

New here?

Sunday large gatherings: 8, 9:15, 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
(livestream info: npberean.org/live)

Bibles: available at information center

Sound levels: assisted listening devices and earplugs available at sound booth

Office hours: Mon.-Thu. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. (closed Tue. 1:30-2:30 p.m. for staff meeting)

Contact us: npberean@npberean.org, 308-532-7448, npberean.org

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 6): Available at 9:15 and 11 a.m. – check-in east of Commons or upstairs from foyer. Kids also welcome in large gatherings. (See *Coming up* on back of bulletin for holiday schedule.)

Sola (grades 6-12): Wednesdays 6:30-8:30 p.m. Meet in 252 Room/Commons. (See *Coming up* on back of bulletin for holiday schedule.)

Today's songs

- *God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen* – Fit for a King
- *O Holy Night* – Life.Church Worship
- *Noel* – Lauren Daigle
- *Joy to the World (Joyful, Joyful)* – Phil Wickham

Giving

Sunday: use wooden boxes by auditorium doors

Online: npberean.org/give

Text: text any amount to 84321

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

Coming up

Blue Christmas: A Gathering of Hope – Wed. 12/21, 7-8 p.m., Auditorium

Christmas can be a complicated season as we try to make room for both joy and grief in our hearts. If you or someone you know is feeling particularly “blue” this year, we invite you to join us for our Blue Christmas gathering on the longest, darkest night of the year – Wednesday, December 21. We'll spend some time acknowledging the losses and sadness we've felt this year and also be reminded of the hope we can have because of Jesus, the Light of the World who shines into our darkness. If you need more information or would like to help serve that night, contact Jessica Stone (308-660-3818).

Advent 2022

Don't forget to check out npberean.org/christmas for events and resources to help us wait well for Jesus and worship Him this holiday season.

Holiday schedule

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

- **Special events:** Blue Christmas gathering Wed. 12/21, 7-8 p.m.; Christmas Eve gatherings Sat. 12/24 at 3, 4:30, and 6 p.m.
- **Sunday gatherings:** No large gatherings on Christmas, Sun. 12/25; no 8 a.m. gathering on New Year's Day, Sun. 1/1
- **Sola (grades 6-12):** Small group Christmas parties Wed. 12/14 (contact your small group leader for details – no regular meeting); not meeting Wed. 12/21 or 12/28
- **Kids Connect (infant-grade 6):** Not meeting Sun. 1/1
- **Office:** Closed Mon. 12/26, Mon. 1/2, and Tue. 1/3



BEREAN CHURCH

Leading people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ.

12.11.22

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.

Go paperless

Interactive bulletin: npberean.org/sunday

PDF bulletin: npberean.org/sundayprint

Next week's sermon: Philippians 1:12-30

Isaiah 11:1-10 ESV

- ¹ There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.
- ² And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him,
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and might,
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.
- ³ And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide disputes by what his ears hear,
- ⁴ but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
- ⁵ Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,
and faithfulness the belt of his loins.
- ⁶ The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,
and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat,
and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together;
and a little child shall lead them.
- ⁷ The cow and the bear shall graze;
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
- ⁸ The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra,
and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.
- ⁹ They shall not hurt or destroy
in all my holy mountain;
for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.
- ¹⁰ In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

Two Advents

Waiting Well • John Stone

The _____ brought the _____ (Isa. 11:1-3; Luke 3:21-22, 4:18-19; John 16:7; Acts 1:8; Eph. 1:13-14)

The _____ will bring _____ (Isa. 11:4-5, Matt. 5:5, Rev. 19:15, 2 Pet. 3:5b-7)

The _____ will bring _____ and _____ (Isa. 11:6-10, Rom. 8:19-21, 1 Cor. 2:9)

Talk it over

Visit npberean.org/grow-groups to find a group, start a group, or get more resources.

- What was one thing from this week's sermon that impacted/challenged me?
- *Treasuring God*: How does this passage and a right understanding of the two Advents change my perspective of God's character and plan?
- *Being Transformed*: What area of my life do I long to see be fully restored? How am I allowing Jesus to begin restoring that now?
- *Loving Others*: In what ways can the second Advent influence how I interact with others (esp. those who aren't following Jesus)?
- *Pursuing Unity*: Does the way that we interact as a group point to the complete restoration that is to come? What are some tangible ways we can grow in this area together?