

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Today is the Third Sunday of Advent

- PRELUDE** *Savior Of The Nations, Come* | Worship Team
- Welcome** Pastor David Perry
- Advent Candle Lighting** Tim and Pam Garland
- Advent Prayer - Henri Nouwen**
Come Let Us Adore Him
- Isaiah 41:8-10** Lynn Brown
God With Us
- Child & Baby Dedication** Pastor David Flowers
- Prayers of the People** Pastor Melissa Lowther
- Lord's Prayer**
- Offering** *Canticle of the Turning*

HEARING THE WORD

Sermon Pastor David Flowers

RESPONDING

Do Not Be Afraid

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! God's Favor is Unmerited

PROVERBS 3:34
LUKE 1:26-38
EPHESIANS 2:8-10
1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-31

Mary was not fully married when the angel came to her and said, "Do not be afraid, you have found favor with God." He then told her she would conceive and give birth to the Son of God by the power of the Holy Spirit. What does this news to a young peasant girl from a backwater village say about God's favor and his ways of blessing the humble? In the third Sunday of Advent, Pastor David shares about God's grace and how the Lord chooses the most improbable people to fulfill his purposes.

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

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TODAY

Fellowship Mealafter service
Youth Group: Christmas Carnival6PM

THIS WEEK

Men's Bible StudyFRI, DEC 20, 6:30AM
Longest Night ServiceSAT, DEC 21, 7PM

NEXT SUNDAY Dec 22

Learning Communities9AM
Children's Choir10-10:20AM
Worship Service10:30AM
Kids Own Worship11AM

SAVE THE DATE

Christmas Eve ServiceTUE, DEC 24, 6:30PM
Church Offices ClosedWED, DEC 25-WED JAN 1
J-Term Learning Community beginsSUN, JAN 5, 9AM
30 Days of Prayer for our community beginsSUN, JAN 5

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GIVING, ATTENDANCE, & VIEWS

GENERAL FUND GIVING

Year to Date Budget \$808,151
Year to Date Giving \$801,403

LAST WEEK

Giving \$17,215
Attendance 377
Livestream 126