

## Worship as a family

**Mother's Room:** Care for your baby and still connect to the gathering via livestream – follow signs north of auditorium.

**Children (infant-grade 6):** Kids Connect is available at 9:15 and 11 a.m. – check-in inside east doors or upstairs from foyer. Kids also welcome in large gatherings.

**Students (grades 6-12):** Sola gathers on Wednesdays 6:30-8:30 p.m. – enter through east or southwest doors.

## Worship through prayer

**Saturday evening:** 7-7:30 p.m., meet at main office to start.

**24-7:** Praise the Lord for the incredible generosity to help provide Tampuan Bibles for our brothers and sisters in Cambodia! Pray for the Tampuan Bible dedication event today and for our team's safe return on 12/14. And pray that during Advent many people from our community who haven't yet accepted Christ will join us and have their hearts captivated by the Good News!

## Worship in song

- *O Come O Come Emmanuel* – Maverick City Music
- *Here I Am to Worship* – The Worship Initiative
- *O Little Town of Bethlehem* – Jeremy Camp
- *King of Kings* – Hillsong Worship

## Worship by giving

**Sunday:** Use wooden boxes by auditorium doors.

**Online:** [npberean.org/give](http://npberean.org/give)

**Text:** Text any amount to 84321.

**Mail:** 202 W. 8th St., North Platte, NE 69101

## The Latest

**Holiday schedule:** We're making a few changes to our usual schedule for special events and to give time for our church family, volunteers, and staff to rest and connect with their families:

- **Large gatherings:**
  - Wed. 12/20 – Blue Christmas, 7-8 p.m.
  - Sun. 12/24 – Christmas Eve gatherings start at 9:15 a.m., 11 a.m., 3 p.m., and 4:30 p.m.
  - Sun. 12/31 – no 8 a.m. gathering
- **Sola (grades 6-12):**
  - Wed. 12/13 – small group Christmas parties (contact your small group leader for details...no regular meeting)
  - no Sola Wed. 12/20, 12/27, or 1/3
- **Kids Connect (infant-grade 6):** No Kids Connect Sun. 12/24 or 12/31 – unstaffed nursery with video livestream available
- **Office:** Closed Mon. 12/25 and 1/1

**Lost and found – Mon. 12/18, Foyer:** Check the cubbies between the coatrack and restrooms for lost and found items. We'll be donating any unclaimed items on Monday, 12/18.

**Christmas Eve cookies – Sun. 12/24, 252 Room:** Bring a favorite to share! Pick up cards in the foyer to share why these cookies are special to you and the recipe (if applicable), then bring cards and cookies to the 252 Room on Christmas Eve 30 min. before whichever gathering you'll attend.

**21 Days of Prayer & Fasting – Sun. 1/7-Sat.1/27:** As we begin 2024, our need for God seems as obvious as ever – we can do nothing apart from him! So we're joining together as a church family to kick off the new year with 21 days of prayer and fasting. Find out more by picking up the handout at the table in the foyer or online at [npberean.org/21days](http://npberean.org/21days).

## Office info

**Hours this week:** Mon.-Thu. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
(closed Tue. 1:30-2:30 p.m. for staff meeting)

**Contact us:** [npberean@npberean.org](mailto:npberean@npberean.org),  
308-532-7448, [npberean.org](http://npberean.org)



## BEREAN CHURCH

Leading people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ.

12.10.23

## 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](http://npberean.org/cc)) – if you're new, bring it to the information center for a welcome gift.

## New here?

**Sunday large gatherings:** 8, 9:15, & 11 a.m.;  
6 p.m.; [npberean.org/live](http://npberean.org/live)

**Bibles:** Available at information center.

**Sound levels:** Assisted listening devices and earplugs available at tech booth in auditorium.

## Go paperless

**Interactive bulletin:** [npberean.org/sunday](http://npberean.org/sunday)

**PDF:** [npberean.org/sundayprint](http://npberean.org/sundayprint)

## Matthew 1:18-23 ESV

<sup>18</sup> Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit.

<sup>19</sup> And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. <sup>20</sup> But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." <sup>22</sup> All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

<sup>23</sup> "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and they shall call his name Immanuel"

(which means, God with us).

## Hebrews 4:14-16 ESV

<sup>14</sup> Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. <sup>15</sup> For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup> Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

## The Gifts of the Cradle

The Gift Giver • Andrew Walker

Through the cradle, we are given the gift of...

God \_\_\_\_\_ us (James 1:17, Matt. 1:18-23, Isa. 7:14)

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God \_\_\_\_\_ us (Heb. 4:16, Rom. 8:31-39, James 4:6-8a)

## Beyond Sunday

*Growing with Jesus isn't just for Sundays. Make it an everyday, everywhere, with everyone mission by going "beyond Sunday"!*

Engage in these resources on your own and with your Grow Group\*:

### Think it out

- Watch this video: [npberean.org/beyond3](http://npberean.org/beyond3). How did Jesus change the way God is "with us"?
- Read Matthew 4:1-11. How did the temptations Jesus endured help him relate to us?

### Talk it out

- What emotions stir within you as you think about God coming to be with **you** personally?
- Why do we hesitate to draw near to God, if he truly "gets us"? How does this look in your life?

### Live it out

- Listen to "O Come O Come Emmanuel" this week and rejoice that God is with us.
- God is for us! What's one new way you can draw nearer to God this week?

\* *Connecting in community with other believers is crucial for spiritual growth. Explore group options at [npberean.org/gg](http://npberean.org/gg) or contact Andrew ([andrewwalker@npberean.org](mailto:andrewwalker@npberean.org), 308-532-7448).*