

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Second Sunday of Advent

PRELUDE *Hail To The Lord's Anointed*

GATHERING

Call to Worship: Isaiah 61:1-3 Pastor David Perry

God With Us

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (#129) v. 1,4

Advent Candle Lighting Jack Mohr and Simon Kyllonen

Prepare the Way of the Lord

Prayers of the People Pastor Melissa Lowther

The Lord's Prayer

Offering *Lo How A Rose E'er Blooming (#131)*

HEARING THE WORD

Sermon Pastor David Flowers

THE TABLE

Apostles' Creed

Communion

Come Light Our Hearts

To the Dawn

SENDING

Benediction

SERMON granthamchurch.org/sermons



God Is Gracious

LUKE 1:5-25, 57-80

ROMANS 2:3-4

EPHESIANS 2:8-9

1 PETER 4:9-11

The story of John's birth reveals a God who works through the barren and broken to show his grace. As we can see with Zechariah and Elizabeth, repentance begins with receiving God's grace—because it's God's kindness that leads us to truly believe and turn things around. The season of Advent is rooted in divine mercy and grace, not human merit. In the second message of our series, Pastor David invites us to reflect on God's grace in our own lives and then extend that grace to others.

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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TODAY

Fellowship Meal after service
College Student Lunch after service
Evening Youth Fellowship 6PM

THIS WEEK

Men's Bible Study FRI, DEC 12, 6:45AM
Family Christmas Event FRI, DEC 12, 6:30-8PM

NEXT SUNDAY December 14

Learning Communities 9AM
Children's Choir 10AM
Worship Service 10:30AM
Kids Own Worship 10:45AM
Carol Sing 4PM
Evening Youth Fellowship 6PM

SAVE THE DATE

Fellowship Meal SUN, DEC 21, after service
Longest Night Service SUN, DEC 21, 7PM
Christmas Eve WED, DEC 24, 6:30PM
Office Closed THUR, DEC 25-JAN 1

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GIVING, ATTENDANCE, & VIEWS

GENERAL FUND GIVING

Year to Date Budget \$907,130
Year to Date Giving \$878,889

LAST WEEK

Giving \$14,186
Attendance 301
Livestream 133