

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Christmas Sunday

PRELUDE Organ | Greg Lowther

GATHERING

Call to Worship Pastor Melissa Lowther

Passing of the Peace

Angels From The Realms of Glory (#140)

Once In Royal David's City

It Came Upon A Midnight Clear (#151) v. 1, 3-4

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Offering *The First Noel (#142) v. 1-2*

HEARING THE WORD

Sermon Rich Stuebing

RESPONDING

O Little Town Of Bethlehem (#138)

SENDING

Benediction

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He Must Increase; I Must Decrease

JOHN 3:22-30
PHILIPPIANS 2:1-11
ACTS 13:23-25
I JOHN 1:9

John the Baptist says this about Jesus: "He must increase, but I must decrease." In the final message of our series, we turn from celebration to discipleship. As we move from Christmas into the new year, we're reminded that preparing the way for the Lord is an ongoing calling. Following Jesus means embracing humility, releasing ego, and letting Christ's life shine through us. Listen as Rich Stuebing closes our series by inviting us to be intentional in putting Jesus and his Kingdom first in 2026.

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT, PART 2 *Jan 4-Feb 5 series*

Matthew 5-7 is known as the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus went up a mountain and a large crowd gathered to hear him preach a powerful message—proclaiming the gospel of the Kingdom and casting a vision of what it looks like to live in right relationship with God, our neighbors, and our enemies. These three chapters contain the core of Jesus' teachings and his most well-known sayings, including some of the most rigorous ethical demands in the Bible. Join us next Sunday as we begin Part 2 of this series (Jan 4-Feb 15) and continue to explore the message and implications of Jesus' invitation to enter the narrow gate and follow him.

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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THIS WEEK

Office Closed DEC 29-JAN 1

NEXT SUNDAY January 4

Learning Communities 9AM
Children's Choir 10AM
Worship Service 10:30AM
Kids Own Worship 10:45AM
BIC Week of Prayer & Fasting JAN 4-11

SAVE THE DATE

Moms Together WED, JAN 7, 9:30AM
Lunch & Learn: Estate Planning after service
GriefWork Support Group Begins WED, JAN 14, 6:30PM
Interest Meeting: Small & Intentional Discipleship Groups
SUN, JAN 18, 12PM
Worship Ministry Retreat SAT, JAN 24, 9AM

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GIVING, ATTENDANCE, & VIEWS

GENERAL FUND GIVING

Year to Date Budget \$964,165
Year to Date Giving \$946,792

LAST WEEK

Giving \$24,271
Attendance 349
Livestream 137