 5:30 p.m.



*Hope
Rises*



Journey Notes

No one in Jesus' day would exchange his life for that of a shepherd. Shepherds were the lowest among the people. Yet, to them in their rejection and unreservedness God shows up, not simply to proclaim peace but to give peace. To them came the God of Peace.

It is no wonder they went away, spreading the news: "When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." (Lk. 2:15)

The world we live in searches for peace through human effort, learning and good decision making. But peace is not a hidden mystery, it is a living person: Jesus.

The heart at peace with God will know the peace of God. The shepherds, no doubt, left in peace that day. They walked to peace. Luke 2:16 says, "So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger."

Here are some things you need to know about peace:

- (1) Peace reigns wherever Jesus is. They could have gone their way, but they hurried to the manger (V.15). They walked to the Prince of Peace.
- (2) Peace is like wildfire—it spreads. In (V.17-18) Luke tells us they spread the news of Jesus and all who heard it were amazed.
- (3) Peace leads to praise. In (v.20) says, "they returned praising God for all that they had seen..."

God stooped down from highest heavens to the lowest people he could find, shepherds. His peace is not for the wise, rich, or well positioned but for those humble enough to go seeking it.

Peace of Christ to you,
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