

Songs

Angels We Have Heard on High –
North Point
Hark the Herald Angels Sing – Christy
Nockels
All the Poor and Powerless – Shane
and Shane
God So Loved – We the Kingdom

Giving

On Sunday: use wooden boxes
by auditorium doors
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BEREAN CHURCH

Leading people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ.

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Coming up

- **Christmas Eve Gatherings – Fri. 12/24; 3, 4:30, or 6 p.m.; Auditorium:** : Many have heard the Christmas story so many times that it can easily become white noise against the backdrop of a rush-rush holiday season. But we're talking about God coming *in the flesh* – and there is nothing ho-hum about this reality when we stop and really consider it. Mark your calendar to join together in celebrating Jesus' birth this Christmas Eve! Three times to choose from: 3, 4:30, or 6 p.m.
- **Christmas Experience service opportunities! – Sun. 12/19 & Sun. 1/2, 1-4 p.m., NPBC:** This year the Drive-Thru Nativity will be available Dec. 19-25. We're asking everyone to consider helping set up on Sun. 12/19 from 1-4 p.m. Teardown will take place Sun. 1/2 from 1-4 p.m. Please write Nativity on a ConnectCard if you would like to be involved with this outreach to our community.

Welcome!

We'd love to connect and be a spiritual resource for you – please fill out a ConnectCard (in seat pocket or npberean.org/cc). If you're new, bring your ConnectCard to the information center for a welcome gift.

New here?

- **Digital bulletin:** Visit npberean.org/sunday for enhanced digital version of this bulletin or npberean.org/sundayprint for PDF version.
- **Sunday large gatherings:** 8, 9:15, & 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; livestream at facebook.com/npberean at 9:15 a.m. or npberean.org/live anytime.
- **Need a Bible?** Available free at information center.
- **Sound levels:** Assisted listening devices and earplugs available at sound booth in back of auditorium.
- **Office hours:** Mon.-Thu. 9-4 (closed Tue. 1:30-2:30 for staff meeting).
- **Find out more:** Visit npberean.org, email npberean@npberean.org, or call 308-532-7448.

For families

- **Mother's Room:** A private place to care for your baby and still connect to the gathering via livestream – follow signs north of auditorium.
- **Kids Connect (infant-grade 5):** Available at 9:15 and 11 a.m. – check-in east of Commons or upstairs from foyer. Kids also welcome in large gatherings. At-home resources: npberean.org/kids-connect-at-home.
- **Sola (grades 6-12):** Main gatherings Wednesdays 6:30-8:30 p.m. – meet in 252 Room/The Commons. Middle school also meets Sundays at 11 a.m. in the Upper Rooms.

Sermon text next Sunday: Luke 2:25-38

Luke 2:8-20 (ESV)

⁸ And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. ¹⁰ And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹² And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

¹⁵ When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶ And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. ¹⁷ And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. ¹⁸ And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. ²⁰ And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Unexpected Encounter

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This was an _____

Luke 2:8-16

After the encounter...

They _____

Luke 2:17
Isa. 9:6
Matt. 1:21-23
John 7:41-42

They _____

Luke 2:18-20
Luke 2:13-14

Talk it over

Visit npberean.org/grow-groups for more resources or to connect.

- **Treasuring God:** How is your heart toward God today? Do you feel joyful? angry? bitter? What could be a step to take in reorienting your heart back to worship?
- **Being Transformed:** Read Luke 2:19. What does Mary do with everything that is happening? Why is it good to remind ourselves of these encounters?
- **Loving Others:** After the shepherds encounter Jesus, they feel compelled to go share their hope with others. Do you feel that way today? How do we reignite that excitement?
- **Pursuing Unity:** Do you think the shepherds were grateful to have each other to share in the encounter? Why is it better to have other believers around us?