## Tithes and Offerings







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Order of Worship December 24, 2025 Christmas Eve

#### We Gather to Worship God

Welcome and Scripture Reading
Worship in Song
Lighting of the Christ Candle
Call and Response
Worship in Song

#### We Listen to the Word

Prayer Sermon Series: Opening Christmas Christmas Eve: Opening Light

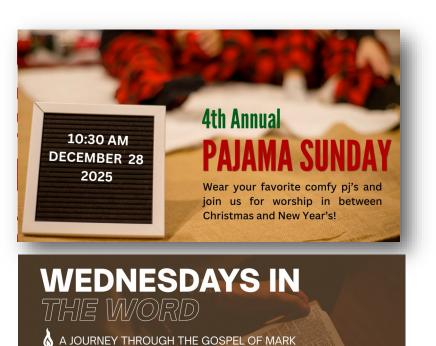
#### We Come to the Table

Prayer of Confession and Consecration
The Lord's Prayer
We Eat and Drink Together
We Celebrate the Eucharist in Song

#### We Share the Light of Christ

John 1 Reading Worship in Song Blessing and Sending

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



6-7:30 PM

Be intentional about growing in your faith in 2026 and join

us in studying the entire Gospel of Mark together! Children's and youth programming provided. Dinner will

be served at the kick-off on January 14.



**EVERY WEDNESDAY** 

**STARTING JANUARY 14** 

TABLE LIFE CHURCH

For a complete list of ongoing ministries and upcoming events, please visit tablelifechurch.org.

#### Doggy Bag-

#### Some questions to chew on:

- 1. Do you enjoy Christmas lights? What has been your favorite Christmas light display?
- 2. Why is Jesus' coming described as light in the darkness? How is Jesus like light?
- 3. Why is it important to recognize the darkness? What darkness do you need to name in your life? In the world?
- 4. Do you tend to focus more on darkness or on light? Are you someone who is open to God or closed off to God?
- 5. What are some reminders of God's light in your life right now?
- 6. How is God calling you to be a source of light? What darkness is he positioning you to shine in?
- 7. This Christmas, will you be open to God's light? Will you be different because of it?

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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

## Opening Christmas Christmas Eve: Opening Light Pastor Kris Beckert

### Have you ever seen a house that was covered in Christmas lights?

I.	Light is an enduring symbol of Christmas and the
	story of God

Genesis 1:1-5 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup> Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. <sup>3</sup> And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. <sup>4</sup> God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness.

2.	God guided hi	s people through	the wilderness
	with		

Exodus 13:21 By day the Lord went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud to guide them on their way and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so that they could travel by day or night.

3.	God desc	cribed the	coming	hope in	the	midst	O
	exile as _						

Isaiah 9:2 The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.	3. Be the
4. Jesus is described as	John 12:36 "Believe in the light while you have the light, so that you may become children of light."
John 1:5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.	
II. Being open to God's Light:	
1. Recognize the	
2. See the	Big Idea:
John 1:9-12 The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. <sup>11</sup> He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. <sup>12</sup> Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.  • A choice to look for or not look for	
A choice to focus on the or focus on	

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