



Graham Friends Church

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Order of Worship for the First Sunday in Advent

Announcements & Call to Worship

Prelude & Lighting the Sanctuary

The Advent Wreath

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Hymn 456

“Hallelujah! What a Savior!”

Response

Psalms 25:1-10 (ESV)

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

O my God, in you I trust;

let me not be put to shame;

let not my enemies exult over me.

Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;

they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous

Make me to know your ways, O LORD;

teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me,

for you are the God of my salvation;

for you I wait all the day long.

Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they

have been from of old. Remember not the sins of my youth or my

transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for

the sake of your goodness, O LORD! Good and upright is the LORD;

therefore he instructs sinners in the way. He leads the humble in

what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,

for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

The Greeting of Friends

Worship Set

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Pastoral Prayer & Offertory

Children's Chat

Luke 21:25-36

Sermon

“On Guard!”

Response & Benediction

Tony Velez, *lector*, Jeanna & Chris Holmes, *heralds*
Laura Aderholt, *piano & keyboard*, Susan Ryman, *piano*
Angela Corbett, *vocals*, Steve McGilvray, *bass*

Worship Opportunities Service Fellowship

The church calendar is online at <http://grahamfriends.org/calendar/>

Today, 9:40AM: Worship Team

10AM: Sunday School

11AM: Worship

5PM: Evening Fellowship

Monday, 7:30AM: Team Shoebox leaves for Operation Christmas Child packing in Charlotte

Wednesday, 11AM & 7PM: Bible classes (John)

Thursday, 7PM: Worship Team practice

7PM: Bowling

December 12, 4-7PM: Open House at 503 North Main

December 19, NOON: Christmas Outreach

December 24, 7PM: Christmas Eve Candlelight and Carols

There is a lot that needs doing around the church. Here is a partial list: • repair of vinyl siding on fellowship hall doors • publishing the weekly bulletins (typesetting, copying, folding, stuffing) • maintaining the website (or even expanding it!) • videotaping the Sunday morning services • editing Sunday sound files and publishing to the internet and CDs • building a computer and setting up an office See Pastor Mark to learn how you may get involved.

The following is an email someone sent after listening online to the testimonies of October 25th. You can hear them again at <http://www.grahamfriends.org/Sermons/>. "I was able to enjoy listening last night to the full service when Mark was not speaking. What an incredible gift of vocal ministry shared! And what an incredible testament to the hard and faithful ministry work you both have poured out these past years. I really was moved by the powerful evidence of the words of the Holy Spirit in so many articulate, beautiful messages that were a complete tribute to the gospel of Christ and the glory of God. Thanks for sharing and I hope many others get to hear this."

On Guard!

Find the 41 bold words from Luke 21:29-36 (PP).

Jesus told them a **parable**: “You see the **fig** tree and other **trees**, that as soon as they **sprout** leaves you know **summer** is near. You should also know, when you see these things taking place, that the **kingdom** of God is **near**. This **generation** will not **pass away** until all things have taken place and that is the **truth**. **Heaven** and **earth** will pass away, but my **words** will not pass away. Be on **guard** so that your **hearts** are not **heavy** with **distractions** and **drunkenness** and the **worries** of this **life**, and then that **day** catch you off-guard like a **snare**. It will **happen** to **everyone** on the face of the **whole earth**. So be **alert** at all **times**, **praying** that you may have the **strength** to **escape** all these things that will take place, and to **stand before** the **Son of Man**.”

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