

# Tithes and Offerings



## In-person

Place in the blue offering bins in the lobby.



## **ACH**

## Online

[tablelifechurch.org/giving](http://tablelifechurch.org/giving)

ways to  
*give*

or text GIVE  
to 717-420-1600



## Mail

617 16th Street  
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## Auto pay

Send directly from bank.

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CHURCH OF  THE NAZARENE



Order of Worship  
10 December 2023  
Second Sunday of Advent

## We Gather to Worship God

Welcome  
Worship in Song  
Advent Reading/Call to Worship  
Worship in Song

## We Listen to the Word

Prayer

Sermon Series: Seated  
Sermon: "Upper Deck Seats "

## 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/Gossiping the Good Stuff  
Doxology  
Blessing and Sending

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

A graphic for a Christmas event. It features two colorful Christmas sweaters: one with the text "believe in your ELF" and another with "HAPPY HOLIDAYS & DEER". To the right, the text "CHRISTMAS SWEATER COMMON MEAL" is written in red, with a green fork and knife icon. Below this, it says "Sunday December 17th following worship". At the bottom, a red box contains the text: "Wear an ugly or fun Christmas sweater and join your church family for a potluck-style meal following worship. We supply the main dish, you bring the sides and dessert to share!!".

**CHRISTMAS SWEATER  
COMMON MEAL**

Sunday December 17th  
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, you bring the sides and dessert to share!!

A graphic for a Christmas Eve service. It features a small, snow-covered evergreen tree on the right against a background of warm, out-of-focus lights. The text "A NEW CUMBERLAND" is in a simple font, and "Christmas Eve" is in a large, elegant script. Below this, it says "Sunday, December 24th", "11am Family-friendly Candlelight Service", and "6pm Candlelight & Communion Service". At the bottom, the TableLife Church logo is followed by the address "617 16th Street New Cumberland, PA".

**A NEW CUMBERLAND**  
*Christmas Eve*

Sunday, December 24th  
11am Family-friendly Candlelight Service  
6pm Candlelight & Communion Service

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New Cumberland, PA

A graphic for a New Year's Eve event. It features a small white letterboard on the left displaying "11:00 AM", "DECEMBER 31", and "2023". To the right, the text "New Year's Eve" is in green, and "PAJAMA SUNDAY" is in large, bold red letters. Below this, it says "Wear your favorite comfy pj's and join us for worship as we say goodbye to 2023 and hello to 2024!". The background shows a blurred image of red and white holiday decorations.

**11:00 AM  
DECEMBER 31  
2023**

**New Year's Eve  
PAJAMA SUNDAY**

Wear your favorite comfy pj's and join us for worship as we say goodbye to 2023 and hello to 2024!

For a complete list of ongoing ministries and upcoming events,  
please visit [tablelifechurch.org](http://tablelifechurch.org).

## Doggy Bag- Some questions to chew on:



1. What did you hear God say to you in today's Scriptures and message?
2. How familiar are you with the backstory of Christmas that was discussed in the message? How does "zooming out" help you better understand the reason Jesus was born?
3. Why did the people of Israel resort to old habits and cultural ways? In your life, why have you returned to "old seats" that are not healthy or godly?
4. The story of Christmas reminds us that when God is silent, he's not necessarily still. What are the implications of that for us?
5. Where in your life are you sitting too close? What might God show you if you chose to "zoom out?" Where do you need to take some upper deck seats and take some time to look and listen for what God is doing, and join him in blessing the world this Advent?

## NEW HERE? NEED PRAYER?

TABLELIFE CHURCH  
Connection Card

☐ I'm new here    ☐ I'm a returning guest  
☐ I have new contact information

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

How did you hear about us?  
☐ Online    ☐ Friend    ☐ Church    ☐ Referral by \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to know more about or help with:  
☐ Spiritual matters    ☐ Life issues    ☐ Prayer requests  
☐ Connecting in person    ☐ Connecting in prayer    ☐ Connecting in prayer    ☐ Connecting in prayer    ☐ Connecting in prayer

Prayer Request \_\_\_\_\_

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



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

## Seated "Upper Deck Seats " Pastor Kris Beckert

**Has there ever been a time you sat too close to something?**

### Zooming Out: The Backstory of Christmas:

#### 1. Sitting in \_\_\_\_\_

*Genesis 12:1-3 The Lord had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you. <sup>2</sup> "I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."*

- God called Abraham to leave his \_\_\_\_\_
- God's promise of \_\_\_\_\_ was unthinkable

## 2. Sitting in \_\_\_\_\_

- Abraham's family became a \_\_\_\_\_
- 1000 years later, they didn't bless nations, they went to \_\_\_\_\_ with them

*Malachi 1:11 My name will be great among the nations, from where the sun rises to where it sets. In every place incense and pure offerings will be brought to me, because my name will be great among the nations," says the Lord Almighty.*

## 3. Sitting in \_\_\_\_\_

## 4. Sitting in \_\_\_\_\_

*Galatians 4:4-5 But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup> to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship.*

*Luke 1:26-27, 32-33 ...God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, <sup>27</sup> to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary... <sup>32</sup> "...He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, <sup>33</sup> and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end."*

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

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