

Isaiah 7/Luke 2

• The King's sign:



## **Dix Hills Evangelical Free**

## December 6, 2020

Welcome! Thank you for worshipping with us today!

10:30 AM Contemporary Service

- The Shepherds' sign:
- Our response:

These simple men followed the simple instructions the angels had given them. They made their way to Bethlehem and took part in an experience that countless generations of Christians have envied. Their lives would never again be the same; the sky would never seem so dark. They would know that just as they kept watch over their sheep by night, Someone far greater was keeping watch over them.

> David Jeremiah "Why the Nativity?"

DHEFC Worship Schedule Traditional Service at 9:00am, Contemporary Service at 10:30am



And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.

Luke 2:10

## This Week at DHEFC:

Mon.	12/7	Women's Bible Study	7:00 PM
Tues.	12/8	Boys Brigade	7:00 PM
Wed	12/9	Youth Group	6:45 PM
Thurs.	12/10	College and Career	7:30 PM
Friday	12/11	Pioneer Girls	7:00 PM



As we contemplate all these things, we realize the miracle that must occur for each of us who would follow Jesus. Just as he was born into this world and not from it, he must be born into our lives the same way. Christ does not naturally live in any believer; he must invade that believer from outside, just as he invaded the world. There *must be a Nativity in every human heart*, the perfect coming to dwell within the imperfect; for we cannot give birth to him, or to his goodness, on our own efforts. We are flawed but he is holy. We need him to miraculously enter our lives, still and quiet as he did on that night in Bethlehem.

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- 1. Did you put up your Christmas decorations earlier this year than normal? Why is our world so eager for Christmas this year-even though it might be different?
- 2. Have you ever discovered something exciting that you eagerly told everybody about? How is that like the Christmas story? See Luke 2:17-18.
- 3. Read Isaiah 7:10-11. What did God offer King Ahaz and why? See also Isaiah 7:1-2. How would you respond if God gave you that offer? What might you say?
- 4. Read Isaiah 7:12. Why do you think the King responded the way he did? What is it foolish to bet on ourselves and our ability to solve things? When have you been tempted to bet on yourself instead of God?
- 5. Read Isaiah 7:13-14. How did God respond to the King and what sign did He give? Why is that name Immanuel a source of great comfort and peace?
- 6. Read Luke 2:8-16. How is this sign something so massive wrapped up in something so small? Do you envy the shepherd's experience? How can we still have that experience today?
- 7. Why is the Christmas story not just about being a spectator at the manger, but a participant? How can there be a Nativity in your heart?