

# Tithes and Offerings



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or text GIVE  
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# TABLELIFE CHURCH

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Order of Worship  
December 15, 2024  
Third 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 3: Eyes on the Road

## 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!

**COMMUNITY  
CHRISTMAS  
EVE EVE EVE**

Outdoor Candles & Carols Service

SUNDAY  
DECEMBER **22** 4:45 PM

TABLE LIFE CHURCH ✦ 617 16TH STREET NEW CUMBERLAND PA

*Christmas Eve*

**AT TABLE LIFE CHURCH**

Tuesday, December 24th  
6pm Candlelight & Communion Service

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

## Doggy Bag-

Some questions to chew on:



1. In the message, what stood out to you the most? Was anything new?
2. What has been occupying most of your time and energy this season? How have the things of Christmas distracted you from the joy of Jesus and Christmas?
3. Why is it important to examine what you are looking for? Do you look for God in unlikely places? What expectations and assumptions may be getting in the way of seeing Jesus?
4. Why is it important to examine who you are listening to? Who do you need to turn up? Turn down?
5. What road are you on? Where is it headed? Is it leading to holiness or something else?
6. What would it look like for you to keep your eyes on the road this Advent so that you don't miss the joy of Jesus and where he will show up?

## Back to the Future—Week 3

### Eyes on the Road

### Pastor Kris Beckert

What do you spend the most time doing during the Christmas season?

- ☐ Trying to buy people the perfect present
- ☐ Decorating
- ☐ Attending Christmas events
- ☐ Baking
- ☐ Watching Hallmark movies
- ☐ Stressing over everything
- ☐ Dealing with drama

Have you ever been so distracted that you missed Christmas?

I. In 700 BC the Prophet Isaiah prophesies to Israel:

- \_\_\_\_\_ are coming
- \_\_\_\_\_ coming back
- \_\_\_\_\_ is coming

*Isaiah 35:1-10 The desert and the parched land will be glad; the wilderness will rejoice and blossom. Like the crocus, <sup>2</sup> it will burst into bloom; it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy. The glory of Lebanon will be given to it, the splendor of Carmel and Sharon; they will see the glory of the Lord, the splendor of our God.<sup>3</sup> Strengthen the feeble hands, steady the knees that give way; <sup>4</sup> say to those with fearful hearts, "Be strong, do not fear; your God will come, he will come with vengeance; with divine retribution he will come to save you."<sup>5</sup> Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped. <sup>6</sup> Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy. Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert. <sup>7</sup> The burning sand will become a pool,*

## NEW HERE? NEED PRAYER?

TABLELIFE CHURCH  
Connection Card

☐ I'm new here  
☐ I have new contact information

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

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

I would like to know more about or help with:  
☐ What it means to follow Jesus  
☐ Connect with a group  
☐ Serving  
☐ Help & needs resources  
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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the thirsty ground bubbling springs. In the haunts where jackals once lay, grass and reeds and papyrus will grow. <sup>8</sup> And a highway will be there; it will be called the Way of Holiness; it will be for those who walk on that Way. The unclean will not journey on it; wicked fools will not go about on it. <sup>9</sup> No lion will be there, nor any ravenous beast; they will not be found there. But only the redeemed will walk there, <sup>10</sup> and those the Lord has rescued will return. They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away.

## Keeping Our Eyes on the Road: An Advent Examination

### Question #1. “\_\_\_\_\_ are you looking for?”

- Number of times joy/rejoice is mentioned: \_\_\_\_\_
- Look for blooms in the desert:

*Isaiah 35:1 The desert and the parched land will be glad; the wilderness will rejoice and blossom.*

- Look for God's work in unlikely places, in unlikely ways, among unlikely people
- Jesus quotes Isaiah when John the Baptist asks if he is the Messiah:

*Luke 7:22 “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear...”*

- Don't let expectations and assumptions blind you

### Question #2. “\_\_\_\_\_ are you listening to?”

- What voices do you need to turn down or turn up?

*Isaiah 35:3-4 Strengthen the feeble hands, steady the knees that give way; <sup>4</sup> say to those with fearful hearts, “Be strong, do not fear;*

*your God will come, he will come with vengeance; with divine retribution he will come to save you.”*

- How are you influencing those who are listening to you?

### Question #3. “\_\_\_\_\_ are you headed?”

*Isaiah 35:8-9 And a highway will be there; it will be called the Way of Holiness; it will be for those who walk on that Way. The unclean will not journey on it; wicked fools will not go about on it. <sup>9</sup> No lion will be there, nor any ravenous beast; they will not be found there. But only the redeemed will walk there...*

- Holiness means \_\_\_\_\_
- The right road may not be the popular road
- What kind of person are you becoming? Where is the road you're on taking you?

### Big Idea:

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