

Christmas Eve at Pearlside

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"After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem ²and asked, 'Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.'... ⁹and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. ¹¹On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route." (Matthew 2:1-2, 9-12 NIV)

A heart of PRAISE (worship) includes the right:

PERSPECTIVE.

"When they saw the star, they were overjoyed." (v. 10)

- We recognize who God is.

POSTURE.

"...they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him." (v. 11)

- We humble ourselves.

PRESENTATION.

"...Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh." (v. 11)

- We come just as we are (mercy).

PROGRESSION.

"And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route." (v. 12)

- We leave different from who we were (grace).