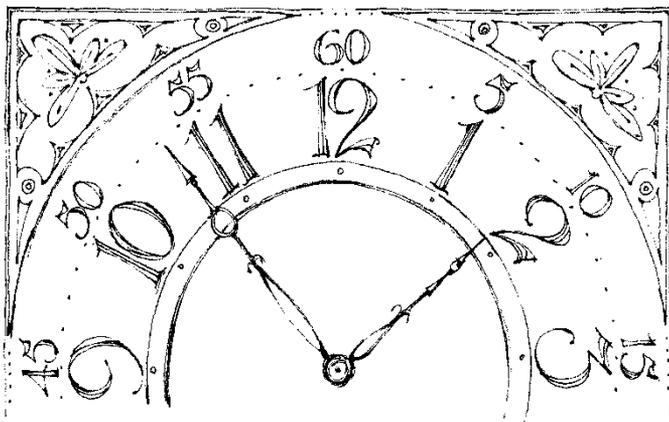


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THEREFORE KEEP AWAKE

Sunday, December 3, 2017
10:30 a.m.

Advent I

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Welcome to Burlington Baptist Church today!

** Please stand as you are able.*

WE APPROACH GOD

Gracious God, coming to your people in a child;
*O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence!*
May we know your nearness and feel your presence.

*O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.*

Shape us in love as we worship you this day.

Amen.

Prelude “Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming” (German) Linda Mourot

* **Welcoming Each Other** Dave Ogilvie

Announcements

Prayer and Preparation

WE PRAISE GOD

Call to Worship

* **Hymn of Praise** “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (vss. 1-3) 88 - GG

* **Prayer of Confession and Approach** [In Unison]

**Journeying God of Advent,
we recognize that the hour has come
for us to wake from our slumber,
because our salvation is nearer now
than when we first believed.**

**We confess our participation in the deeds of darkness,
and we seek your forgiveness, hoping and praying
that you will clothe us in the armour of light.**

**Prepare us now for our Advent pilgrimage,
even as we prepare ourselves to receive you.**

**We pledge to keep watch, to stay awake,
and to await your coming with hope.**

In the name of the Coming One we pray. Amen.

Lighting of the First Advent Candle - HOPE



Scripture Reading – Isaiah 64: 1 – 9

PEOPLE: Today is the first Sunday of Advent. Advent means ‘coming’ and in this season, we prepare for the coming of Christ. One of the ways we prepare for his coming is by setting up an Advent wreath and lighting its candles to remind us of the gifts Christ brings to the world.

LEADER: The Advent wreath includes many symbols to help us think about God’s gifts in Christ. The wreath itself is in the shape of a circle. A circle has no beginning and no end. This reminds us that there is no beginning and no end to God and that God’s love and caring are forever.

PEOPLE: The light from the candles – which grows stronger as we draw closer to Christmas – reminds us that Jesus is the light of the world. Today we light the first candle and we name it ‘Hope’ after our sense of longing and trust that Christ will come. *(the first purple candle is lit)*

LEADER: The people of Israel hoped in God’s promises and were not disappointed. Again, and again, God delivered them. We too have the same experience of God’s saving love and care. That’s why we believe in God’s promise to send Jesus to us once again to judge the world and to establish his kingdom forever.

PEOPLE: Hope is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at the light of this candle, we celebrate the hope we have in Jesus Christ. Let us pray:

ALL: Thank you God for the hope you give us. We ask that as we wait for all your promises to come true, and for Christ to come again, that you would stay close to us. Help us today, and every day to worship you, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing your hope with others. We ask this in the name of the one born in Bethlehem. Amen.

LEADER: Let us sing of Advent hope!
(verse 1 only of hymn #35 in *Sing Together*)



1. *Hope is a star that shines in the night,
leading us on till the morning is bright.
When God is a child there's joy in our song.
The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong,
and none shall be afraid.*

A Gift of Song "An Advent Prayer" (Allen Pote) The Sanctuary Choir

Children's Time

- * Children's Hymn "Prepare the Way of the Lord"

*Prepare the way of the Lord. Prepare the way of the Lord.
Make a straight path for him; make a straight path.
Prepare the way of the Lord.*

WE GIVE OURSELVES TO GOD

The Offering "Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah"
(Yiddish folk tune; arr. David Cherwien)

- * Offertory Prayer "As With Gladness" (Tune at #150 - GG)

*As they offered gifts most rare, at that manger rude and bare,
So may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to you, our heavenly King. Amen.*

Prayers of the People of God

GOD SPEAKS TO US

The Scriptures Sylvia Stockwell

Gospel Lesson: Mark 13: 24 - 37 (p. 826)

Sermon: "O That You Would Come!"

Communion Hymn "O Come... Emmanuel" (vss. 6 & 7) 88 - GG

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

GOD SENDS US FORTH

- * Hymn of Response “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” 82 - GG
- * Benediction
- * Choral Benediction (Tune at #121 - GG)

*O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in; be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord, Emmanuel.*

Postlude "Of the Father's Love Begotten" ("Divinum Mysterium")
(Plainsong, 13th c.; arr. Larry Shackley)

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Today



to Burlington Baptist Church today, on this **First Sunday** in the season of **Advent**. We pray you will find our fellowship warm and our worship meaningful. Guests are encouraged to sign one of our guest books before leaving. Regular and large print bulletins, and hearing-assist devices, are available. Everyone is invited to stay for fellowship and refreshment following the service.

All children are invited to come forward for a **Children's Time** in our service. Then, following a prayer, they will leave us to attend Sunday School. There are activities for children on the table at the east entrance, to your right when seated in the sanctuary.

Our **Greeters** today are Dolly Sarsfield (West Door) and Miles Ross (East Door), the **Welcome Associates** are Ella and George Wilbur, and the **Tellers** are Murray Hugill and Miles Ross.

Come back to church for 2.00pm, to enjoy popcorn and a great view of the Santa Parade!

