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CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE



Order of Worship December 29, 2024 First Sunday after Christmas

We Gather to Worship God

Welcome
Worship in Song
Call to Worship
Worship in Song
Prayer

We Listen to the Word

Sermon: Practical Gifts

We Come to the Table

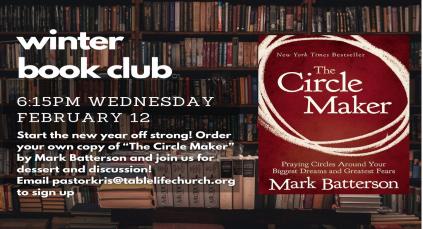
Prayer of Confession and Consecration
The Lord's Prayer
We Eat and Drink Together
We Celebrate the Eucharist in Song
Prayer

We Go to Live in the Reign of God

Community Life
Doxology
Blessing and Sending

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







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

Doggy Bag-

Some questions to chew on:



- 1. Through this message, how did you hear God speak to you?
- 2. Why is it surprising that the magi came to see Jesus and give him gifts?
- 3. What gift(s) do you wonder how God can use?
- 4. Have you ever received a gift that seemed useless in the moment but you wound up needing later? How are our gifts/talents/abilities like that?
- 5. What difference does it make when we use our gifts for God's Kingdom and not just for ourselves?
- 6. What is one gift God has given you that you want him to use in 2025? What is one step you can take to begin exploring how to use that gift?

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

Practical Gifts Pastor Kris Beckert

Do you like to receive practical gifts or ones that don't have to be practical?

What gifts has God given you?

I. T	he	Magi	came	to	see	
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Matthew 2:5-6 "...For this is what the prophet has written: 6 "'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.'"

- The magi were among the few people who recognized the prophecy in Micah 5:2,4
- What we know about the magi: _________

II. The Magi brought _____ to Jesus

Matthew 2:10-12 When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. ¹¹ On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. ¹² Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

III. We bring ______ to Jesus too

1. Yo	ou have a gift and you may										
2. Yo	ou have a gift and it may										
#1	#1 Frankincense										
	Used for										
	 Priests would burn it so incense would burn and make smoke, symbolizing the of the people going to God 										
	Pointed to Jesus as										
#2	Myrrh										
	Valuable gum-like substance used										
	Also used to embalm										
	Pointed to Jesus'										
#3	Gold										
	Scarce and valuable, a gift for										
	Pointed to Jesus as and the beginning of his										
3. Y	ou have a gift to place in										

Big	Idea:			
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