

## New here?

**Sunday large gatherings:** 8, 9:15, 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.  
(livestream info: [npberean.org/live](http://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](mailto:npberean@npberean.org), 308-532-7448, [npberean.org](http://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 with Us* – Mercy Me
- *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus* – Laura Story
- *Heart of Worship* – Matt Redman
- *When Hope Came Down* – Kari Jobe

## 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

## Coming up

### Lost and Found – Tomorrow 12/5, Foyer

Between the coatrack and restrooms, we have a few cubbies for our main lost and found. We'll be donating or discarding any unclaimed items tomorrow, 12/5. Please stop by today to check for any items that belong to you.

### Advent 2022

We're celebrating God coming in human flesh – Jesus, the Savior! Just as people long ago waited for Christ's first coming, we await His return. Visit [npberean.org/christmas](http://npberean.org/christmas) for an Advent calendar and other resources to support you and your family in waiting and worshipping well 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):** 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.

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## 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 your ConnectCard to the information center for a welcome gift.

## Go paperless

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

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

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**Next week's sermon:** Isaiah 11:1-10

## Matthew 2:1-11 ESV

<sup>1</sup> Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup> saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." <sup>3</sup> When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup> and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. <sup>5</sup> They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup> "' And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.'"

<sup>7</sup> Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup> And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." <sup>9</sup> After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup> When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. <sup>11</sup> And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.

## Watching & Waiting Pt. 1

John Stone

They \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Matt.2:1-8, Dan. 9:24-26, Ezra 7:11-18)

They \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Matt. 2:9-10, Num. 24:17a)

They \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Matt. 2:2, 11; Rom. 12:1-2)

## Talk it over

Visit [npberean.org/grow-groups](http://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 do I see God's hand at work in this passage? What kind of response does that stir up within me?
- *Being Transformed*: What can we learn from the example of the Magi? In what ways can I become more like them?
- *Loving Others*: Have I ever considered the influence that my celebration of Christmas has on others? How am I currently impacting those around me in this way?
- *Pursuing Unity*: Like the Magi, what can we do over the next few weeks to help one another anticipate Christ's birth, seek Him in faith, and worship Him well?

Visit [npberean.org/sabbatical](http://npberean.org/sabbatical) for John's letter to our church body reflecting on his sabbatical and casting vision for future days.

