

# TABLE TALK



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CHURCH OF  THE NAZARENE



Order of Worship  
12 December 2021  
The Third Sunday of Advent

## **We Gather to Worship God**

Welcome  
Worship in Song  
Lighting of the Advent Wreath  
Worship in Song

## **We Listen to the Scriptures**

Prayer  
Sermon Series: Illuminate  
Sermon: "Disrupted by the Light"

## **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

## **We Go to Live in the Reign of God**

Community Life  
Doxology  
Blessing and Sending



# Our mission is to learn the way of Jesus together as we invite others to join us at His Table.

## Our Common Practices

### We Gather

- We gather for worship 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 and 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.

## Illuminate

### "Disrupted by the Light"

Pastor Kris Beckert

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What disruption are you facing right now?

*John 1:5. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.*

*Luke 1:26-38. In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a village in Galilee,<sup>27</sup> to a virgin named Mary. She was engaged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of King David.*

*<sup>28</sup> Gabriel appeared to her and said, "Greetings, favored woman! The Lord is with you!"*

*<sup>29</sup> Confused and disturbed, Mary tried to think what the angel could mean. <sup>30</sup> "Don't be afraid, Mary," the angel told her, "for you have found favor with God! <sup>31</sup> You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. <sup>32</sup> He will be very great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David. <sup>33</sup> And he will reign over Israel forever; his Kingdom will never end!"*

*<sup>34</sup> Mary asked the angel, "But how can this happen? I am a virgin." <sup>35</sup> The angel replied, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the baby to be born will be holy, and he will be called the Son of God. <sup>36</sup> What's more, your relative Elizabeth has become pregnant in her old age!*

People used to say she was barren, but she has conceived a son and is now in her sixth month.  
<sup>37</sup> For the word of God will never fail." <sup>38</sup> Mary responded, "I am the Lord's servant. May everything you have said about me come true." And then the angel left her.

### I. Mary: A Strange \_\_\_\_\_

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### II. God often appears in our lives in \_\_\_\_\_

Dietrich Bonhoeffer: "We must be ready to allow ourselves to be interrupted by God. God will be constantly crossing our paths and cancelling our plans by sending us people with claims and petitions. We may pass them by, preoccupied with our more important tasks..."

### III. Preparing for Jesus means being open to \_\_\_\_\_

Big Idea: \_\_\_\_\_

### Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on!



1. How do you normally react to disruptions? What has a recent disruption (Covid, family, health, school, work, etc.) revealed to you?
2. What is most surprising to you about the angel's appearance to Mary?
3. Have you ever felt like Mary? Has following God's call ever led you to a place of difficulty, challenge, sacrifice, discomfort, or pain?
4. Why are we often led to believe Jesus is supposed to come and make our lives easier?
5. How do you maintain a focus on what God is calling you to do or be as you face a hard road or difficult circumstance?
6. What disruption might God be using to get your attention? What plans, traditions, expectations might you need to set aside to say "yes" to him?

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## New Here? Need Prayer?

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Connection Card

☐ I'm new here    ☐ I'm an existing guest  
☐ I have new contact information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about us?  
☐ Direct guest    ☐ Online  
☐ Social Media    ☐ Invited by \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to know more about or help with:  
☐ What it means to follow Jesus  
☐ Connecting in a group  
☐ Serving  
☐ Kids & Youth Ministry  
Prayer Request: \_\_\_\_\_

Please fill out a  
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seats in front of  
you or online

