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*Advent III*

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3. *He comes, the broken heart to bind,  
the bleeding soul to cure,  
and with the treasures of his grace  
to bless the humble poor.*

4. *Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,  
your welcome shall proclaim;  
and heaven's eternal arches ring  
with your beloved name.*

\* Prayer of Approach

Lighting of the Third Advent Candle (page 4) Gilda and Abby Vista

A Gift of Song "Is Your Heart Prepared for a King?" (Robert Lau)  
Malcolm Paterson

WE GIVE OURSELVES TO GOD

Prayers of the People of God

The Offering "Aria" (Michael Burkhardt - Yiddish folk tune -  
"Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah" - Wayne Wold)

\* Offertory Prayer "We Give Thee But Thine Own" (verse 1) 708 - GG

*We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;  
all that we have is thine alone, a trust,  
O Lord, from thee. Amen.*

GOD SPEAKS TO US

The Scriptures

Mike Anderson

Epistle Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 5: 16 - 24

Gospel Lesson: John 1: 1 - 9, 19 - 28

Sermon: "One Whom You Do Not Know"

## GOD SENDS US FORTH

\* Hymn of Response

“Joy to the World!”

134 - GG

- 1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her king;  
let every heart prepare him room,  
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.*
- 2. Joy to the earth, the Saviour reigns!  
Let all their songs employ,  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.*
- 3. No more let sins and sorrows grow,  
nor thorns infest the ground;  
he comes to make his blessings flow  
far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found,  
far as, far as the curse is found.*
- 4. He rules the world with truth and grace,  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness  
and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love,  
and wonders, wonders of his love.*

\* Benediction

Postlude

“Mary, Did You Know?”

(Mark Lowry and Buddy Greene; setting Jack Schrader)





# Advent III - JOY

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READER 1: The prophet, Isaiah, writes:  
*The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn in Zion - to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.* (Isaiah 61: 1 - 3)

READER 2: Last Sunday we lit the candle of **Peace**. It shines still, along with the candle of **Hope** we lit two weeks ago. In their light we remember that Christ, who was born in Bethlehem, will come again to judge the world and bring everlasting hope and peace.

READER 1: The third candle of Advent is the candle of '**Joy**.' When the angel Gabriel told Mary that a special child would be born to her she was filled with joy. She sang a song that began with the words:  
*"My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my saviour."*

READER 2: Just as the birth of Jesus gave great joy to his mother, so his presence in the world gave joy to those who met him. He healed them and gave them hope and peace when they trusted in him. From seeds of hope and peace grows joy.

READER 1: We light the candle of **Joy** to remind us that when Jesus is born in us we have joy and that through him there will be everlasting joy on earth. *(the pink candle is lit)*

READER 2: Joy is like a song celebrating a new beginning. As we look at this candle, we celebrate the joy we find in Jesus Christ and the new life that is ours in him.

READER 1: Let us pray:

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

READER 2: Let us sing of Advent joy!  
(verse 3 only of hymn #35 in *Sing Together*)



3. Joy is a song that welcomes the dawn,  
telling the world that the Saviour is born.

*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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December 13, 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 Marina Lloyd & Kim Sweet, the Welcome Associates are Malcolm Paterson & Sharyn Kreuger, Ushers are Ray Robinson & Gilda Vista and our Sound Technician is Dave Morikawa.

*The Sanctuary flowers today are placed in  
loving memory of Pat Baker,  
a beloved mother and grandmother,  
by Mike, Joanna, Kathleen and John Anderson.*



## THIS WEEK

Later Today: Join us on Zoom for the BBC Family Christmas Programme, 3.00pm start.

1. Monday, December 14: Property & Finance Team meet 7.00pm (check time and venue with Chair)
2. Tuesday, December 15: Board Meeting 7.00pm in the Upper Room. (Check time and venue with Chair)
3. Thursday, December 17: Advent Vespers - 6.30pm via Zoom. Dave will be emailing out a link.

*Dear BBC family -*

*On behalf of the Kitchen family, we wish to extend our extreme thanks to you, her church family, for the love and support, the fun and frolic, and close relationships you had with our Mom over the years. Thank you for your recent support and expressions of sympathy as we grieve her loss and embrace her memories. She was absolutely immersed in the love of Christ, appreciation of life, and giving back to others. What a lady she was. We are anticipating honouring our Mom's life in the spring, in her church home, BBC. Blessings to all of you as we navigate these challenging times.*

*Affectionately, The Kitchen family*

## 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	<u>\$117,781</u>	<u>\$131,080</u>
Gross Surplus/ (Deficit)	(\$ 68,193)	(\$ 53,352)
Rent/Other Revenue	<u>\$ 30,565</u>	<u>\$ 29,551</u>
Revenue Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$ 37,628)	(\$23,801)
Expenses - Surplus/(Deficit)	<u>\$ 28,270</u>	<u>\$ 5,259</u>
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	<u>(\$ 9,358)</u>	<u>(\$18,542)</u>

### *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**