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## *Advent I*

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*Welcome* to Burlington Baptist Church today!

## 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, 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** “Awake, Awake, for Night Is Flying” (Philipp Nicolai; harm J.S. Bach)

Allison Thornton

“Wachet Auf, Wachet Auf” (J.S. Bach) Linda Mourot

**Welcome and Announcements**

Dave Ogilvie

**Prayer and Preparation**

## WE PRAISE GOD

**Call to Worship**

\* Hymn of Praise “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” 88 – GG

- 1. O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*
- 2. O come thou Wisdom from on high,  
who orderest all things mightily:  
to us the path of knowledge show; and teach us in her ways to go.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*
- 3. O come thou Dayspring, come and cheer  
our spirits by thine advent here;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
and death's dark shadows put to flight.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

4. *O come, Desire of nations, bind  
all peoples in one heart and mind;  
bid envy, strife and discord cease;  
fill the whole world with heaven's peace.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

\* Prayer of Approach

Lighting of the First Advent Candle

Brogan Family

A Gift of Song "My Lord, He Is a Comin' Soon"

(Laura Winnen and Jeff Cothran; setting Patti Drennan)

WE GIVE OURSELVES TO GOD

Prayers of the People of God

The Offering "Awake, Awake and Greet the New Morn"

(Marty Haugen, b. 1950; setting 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.*

GOD SPEAKS TO US

The Scriptures

Ella Wilbur

Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1: 3 - 9

Gospel Lesson: Mark 13: 24 - 37

Sermon: "Keep Awake!"

GOD SENDS US FORTH

\* Hymn of Response "Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn"

107 - GG

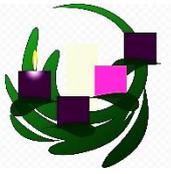
1. *Awake! awake, and greet the new morn,  
for angels herald its dawning.  
Sing out your joy, for soon he is born,  
behold! the Child of our longing.  
Come as a baby weak and poor, to bring all hearts together,  
he opens wide the heavenly door  
and lives now inside us forever.*
  
2. *To us, to all in sorrow and fear, Emmanuel comes a-singing,  
his humble song is quiet and near,  
yet fills the earth with its ringing;  
music to heal the broken soul and hymns of loving kindness.  
The thunder of his anthems role  
to shatter all hatred and violence.*
  
3. *In darkest night his coming shall be,  
when all the world is despairing,  
as morning light so quiet and free,  
so warm and gentle and caring.  
Then shall the mute break forth in song,  
the lame shall leap in wonder,  
the weak be raised above the strong,  
and weapons be broken asunder.*
  
4. *Rejoice, rejoice, take heart in the night,  
though dark the winter and cheerless,  
the rising sun shall crown you with light,  
be strong and loving and fearless.  
Love be our song and love our prayer and love our endless story,  
may God fill every day we share and bring us at last into glory.*

\* Benediction

Postlude

“On This Day Earth Shall Sing”

(Personent Hodie, 1582; arr. Larry Shackley)



# Advent I - HOPE

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READER 1: The prophet, Isaiah, writes about God:  
*O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,  
so that the mountains would quake at your presence -  
as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water  
to boil - to make your name known to your adversaries,  
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!  
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,  
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.  
From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived,  
no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for  
those who wait for him. (Isaiah 64: 1 - 4)*

READER 2: 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.

READER 1: 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.

READER 2: 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)*

READER 1: 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.

READER 2: 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.

READER 1: 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 who was born in Bethlehem. Amen.**

READER 1: 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.*