

## Sermon Outline

Sermon Title: "How do we respond to the Messiah?"

Big Idea: While human nature makes us want to preserve or promote ourselves and our traditions, our Faith makes us want to love and honour Jesus.

Scripture: Matthew 2: 1-12

Message Outline:

1. Traditional story and carols about the Three Kings from the East do not line up with the biblical account
2. The account in Matthew 2 pits both the worldly powers (King Herod) and the religious ones (the chief priests and teachers of the Law) against Jesus, Messiah, Son of God
3. We must ask ourselves:
  - a. Has God called us to a journey of sacrifice we've been unwilling to undertake?
  - b. Has God called us to make commit our time, resources or possessions to His work?
  - c. What does "bowing down" to Jesus look like for each of us?



We Strive to Follow Jesus Christ as We:

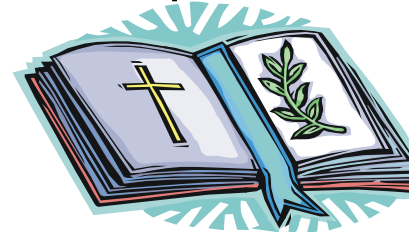
*Walk in His Way*

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December 24, 2017

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... The Messiah?"

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## Sunday, December 24, 2017 Service

*We are reinstating prayertime before the morning English service from 10:15 AM and ending 10:45 AM.*

### Welcome & Call to Worship

*"While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks" #135*

*"Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne" #127*

### Announcements & Prayer

*"Who Is He in Yonder Stall?" #168*

*"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" #124*

### Offering

*Junior Church Send Off Prayer*

### Scripture Reading:

*Matthew 2: 1 – 12*

With Ben

### Sermon:

*"How Do We Respond to The Messiah?"*

With Pastor Ralph Hardy

### Closing Hymn

*"O Come All Ye Faithful" #145*

### Benediction

## Weekly Happenings

### Sunday Worship:

English: 11:00 AM

Japanese: 9:30 AM

Korean: 12:30 PM

### Prayer and Weekly Studies:

Wed. Night Study: Book of Isaiah

### Community Outreach:

Monday Night ESL: On holiday till January 8, 2018.

### Prayer Focus:

Pray for Joey G. as she recovers from fall and pray for Lawrence too.

### Church Family:

Please pray with the Rob Stewart & Family:

My mother, Christina Stewart, born in Peterhead Scotland on September 27, 1921, passed into the Lord's presence on Wednesday, December 20.

### Church of the Week: **LPD churches and Christmas Worship**

Pray for the ESL program. Pray for Japanese & Korean language groups.

### Birthdays and Anniversaries of the Month:

Dec 1, Mitsugi & Michiko's anniversary; Dec 4, Helen R;

Dec 9, Emily S; Dec 12, Grant A (Lisette's son); Dec 17, Rose T;

Dec 22, Ann C; Pastor Jacob F, also Dec 22;

Dec 23, Anna J (Andrew & Aimee's daughter);

Dec 27, Jacqui L; Dec 29, Wally S;

### Upcoming Events to Note:

Second half of the AGM shall be set for second week of February 2018.

Annual Reports (for 2017) shall be distributed before that time.