

ORDER OF WORSHIP

First Sunday of Advent

PRELUDE.....*Savior Of The Nations, Come* | Worship Team

GATHERING

Welcome.....Pastor David Perry

Call to Worship: Isaiah 40:1-5

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

God With Us

Advent Candle Lighting

Prepare the Way of the Lord

Prayers of the People.....Pastor Melissa Lowther

The Lord's Prayer

Offering.....*To the Dawn*

HEARING THE WORD

SermonPastor David Flowers

RESPONDING

O Come, Come, Emmanuel

SENDING

Benediction

SERMON granthamchurch.org/sermons



A People Prepared for the Lord

2 CHRONICLES 29
ISAIAH 40:1-5
MALACHI 3:1
MATTHEW 3:1-6

John's cry in the wilderness invites us to prepare the way of the Lord in our own hearts. It means getting our house in order and doing whatever is necessary to align ourselves with God's will. Advent begins in longing and repentance—a clearing of the carnal clutter that hinders God's arrival. Advent is not for passive waiting; it's for active preparation. In the first message of our series, Pastor David invites us to prepare our hearts for the coming of the Lord as we journey through Advent to Christmas.

PREPARE THE WAY FOR THE LORD *current series*

This Advent season, we'll journey with John the Baptist—the prophet who prepared the way for Jesus' coming. Through his message of repentance, grace, and renewal, we'll discover what it means to prepare our hearts for Christ's arrival and to live as witnesses of his light. Each week invites us deeper into the hope, peace, joy, and love of Advent, leading to the celebration of Christ's birth and the call to let his life increase in us. Join us for this Advent-Christmas series, as we prepare the way for the Lord—then go forth as a people ready to follow Jesus and share his light with the world.

WORSHIP RESOURCES

WANT TO JOIN A SMALL GROUP?

If you are interested in joining with others to share life and dive deeper into the sermon and what it means for our lives, go to our website to learn more about getting connected (granthamchurch.org/discipleship).

WORSHIP RESOURCES granthamchurch.org/sermons

Sermons are posted online every Monday along with small group discussion questions and other sermon resources (e.g. sermon slides, sermon audio, service video, etc.).

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EVENTS granthamchurch.org/events



THIS WEEK

Moms TogetherWED, DEC 3, 9:30AM
Grandmothers In Prayer Brunch.....THUR, DEC 4, 9:30AM
Men's Bible StudyFRI, DEC 5, 6:45AM
Last Sing & Play This FallFRI, DEC 5, 9:30 & 10:30AM

NEXT SUNDAY December 7

Learning Communities9AM
Children's Choir10AM
Worship Service10:30AM
Kids Own Worship.....10:45AM
Fellowship Meal.....after service
College Student Lunchafter service
Evening Youth Fellowship.....6PM

SAVE THE DATE

Family Christmas Event.....FRI, DEC 12, 6:30-8PM
Carol Sing.....SUN, DEC 14, 4PM
Longest Night ServiceSUN, DEC 21, 7PM
Christmas EveWED, DEC 24, 6:30PM

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David Flowerssenior pastor
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GIVING, ATTENDANCE, & VIEWS

GENERAL FUND GIVING

Year to Date Budget \$888,119
Year to Date Giving \$864,703

LAST WEEK

Giving \$10,170
Attendance 379
Livestream 112