

Tithes and Offerings



In-person

Place in the blue offering bins in the lobby.



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tablelifechurch.org/giving

ways to
give

or text GIVE
to 717-420-1600



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Order of Worship
November 16, 2025
Twenty-third Sunday of Ordinary Time

We Gather to Worship God

Welcome
Worship in Song
Call to Worship
Worship in Song
Prayer

We Listen to the Word

Puzzled: Making Sense of God in the Old
Testament
Sermon: "Part III: The God Who Allows"

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
Doxology
Blessing and Sending

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

FREE Breakfast with Santa

Join us for Crafts, Breakfast & Photos with Santa

December 6 617 16th Street
8:30-10:30 am New Cumberland

Register at tablelifechurch.org/breakfast-with-santa

Deck the Halls & Hang the Greens

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 23

5:00 PM

COME HELP US DECORATE OUR CHURCH FOR THE ADVENT SEASON, INSIDE AND OUT! COOKIES AND COCOA PROVIDED.

NEW HOPE CHRISTMAS BLESSING

*Collecting items for families in need
Nov. 16th through Dec. 9th*

Visit the Christmas tree in the church lobby to pick up a tag for needed gifts

Questions?
Contact the church office
(717) 774-6444
or
office@tablelifechurch.org

Doggy Bag-

Some questions to chew on:



1. If your faith in Christ were a jigsaw puzzle, what would it look like? What has helped the pieces come together in your life? In what parts are there still holes?
2. Previously, what has been your view of God in the Old Testament? How has this teaching changed or challenged this?
3. What does it mean to say that God stooped or accommodated the cultural conditioning of the Old Testament authors? What were some of common attributes of deities in the Ancient Near East that the authors would have been used to in their depictions of God?
4. Why did God allow himself to be depicted as such? How does this reveal God's cross-like character?
5. What does it mean that God withdraws his protection? What does it mean that God allows sin and evil to have their way? What does this show about God? Give an analogy or illustration.
6. What does it mean to say that God allowed violence as opposed to saying that God performed the violence?
7. How does this reframe your understanding of the Passover story in Exodus 12, Israel's fall to Babylon, and the crossing of the Red Sea? What was God doing?
8. Why is it important to wrestle with Scripture and our understanding of God, yet not lose faith in the end of the story?

NEW HERE? NEED PRAYER?

TABLELIFE CHURCH
Connection Card

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

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____
Email _____

How did you hear about us?
☐ Friend said ☐ Online
☐ Social Media ☐ Invited by _____
☐ Other _____

I would like to know more about or help with:
☐ What it means to follow Jesus
☐ Connecting to prayer
☐ Worship
☐ Kids & Youth Ministry
Prayer Request _____

SCAN ME

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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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If you'd like to talk personally and confidentially w/Pastor Kris about your relationship with Christ, please email pastorkris@tablelifechurch.org or call

717-774-6444

Puzzled

Part III. The God Who Allows Pastor Kris Beckert

So far, how do we make sense of God in the Old Testament?

Part I. Keep _____ at the center: he is the full revelation of God's character

Part II. See God as a _____: God stoops down to meet us but then move us

1 Corinthians 1:18 For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

- Early Church Father Novation (200-280 AD) said "Israelites viewed God not as God was but as the people were able to understand."
- Old Testament authors wavered back and forth in their understanding of the one true God

What does God do to judge sin?

Isaiah 55:8-9 "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord. ⁹ "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

- Human beings assume the God's judgment involves violence because that's what we do
- The cross challenges that notion

Two ways God acts to judge sin:

#1. God _____ his protection

Romans 4:25 He who was delivered over because of our transgressions, and was raised because of our justification.

Romans 8:32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?

#2. God allows _____ to have their way

Three Examples of God withdrawing and allowing:

1. The Story of _____

Exodus 12:12 On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn of both people and animals, and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the Lord.

Exodus 12:23 When the Lord goes through the land to strike down the Egyptians, he will see the blood on the top and sides of the doorframe and will pass over that doorway, and he will not permit the destroyer to enter your houses and strike you down.

- God protects by restraining the destroyer
- God withdraws protection of the Egyptians

Hebrews 11:28 By faith he kept the Passover and the application of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the firstborn of Israel.

2. Israel's Fall to _____

Ezekiel 21:31 I will pour out my wrath on you and breathe out my fiery anger against you; I will deliver you into the hands of brutal men, men skilled in destruction.

Zechariah 1:15 ...I am very angry with the nations that feel secure. I was only a little angry, but they went too far with the punishment.'

3. The Crossing of _____

Exodus 15:3-4, 12 The Lord is a warrior; the Lord is his name. ⁴ Pharaoh's chariots and his army he has hurled into the sea. The best of Pharaoh's officers are drowned in the Red Sea... ¹² You stretch out your right hand, and the earth swallows your enemies.

Psalms 77:15-16 With your strong arm you redeemed your people, the descendants of Jacob and Joseph. ¹⁶ When the waters saw you, O God, when the waters saw you, they were afraid; the very deep trembled. to them and give them a king."

- Waters = yam = god of _____
- God holds evil at bay

Big Idea:
