

NEW HERE?

WELCOME

Thanks for worshipping with us today!
Help us get to know you—please consider filling out a Connect Card (in the back of the pew in front of you) and place it in the offering plate.

HELPFUL NOTES FOR PARENTS

Infants are welcome in the sanctuary during the worship service to participate as they are able. We also have a Parents' Room (Parlor-A4) located just off of the sanctuary where you can watch and hear the service in a comfortable, private setting. Infant and toddler care is also offered by trained volunteers in the Nursery (room C11).

2–5 Year-Olds | Activities are available for 2 & 3 year-olds (D21) and 4 & 5 year-olds (C19) during the worship service

K-Grade 6 | Join us for Kids' Own Worship

Children will be invited to exit the sanctuary at the beginning of the sermon. A teacher will meet them outside the sanctuary doors and walk them to their classroom (D20-22 and D25).

Worship Activity Bags with pencils, crayons, and activity pages for all age levels are available in the back of the sanctuary.

WELCOME CENTERS

Located near our main entrances, staffed by friendly greeters, these spaces offer helpful information for guests and members.

WEBSITE granthamchurch.org

Visit our website for information about our ministries, upcoming events, and access to our multiple giving avenues.

EMAIL FROM THE PASTOR & THE BODY LIFE

All church events, news, and announcements are available in our weekly email. If you would like to receive it, sign-up on our website (granthamchurch.org/contact).

QUESTIONS?

Ask an usher or greeter located in the back of the sanctuary and the welcome centers. They will be happy to serve you!

GRANTHAM CARE TEAMS

Do you have a specific need that we can help meet? Would you like to join and help assist one of our care teams? To share a need or find out more, visit our website (granthamchurch.org/care-teams).

NOTES

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OFFICE HOURS | MON-THURS from 9AM-5PM | 717-766-0531



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Today is the Fourth Sunday of Advent

PRELUDE Organ | Greg Lowther
Welcome Pastor David Perry
Advent Candle Lighting Ford and Patty Beardsley
Advent Prayer - Henri Nouwen
O Come, O Come Emmanuel
Come Light Our Hearts
Prayers of the People Pastor Melissa Lowther
Lord's Prayer
Offering *He Shall Reign Forevermore*

HEARING THE WORD

Sermon Pastor David Flowers

RESPONDING

Do Not Be Afraid
O Little Town Of Bethlehem (#138) v. 1, 3-4

SENDING

Benediction

Artist's Statement:

During Advent this year, we are displaying the banners of Indiana artist Linda Witte Henke, who writes: "The design for this series was inspired by 'The Great O Antiphons,' a collection of prayers dating back as far as the fourth or fifth centuries and intended for use during the final seven days before Christmas. The prayers, each of which address God using an Old Testament title and express a growing sense of urgency for the Messiah's coming, give voice to poignant human longings that are as relevant today as they were in centuries past. The design was executed from cotton fabric, cotton batting, and synthetic felt that were dyed, painted, stenciled, and stamped, then embellished with appliqué, improvisational stitching, hand embroidery, and found objects (metal hardware and plastic stars)."

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Fear Not! You Have A Part to Play

ISAIAH 49:8-15
 LUKE 2:1-20
 GALATIANS 4:4-6
 EPHESIANS 1:9-11

Jesus has just been born, and an angel says to the shepherds in the field, "Do not be afraid! I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people." The announcement of Jesus' birth to shepherds is quite significant when you stop to consider its implications and what it says about God and the part we all play in his plan. In the fourth Sunday of Advent, Pastor David shares how Jesus is a Messiah for the lowest of men to the highest of kings, and that everyone gets included in his story.

FEAR NOT! *current sermon series*

"Do not be afraid!" is one of the most oft-repeated phrases in the Bible. And these are the first words from the angels to Zechariah, Mary, and the shepherds in the opening of Luke's Gospel. We need to hear these comforting words from those heavenly messengers, for their words and their meaning are echoing down through the ages to reach us where we are today. Join us for our Advent series—Fear Not!—as we reflect on these three encounters and are encouraged by how the Lord recognizes our fears on earth and responds to them in his great wisdom and loving kindness.

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/small-groups).

SERMON 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

Christmas Eve Service TUE, DEC 24, 6:30PM
 Church Offices Closed WED, DEC 25-WED JAN 1

NEXT SUNDAY Dec 29

Philatheat Learning Community 9AM
 Worship Service 10:30AM

SAVE THE DATE

Middle School Winter Retreat FRI-SUN, JAN 3-5
 J-Term Learning Community begins SUN, JAN 5, 9AM
 30 Days of Prayer for our Community begins SUN, JAN 5
 Moms Together WED, JAN 8, 9:30AM
 High School Winter Retreat FRI-SUN, JAN 10-12
 Sing & Play FRI, JAN 17, 9:30-10:15 & 10:30-11:15AM
 Meet the Pastors SUN, JAN 19, 12PM
 Wonderful Winter Wednesdays JAN 22, 6-7:30PM

STAFF granthamchurch.org/staff

David Flowers senior pastor	Linda Worman office administrator
Melissa Lowther discipleship pastor	Derek Boyce director of operations
David Perry worship arts pastor	Cate Lewis communications
Denise Fogelsanger children's pastor	Mike Ryan head custodian
Chrissy Hoffner youth coordinator	

GIVING, ATTENDANCE, & VIEWS

GENERAL FUND GIVING

Year to Date Budget \$824,644
 Year to Date Giving \$822,098

LAST WEEK

Giving \$20,695
 Attendance 314
 Livestream 180