

Scripture Reading - Matthew 2 NASB

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him."

When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Gathering together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for this is what has been written by the prophet:

'And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah,
Are by no means least among the leaders of Judah;
For out of you shall come forth a Ruler
Who will shepherd My people Israel.'"

Then Herod secretly called the magi and determined from them the exact time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the Child; and when you have found Him, report to me, so that I too may come and worship Him." After hearing the king, they went their way; and the star, which they had seen in the east, went on before them until it came and stood over the place where the Child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. After coming into the house they saw the Child with Mary His mother; and they fell to the ground and worshiped Him.

Then, opening their treasures, they presented to Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned by God in a dream not to return to Herod, the magi left for their own country by another way.

Now when they had gone, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up! Take the Child and His mother and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is going to search for the Child to destroy Him."

So Joseph got up and took the Child and His mother while it was still night, and left for Egypt. He remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the

Lord through the prophet: "Out of Egypt I called My Son."

Then when Herod saw that he had been tricked by the magi, he became very enraged, and sent and slew all the male children who were in Bethlehem and all its vicinity, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined from the magi. Then what had been spoken through Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled:

"A voice was heard in Ramah,
Weeping and great mourning,
Rachel weeping for her children;
And she refused to be comforted,
Because they were no more."

But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, and said, "Get up, take the Child and His mother, and go into the land of Israel; for those who sought the Child's life are dead." So Joseph got up, took the Child and His mother, and came into the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Then after being warned by God in a dream, he left for the regions of Galilee, and came and lived in a city called Nazareth. This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophets: "He shall be called a Nazarene."

Glenridge Bible Church is excited to offer a Sunday School program called DiscipleLand for children during our Sunday morning services. (except the first Sunday of each Month)

We also offer a staffed nursery for each Sunday Morning service.

Children must be registered at the desk in the lobby to participate.

Please email AngelaJantzi@hotmail.com to stay informed of upcoming events and program scheduling.

Additionally, for parents with infants, there is a quiet room available at the back of the sanctuary for nursing, changing, or simply fussing babies. Sound is piped in so you can still hear the service at a baby-friendly volume.

Notice from the Board of Glenridge Bible Church

The Board has established a Nominating Committee for the purpose of proposing a slate of nominees to fill Board vacancies for the year 2022.

The members of the Nominating Committee are:
George Warkentin, Larry Srigley,
Ursula Savoie, Stan Piggott

If you are interested in serving on the Board of GBC, or would like to submit a nomination, please make submissions to a member of the committee no later than
Sunday, December 26, 2021.

Details regarding submissions are provided in a copy of our Bylaws at the back of the Sanctuary and can be found in Bylaw 9.03(a).

Duties and Responsibilities of Elders, Deacons, and Director of Finance can be found in your copy of the GBC Bylaws, or through the Church Office.

Glenridge Bible Church's "Missionary of the Month"

Please remember to pray for,
and encourage, our GBC missionary.



Tim Whitehead
serving with
Galcom International

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General Announcements

- Our 'Bas Basket' is available today for anyone to make a non-receiptable love gift to support Bas Jessen in China.
- The specially-marked envelope with your bulletin today is for those who wish to give additionally to support our Missions Support Budget for 2021. Please do not designate as the funds will go to pay remaining missions' budgeted support.
- Our next Youth Night will be December 17th. We will be meeting in the parking lot for 7:00pm, walking across the street to a local seniors' home for a brief time of caroling, then return to the church for fun and snacks.
- Our Christmas Eve Service will be held on Friday, December 24, at 6:30pm
- We will have a short New Year's Eve Communion service on December 31, 2021 at 6:30pm.
- For anyone in charge of ministries, now is a great time to reflect on the past year and jot down notes and thoughts so you're prepared to have a ministry report for our Annual General Meeting in the March, 2022.

From the Finance Committee

Firstly, we request that all outstanding bills that require reimbursement be submitted by next Sunday (December 19th) so we can ensure that we have payments processed before year-end.

Also, we will have 2022 envelopes ready and in church mailboxes by next Sunday (December 19th). If you would like a set of numbered envelopes for regular tithing, please speak with Juergen Harder or Carol-Dean Jeffries and we will gladly prepare a set for you.

Today at Glenridge Bible Church

*But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, too little to be among the clans of Judah,
from you One will come forth for Me to be ruler in Israel.*

His times of coming forth are from long ago, from the days of eternity."

Micah 5 : 2

Order of Service

Call to Worship

#136 — "The First Noel"

Key Verse & Invocational Prayer

Celebration Around the Lord's Table

Praise & Worship—Dove

"Mary's Boy Child"

"We Three Kings"

Advent Wreath & DiscipleLand

Scripture Reading

Matthew 2

Update & Message — Tim Whitehead

"Herod's Thoughts on Christmas"

Closing Hymn

#123 — "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Benediction

*A reminder that
mask are
required, unless
medically
exempt, while
not seated in the
Sanctuary.*

*Please
maintain social
distancing as
much
as possible.*

*We will have a
'retiral
offering'
following the
service as
people leave.*

Giving...

