

# Burlington Baptist Church

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*Advent IV*

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*Welcome* to Burlington Baptist Church today!

## WE APPROACH GOD

This we know, Christmas child;  
As we journey to Bethlehem:  
we cannot travel unless we walk in company with others,  
we cannot reach the stable door unless we walk lovingly,  
we cannot stay the course unless you give us strength.  
In these Advent days,  
the call is strong and we continue.  
Longed-for child, love to the world, guide our feet.  
Amen.

**Prelude** “Divinum mysterium” (Plainsong, 13th C/ Anne Krentz Organ)  
“Still, Still, Still” (Salzburg c 1819/Mark Hayes)  
“Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine” (Traditional German/Mark Hayes)

Linda Mourot

**Welcome and Announcements**

Dave Ogilvie

**Prayer and Preparation**

## WE PRAISE GOD

**Introit** “No Wind at the Window” (John Bell/Irish melody; arr. John Bell)

Lisa Cooper, Allison Thornton

**Call to Worship**

\* **Hymn of Praise** “To a Maid Whose Name was Mary” 98 – GG

- 1. To a maid whose name was Mary the angel Gabriel came.  
“Fear not,” the angel told her, “I come to bring good news,  
Good news I come to tell you, good news, I say, good news.”*
- 2. “For you are highly favored by God the Lord of all,  
who even now is with you. You are on earth most blest,  
you are most blest, most blessed,  
God chose you, you are blest!”*

3. *But Mary was most troubled to hear the angel's word.  
What was the angel saying? It troubled her to hear,  
To hear the angel's message, it troubled her to hear.*
4. *"Fear not, for God is with you, and you shall bear a child.  
His name shall be called Jesus, God's offspring from on high.  
And he shall reign forever, forever reign on high."*
5. *"How shall this be?" said Mary, "I am not yet a wife."  
The angel answered quickly, "The power of the Most High  
will come upon you shortly, your child shall be God's child."*
6. *As Mary heard the angel she wondered at his words.  
"Behold, I am your handmaid," she said unto her God,  
"So be it, I am ready according to your word."*

\* Prayer of Approach

Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle

Sharyn Kreuger & Malcolm Paterson

A Gift of Song "The Angel Gabriel" (Sabine Baring-Gould/ Bob Chilcott)

## WE GIVE OURSELVES TO GOD

Prayers of the People of God

The Offering "Ave maris stella"

(Hail, Star of the Sea = Mary - Plainchant/ Healey Willan)

\* Offertory Prayer "As With Gladness" (verse 3) 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.*

## GOD SPEAKS TO US

### The Scriptures

Lisa Cooper

Epistle Lesson: Romans 16: 25 - 27

Gospel Lesson: Luke 1: 26 - 38

Sermon: "Favour"

## GOD SENDS US FORTH

\* Hymn of Response "Love Has Come" 110 - GG

- 1. Love has come, a light in the darkness!  
Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies.  
See, all heaven has come to proclaim it.  
Hear how their song of joy arises:  
Love! Love! Born unto you, a Saviour!  
Love! Love! Glory to God on high!*
- 2. Love is born! Come share in the wonder.  
Love is God now asleep in the hay.  
See the glow in the eyes of his mother.  
What is the name her heart is saying?  
Love! Love! Love is the name she whispers.  
Love! Love! Jesus, Immanuel.*
- 3. Love has come, and never will leave us!  
Love is life everlasting and free.  
Love is Jesus within and among us.  
Love is the peace our hearts are seeking.  
Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas.  
Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!*

\* Benediction

Postlude "Gabriel's Message" (Basque carol/ arr Anne Krentz Organ)



# Advent IV – LOVE

READER 1: *And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.*

(Luke 1: 46 - 49)

READER 2: Last Sunday we lit the candle of **Joy**. It shines still, along with the candles of **Hope** and **Peace**. Together, they remind us that Christ, who was born in Bethlehem, will come again to fulfill all of God's promises and bring us everlasting hope, peace, and joy.

