

Tithes and Offerings



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Order of Worship
December 8, 2024
Second Sunday of Advent

We Gather to Worship God

Welcome
Call and Response
Worship in Song
Lighting of the Christ Candle
Worship in Song
Prayer

We Listen to the Word

Sermon Series: Back to the Future
Week 2: A Both/And Kind of Advent

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*

**CHRISTMAS SWEATER
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!

The graphic features two Christmas sweaters: one green with "believe in your ELF!" and another red and yellow striped with "HAPPY HOLIDAYS W/ BEER".

**ATTENTION BAKERS!
WE NEED COOKIES**
for

**OUR CHRISTMAS WORSHIP
SERVICES
(DECEMBER 22 & 24)**

Sign up in the church lobby
or contact office@tablelifechurch.org

The graphic has a dark green background with white snowflakes and a white wavy bottom edge. It includes illustrations of a red hand mixer, a wooden rolling pin, a whisk, gingerbread men, and cookies.

**CHRISTMAS
EDITION!**

Baking Through The Bible!

Come explore the Bible and bake through a story of God's Love!

December 11th 5:30-7:00
For kids ages 3-12

The graphic has a light blue background with various baking and Christmas items like a rolling pin, cookie cutters, a star, an egg, and candy canes.

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? Are you in a "Both/And" kind of Advent?
2. What is Christmas amplifying for you this year? What do you do with the less-than-joyful feelings?
3. In what ways can you relate to Zechariah? What do you think he was feeling or thought about over the nine months of silence during Elizabeth's pregnancy?
4. How do you hear God speak? What do you need to remember in times of silence? What do you need to remember from God's Word?
5. How does God's presence transform seasons of darkness? and in times of light? What do you need to place in God's hands?
6. What does it mean that God's Kingdom is both now and not yet? How is peace in the midst of brokenness a taste of things to come?

Back to the Future—Week 2 A Both/And Kind of Advent Pastor Kris Beckert

What Christmas song do you turn up when you hear it?

The Both/And of Zechariah:

Luke 1:5-7 In the time of Herod king of Judea there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly division of Abijah; his wife Elizabeth was also a descendant of Aaron. ⁶ Both of them were righteous in the sight of God, observing all the Lord's commands and decrees blamelessly. ⁷ But they were childless because Elizabeth was not able to conceive, and they were both very old.

- Zechariah was a _____ chosen to burn incense in the temple, where an angel appeared to him
- The angel announced that _____ would become pregnant with a son who would prepare the way for the Messiah.
- Zechariah became _____ because he did not believe what the angel said. He cannot speak for nine months.
- Zechariah can suddenly speak when it is time to name the baby 8 days after birth

Luke 1:67-79 His father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied: ⁶⁸ "Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come to his people and redeemed them. ⁶⁹ He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David ⁷⁰ (as he said through his holy prophets of long ago), ⁷¹ salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us— ⁷² to show mercy to our ancestors and to remember his holy covenant, ⁷³ the oath he swore to our father Abraham: ⁷⁴ to rescue us from the hand of our enemies, and to enable us to serve him without fear ⁷⁵ in

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 I have new contact information

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Address: _____
Email: _____
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How did you hear about us?
 Online Friend
 Social Media Invited by _____
 Other _____

I would like to know more about or help with:
 What it means to follow Jesus
 Connecting w/ my group
 Serving
 Kids & Youth Services
Prayer Request: _____

Please fill out a connection card located in the seats in front of you. Or you can fill one out online.



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holiness and righteousness before him all our days. ⁷⁶ And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High; for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him, ⁷⁷ to give his people the knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins, ⁷⁸ because of the tender mercy of our God, by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven ⁷⁹ to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace."

The Both/And of Advent:

1. God speaks through both _____ and _____

- Zechariah breaks the silence of God, being the first prophecy in over 400 years
- God's silence doesn't mean God isn't _____
- Zechariah remembers God's _____
- Zechariah remembers God's _____
- Continues by telling story of God's covenant w/ God's people.
- God promised to send a new king in the line of David
- He quotes Malachi, who prophesied 400 years earlier

Malachi 3:1 "I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me"

2. God works and walks us through both _____ and _____

3. God's Kingdom is both _____ and _____

Isaiah 59:8 "The way of peace they do not know, and there is no justice in their paths. Their roads they have made crooked; no one who walks in them knows peace."

- Zechariah's prophecy is fulfilled when the risen Christ stands among his followers and announces, "Peace be with you" (Luke 24:36)
- _____ is a taste of what is to come when Christ comes again

Big Idea:
