About Us

Our Name

We recently went through a name change process to better describe the kind of community we sense God calling us to be. During the Lenten Season of 2016 we decided to celebrate the Lord's Table every Sunday. As we began to experience the grace of God through the sacrament, we came to the conclusion that we needed this grace every week and thus began to celebrate Communion every Sunday after the sermon (just like the early church). Since then God has been teaching us to experience the presence of Christ by the Spirit of Christ during the Lord's Table and at all the other tables of our lives. It is our desire to offer the same kind of hospitality to others that God has offered us. That's why we say "there's a place at the Table for you."

Our Common Practices

Early on we discovered that folk didn't know what was expected of them as participants in the story of Table Life Church. We came up with a list of "Common Practices." These are the practices of the Christian faith we consider fundamental to what it means to follow Jesus.

We Gather

We gather for worship on Sundays more often than not.
We gather in smaller groups to connect, learn, and grow.
We create hospitable space for one another.

We Grow

We attend the means of grace daily. (i.e. We attend to the presence of God through Scripture reading and meditation, prayer on behalf of others and myself, breath prayer, spiritual reading and study . . .).
We nurture our faith.
We attend to relationships that promote growth.
We develop and learn as human beings made in the image of God.

We Give

We are a generous people who give our time and resources to the mission of God in the world.
We tithe as the means through which our community enjoys fiscal health so as to minister generously.

We Go

We follow Jesus into the world as His healing presence.
We help the vulnerable among us.
We go into the world offering Jesus' invitation to gather at His table.

New Semester of Sunday School starts
January 7th 2018
See bulletin board for more information

Advent Conspiracy 2017

This year it is our privilege to help support a brand new church plant on the Mid-Atlantic District.

Impact Church led by Eric Valenstein will launch September of 2018.

We'll be receiving an offering the four Sundays of Advent to help this Church plant get off the ground.

Don't Forget

Advent Conspiracy Offering Last Week

Market Street Breakfast Jan 14th

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9:45 AM - 10:45 AM Sunday School
11 AM - 12:30 PM Worship Service
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Order of Worship
First Sunday of Christmas
31 December 2017

We Gather to Worship God

Prelude Music
Welcome
Call to Worship
Worship Reading

We Listen to the Scriptures

Pastoral Prayer
Offering
Scripture Reading: Luke 2.41-52
Sermon: "Losing Jesus"

We Come to the Table

Passing the Peace of Christ
Prayer of Consecration
The Lord's Prayer
We Eat and Drink Together
Prayer of Thanksgiving

We Go to Live in the Reign of God

Community Life
Gossiping the Good Stuff
Doxology
Blessing and Sending

If you are a guest with us today,

Please take time to fill out a

Connection Card.

Please visit us on our website,

www.tablelifefchurch.org for details of events.

Also you will find, Worship folders, online giving and you can also send prayer request to the prayer chain.

COMING SOON

Jan 1 New Years Day	******
Jan 7 New Semester of Sunday School starts	9:45AM
Jan 9 Team and Board Meeting	6:30PM
Jan 14 Market Street Breakfast Ministry	7:25AM
Jan 21 Common Meal	12:20PM
Feb 3 Lead Conference at Table Life	TBD

Official Church Calendar ~ www.tablelifechurch.org/

Sermon Reflection Guide

Luke 2.41-52

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

Question for Everyone:

(1) Grief is something I thankfully know little about. **(10)** Grief is my constant companion. Where are you on this range?

Lost

Have you ever lost something precious or important to you? Tell the Story.

The Day of the Lord

It is essential if we desire to follow Jesus faithfully toward his vision of a healed and resurrected world that we do so within the narrative of the hopes and dreams of Israel. The angels didn't declare a Christmas celebration; they declared the Day of the Lord's arrival. The Day of the Lord was the expression of the deepest longings of the Hebrew prophets. The Day of the Lord was understood as the Day when God would usher in the re-ordering of the world around the presence of God. The day of the Lord was the beginning of the turning and returning of God's people to their God. What would happen to our Christmas festivities if we celebrated "Day of the Lord" rather than "Christmas?"

Loss

Chances are, if you want to connect with another human being, all you really have to do is recount your loss. Everyone has lost somebody, a loved one to death or a shattered relationship. I suppose the hardest thing about being a human is losing someone that you never hope to find again. How do you respond to another person's grief? Do you distance yourself? Do you engage? Why?

Intimidated

The good news is we worship a God who isn't the least bit intimidated by our grief, a God who is neither distant or aloof or silent, but present and engaged, speaking comfort and hope into our context of loss and despair. God's Word echoes down through ages to this very moment. His Word is Jesus hanging on the cross in solidarity with our suffering. God's Word is the empty tomb offering us hope beyond our loss. What does it mean that God is not intimidated by our grief? Is this a comfort to you?