READER 1: The fourth candle of Advent is the candle of '**Love**.' God's love is a perfect love. It holds nothing back. God, in love, gives us everything we need to live a life of hope and peace and joy.

READER 2: The writer of John's gospel says that "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life." Jesus shows us God's perfect love.

READER 1: This is what Paul says love is like: '*Love is patient, love is kind and envies no one. Love is never boastful or conceited, rude or selfish. Love is not quick to take offense, it keeps no records of wrongs, it does not gloat over other people's troubles, but rejoices in the right, the good, and the true. There is nothing that love cannot face, there is no limit to its faith, to its hope, to its endurance.*'

READER 2: *'Love never ends.'* We light the candle of Love today to remind us that Jesus brings us God's love and shows us how to love others. *(the last purple candle is lit)*

READER 1: Love is like a fire that burns in our hearts. As we look at this candle we celebrate the love we find in Jesus Christ.

READER 2: Let us pray:

**ALL:** **Thank you God for the love 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 love with others. We ask this in the name of the one who was born in Bethlehem. Amen.**

READER 1: Let us sing of Advent love!  
*(verse 4 only of hymn #35 in Sing Together)*



4. Love is a flame that burns in our heart,  
Jesus has come and will never depart.

*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.*



# BBC News

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Sunday December 20, 2020

*Welcome* to Burlington Baptist Church today! We pray you will find our fellowship warm and our worship meaningful. Regular and large print bulletins, and hearing-assist devices, are available.

The Greeters today are Shayne & Dave Elliott, the Welcome Associate is Crystal Brogan, Usher: James Raza, and our Sound Technician is Dave Morikawa.

## THIS WEEK

1. Thursday, December 24, The Benefits Program will be available between 10am - 12noon to Burlington residents in need.
2. Thursday, December 24: Christmas Eve Service 7.00pm here at Burlington Baptist Church - Also available on You Tube (Dave will send out a link)

Please Note: To attend the Christmas Eve Service in person, you must REGISTER. We also ask that you inform us, if you find after registering, that you cannot attend. (Seating will be arranged according to numbers registered)

### Church Office 'Christmas' Hours:

- Open this week Tuesday to Thursday 9:00am-1.00pm
- Closed December 25 to 29 re-opening Wednesday December 30.
- Contact Jackie, our Office Administrator by calling 905-634-2477 or email. [office@burlingtonbaptist.com](mailto:office@burlingtonbaptist.com)



## Financial Update

This is my final update for 2020. These regular updates are intended to keep the congregation better informed about our financial situation.

### 2020 Update

As you can see from the information below, we are in a deficit position of \$68,193 when comparing budgeted and actual revenue as of the end of November. Non-budgeted rent revenue and underspending reduces that figure to a deficit of \$9,358. Our net deficit at this time last year was \$18,542. At November 30, 2018, we were in a net deficit position of \$16,354.

The detailed figures are as follows:

<b>November</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
Budgeted Revenue* - goal	\$185,974	\$184,432
Budgeted Revenue - actual	\$117,781	\$131,080
Gross Surplus/ (Deficit)	(\$ 68,193)	(\$ 53,352)
Rent/Other Revenue	\$ 30,565	\$ 29,551
Revenue Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$ 37,628)	(\$ 23,801)
Expenses - Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 28,270	\$ 5,259
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$ 9,358)	(\$ 18,542)

### **Notes:**

The Covid-19 pandemic has resulted in a reduction of revenues (mainly rentals) with an offsetting reduction in expenses (e.g. salaries, cleaning, utilities). The improved year-over-year position is attributable mainly to Federal Covid-19 related financial support of approximately \$12,000.

As we continue our Advent journey to Christmas, your prayerful consideration of how you can help eliminate deficit by year end is greatly appreciated. I would be grateful if all year-end givings could be received at the church by Sunday December 27, 2020.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

**Mike Anderson**  
**Treasurer**