"Upon the first day of the week, let everyone of you lay by him in
store as God hath prospered him" I Corinthians 16:2

Meat Pies and Dessert Boxes	\$ 535.00
Henley Worship Service—December 5, 2021.....	\$ 1,946.12
General Offerings—December 5, 2021.....	\$ 8,880.04
Weekly Offering Budget:	\$ 6,802.76

General Offerings YTD.....	\$ 307,393.15
General Offerings Budget.....	\$ 353,743.34

THIS WEEK AT G.B.C

<u>Today</u>	10:00am	Communion & Mission Service with Tim Whitehead from Galcom
<u>Monday</u>	7:00pm	'Praise and Prayer' Meeting
<u>Wednesday</u>	2:00pm	Carolling at Tabitha Homes (meet at 1:45pm)
	3:00pm	Carolling at Meadowgreen Manor
	6:30pm	Praise, Prayer & Prophecy
<u>Friday</u>	7:00pm	Youth Carolling and Comradery Night
<u>Saturday</u>	8:00am	Men's Fellowship and Prayer (Fireside Room)
<u>Next Sunday</u>	10:00am	Advent Worship Service with Pastor Bobby B.Y.O.B. Luncheon following morning service

Please call, or email the office if you have any questions.

In light of logistics and restrictions regarding meals at indoor
venues, this year, GBC is having a

Bring Your Own Banquet

For anyone interested, we will be having a 'luncheon' after the
morning service, **Next Sunday**, December 19, 2021.

We will have tables and chairs set up for families to eat at,
in a church body setting, yet distanced.

The only caveat is that you provide your own food.
(Similar to our summer picnic, but indoors and a little fancier)

There is also a possibility we will have a number of folks
providing (and serving) soups/stews etc. Consider this
'supplementary food'. Don't rely on it as your main lunch.

Please let us know if you are planning to stay for the BYOB so
we can plan ahead and have the appropriate number of
tables, chairs, etc. prepared.

Thank You for Praying

- * Please pray for Barb Lichty's father, George Campion. George is in palliative care at Hotel Dieu Shaver. Please pray for clarity of mind and peace that passes all understanding.
- * Jenny Evans' grandson passed away this past week. Please pray for the family in this time of loss.
- * Some from our congregation may remember a former attendee, Kent Earle. Kent is in the hospital after a series of strokes. He is currently paralyzed on his right side. Please pray for Kent and his brother Kevin in this difficult time.
- * Bev Williams requests prayer for friends in her building, Hank and Theresa. Hank is on dialysis and is likely not going to last very long. Please pray for healing and peace for them both in this difficult time.
- * Dave Furness is facing kidney failure and likely dialysis. Please pray for a quick process to see a specialist and receive treatments.
- * Hugh and Eleanor Rogers both request prayer as they have been waiting for months to see specialists and still don't have appointments.
- * Sandra Rockefeller's friend Nancy has stopped her radiation therapy sessions for inoperable double-lung cancer. Please pray for healing.
- * Ursula Savoie requests continued prayer for her nephew, Jesse Penner, fighting cancer. They've received good news that for the moment, the tumours are not growing. They are hopeful this is indicative of a turn for the better. The family thanks everyone for their prayers.
- * Gilles Groleau's daughter, Chantal's father-in-law Pierre. Fighting cancer.
- * Eleanor Leigh's son, has been diagnosed with kidney cancer. They are looking to burn it out. He has a procedure date of December 21. Please pray for a good outcome, and also for a return to faith.
- * Toni Goodliff requests continued prayer for healing as she is now facing chemotherapy and radiation therapy for lung cancer.
- * Debbie Harder requests prayer for God to intercede and deliver her from the struggle she's been fighting for over a year now.
- * Quin McColgan, (friend of the Luchkanyns) fighting cancer. New tumours were found and they are still looking at treatment options.

Please pray for those with chronic pain or illness:

- * Emilia Pirc, Sue Furness, Dave Furness, Jim Arthur, Ron and Lois Clattenburg, Jaqi Shennan, Rosalie Pankoff, Eleanor Leigh, Bev Williams, Helmut Harder, Fred and Hilda Glucker, Ed Martin, Mildred Levair, Hugh and Eleanor Rogers, Mary Lockett, Margaret Jukes.



GLENRIDGE BIBLE CHURCH

Welcome to our Communion Service this Lord's Day



Third Sunday of Advent

December 12th, 2021

Tim Whitehead

"Herod's Thoughts on Christmas"

**A Bible-Based Community, united by God's love
and grace, that worships Him, serves others,
and proclaims the message of Christ.**



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