



Order of Worship December 1, 2024 First Sunday of Advent

We Gather to Worship God

Welcome Call and Response Worship in Song

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Worship in Song Prayer

We Listen to the Word

Sermon Series: Back to the Future Week 1: Time Machines, Trees, & Timelines

We Come to the Table

Prayer of Confession and Consecration The Lord's Prayer We Eat and Drink Together We Celebrate the Eucharist in Song Prayer

We Go to Live in the Reign of God

Community Life Responsive Advent Blessing

Words to music, responsive readings and The Lord's Prayer will be on the screen

NEW HOPE CHRISTMAS BLESSING

Collecting items for families in need Nov. 17th through Dec. 11th

Visit the Christmas tree in the church lobby to pick up a tag for needed gifts







CHRISTMAS SWEATER W COMMON MEAL

Sunday December 15th following worship

Wear an ugly or fun Christmas sweater and join your church family for a potluck-style meal following worship. We supply the main dish of pulled pork, you bring the sides and dessert to share!



For a complete list of ongoing ministries and upcoming events, please visit tablelifechurch.org.

Doggy Bag-

Some questions to chew on:



- 1. In the message, what stood out to you the most? Was anything new? Was there anything you heard before?
- 2. In your own words, what is Advent? Why is it important?
- 3. In what ways have you seen God redeem the past—in your own life? In others' lives? In the world?
- 4. What was God teaching and reminding Israel through Jeremiah's prophecy? What lessons has God taught you through your own past? What is God reminding you?
- 5. What new life is longing to burst forth in your life? What hardness of heart or spirit do you need to discard? What do you need to tend to right now?
- 6. Why is it difficult to trust in God's timeline? What would it look like for you to presently "sing the Lord's song in a foreign land?"
- 7. What redeeming work is God doing right now—in your life, your family, your community, the world? How can you partner with him this Advent?



If you'd like to talk personally and confidentially w/Pastor Kris about your relationship with Christ, please email *pastorkris@tablelifechurch.org* or call 717-774-6444

Back to the Future—Week 1 Time Machines, Trees, & Timelines Pastor Kris Beckert

If you had a time machine, what year would you go to—past or future?

I. ______ takes us back to the future

- "Advent" means_____
- Advent reminds us of Jesus' first coming at Christmas in the past and his second coming in the future

Revelation 1:7 Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him.

- Over 300 prophecies were written that predicted
- Many of those prophecies are in the Old Testament books called ______

II. _____ takes us back to the future

- Written over a span of _____ years (627-582 BC)
- Jeremiah was a _____ who served in the final decades of the southern Kingdom of Judah
- God used him to call out ungodly behavior, idolatry and injustice in the nation
- God had him warn that the _____ were coming to conquer them, but he was ignored
- His prophecy was fulfilled and they were conquered
- Some Jews were _____ while others were occupied
- Chapters 30-33 bring a surprising prophecy of hope

Jeremiah 33:14-16 'The days are coming,' declares the Lord, 'when I will fulfill the good promise I made to the people of Israel and Judah. ¹⁵ "'In those days and at that time I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David's line; he will do what is just and right in the land. ¹⁶ In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. This is the name by which it will be called: The Lord Our Righteous Savior.'

III. How God works in the past and the future:

- 1. The ______ is behind; look for the lessons and the reminders
 - Through Jeremiah, God tells Israel of their wrongdoing
 - Through Jeremiah, God reminds Israel of his
 - When reflecting on the past, there is always something to _____ and always something to
 - "The days are coming" but you have to
 _____ for it
 - Most people missed Jesus' first coming because they didn't ______

2. The _____ is ahead; tend to it

- "righteous Branch"—
- "from David's line"—
- Advent reminds us there is _____ longing to burst forth
- Advent calls us to leave any ______ that may have formed around our spirit so we may nourish new life and God's direction

3. You don't get to choose the _____

- "In those days..." = 100's of years after Jeremiah
- There was no Advent calendar for
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Psalm 137:4 How could we sing the Lord's song in a foreign land?

• To live in _____ means refusing to let the present moment close us in

Big Idea: