

## 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:** Pray that Blue Christmas will be a blessing to those who come – that we'll lean into the groaning and into the Lord together. Ask God to draw many unbelievers to join us this Advent season in having our hearts captivated by the Good News. And pray for our church family as we prepare to kick off 2024 with 21 days of prayer and fasting.

## Worship in song

- *Hark the Herald Angels Sing* – Jeremy Riddle
- *Manger Throne* – Phil Wickham
- *Is He Worthy* – Shane & Shane
- *Worthy of It All* – The Worship Initiative
- *O Come All Ye Faithful* – Jeremy Riddle

## 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):**
  - 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 lost and found cubbies by restrooms in foyer. Unclaimed items to be donated Monday, 12/18.

**Christmas Eve cookies – Sun. 12/24, 252 Room:** Bring a plate of your favorite cookies. Grab a card in the foyer to share your recipe and why it's special. Bring cards and cookies to the 252 Room on Christmas Eve, 30 min. before the gathering you'll attend.

**21 Days of Prayer & Fasting – Sun. 1/7-Sat. 1/27:** As we begin 2024, our need for God is 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. Pick up a handout at the table in the foyer or online at [npberean.org/21days](http://npberean.org/21days).

**Save the Date – Wed. 1/3:** We are taking down our Christmas décor on 1/3, from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. (putting away smaller décor) and from 1-4 p.m. (putting away large décor). If you can help, even if it's an hour or two please email [robbynhuffman@npberean.org](mailto:robbynhuffman@npberean.org).

## 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.

12.17.23

## 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)

## Revelation 5:1-14 ESV

<sup>1</sup> Then I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals. <sup>2</sup> And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?" <sup>3</sup> And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it, <sup>4</sup> and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. <sup>5</sup> And one of the elders said to me, "Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals."

<sup>6</sup> And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. <sup>7</sup> And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne. <sup>8</sup> And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. <sup>9</sup> And they sang a new song, saying,

"Worthy are you to take the scroll  
and to open its seals,  
for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed  
people for God  
from every tribe and language and people and  
nation,  
<sup>10</sup> and you have made them a kingdom and priests to  
our God,  
and they shall reign on the earth."

<sup>11</sup> Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, <sup>12</sup> saying with a loud voice,

"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,  
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might  
and honor and glory and blessing!"

<sup>13</sup> And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,

"To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb  
be blessing and honor and glory and might forever  
and ever!"

<sup>14</sup> And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" and the elders fell down and worshiped.

## The Gifts of the Cross

The Gift Giver • John Stone

God gifted \_\_\_\_\_ (Rev. 5:9, 1 Pet.  
1:18-19, Mark 10:45, 1 Tim. 2:5-6)

God gifted \_\_\_\_\_  
(Rev. 5:10)

God gifted \_\_\_\_\_ (Rev. 5:12-13,  
Isa. 9:7)

## 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

- Consider Christ's costly sacrifice by watching this video: [npberean.org/beyond4](http://npberean.org/beyond4)
- How, specifically, has Christ ransomed your life with His own blood?

### Talk it out

- Why do things in this life captivate us more than the prospect of ruling with Christ?
- Do I respond to Jesus by living a life of worship? What might this look like daily?

### Live it out

- Write a thank you note to Jesus for being both the Lion and the Lamb in your life.
- Remind yourself of God's greatness by listening to "Is He Worthy" ([npberean.org/beyond5](http://npberean.org/beyond5)) 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).*

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**Next week's sermon:** Phil. 2:5-11

**12/31 sermon:** Phil. 1:9-11