



# Burlington

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*Welcome* to Burlington Baptist Church today!

## WE APPROACH GOD

Each candle on the Advent wreath  
kindles a hope within us;  
and each grows less by burning,  
recalling the cost you bore.  
Lord of cradle and cross,  
we light our candles in thanksgiving,  
we gather in worship,  
and we wait in wonder.  
Amen.

**Prelude**                    “The Hills Are Bare at Bethlehem”                    Lisa  
(Royce Scherf/ "Southern Harmony", 1835; setting by John Hess)

**Welcome and Announcements**                    Dave

**Prayer and Preparation**

## WE PRAISE GOD

**Call to Worship**

\* **Hymn of Praise**                    “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”                    82 – GG

- 1. Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;  
from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;  
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.*
- 2. Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king,  
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;  
by thine all-sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.*

**Prayer of Approach**

**A Gift of Music**                    “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”                    Barbara and Debi  
(15th C. French; arr. Linda Lamb)

UNISON PRAYER: Loving God, as we enter this Advent season,  
We open all the dark places in our lives  
to the healing light of Christ.  
Show us the creative power of your hope.  
And throughout this season, as we hope,  
prepare our hearts to be transformed by you,  
that we may walk in the light of Christ.  
In his name we pray. Amen.

Song: *Hope is a candle on our journey.  
Hope is the travel and the end.  
All through the frosty fields of winter,  
This dancing flame of Hope we'll tend.*

*For we are a people of a Story,  
Of stars that sing and Love that cries.  
And tho' these nights are getting longer,  
The path is lit before our eyes...*

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## WE GIVE OURSELVES TO GOD

### Prayers of the People of God

The Offering                    "Of the Father's Love Begotten"                    Linda  
(from the Latin "Corde Natus"; setting, Wilbur Held)

\* Offertory Prayer                    "What Child is This?" (verse 3)                    145 - GG

*So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;  
come, one and all, to own him.  
The King of Kings salvation brings;  
let loving hearts enthrone him.  
This, this is Christ the King,  
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
haste, haste to bring him laud,  
the Babe, the Son of Mary! Amen.*

## GOD SPEAKS TO US

### The Scriptures

Gina

Epistle Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 3: 9 - 13

Gospel Lesson: Luke 21: 25 - 36

**Sermon:** "Torchbearers of Hope"

## GOD SENDS US FORTH

\* Hymn of Response "People, Look East" 105 - GG

- 1. People, look east. The time is near of the crowning of the year.  
Make your house fair as you are able;  
trim the hearth and set the table.  
People, look east and sing today: Love, the Guest, is on the way.*
- 2. Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,  
one more seed is planted there.  
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,  
that in course the flower may flourish.  
People, look east and sing today: Love, the Rose, is on the way.*
- 3. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim  
one more light the bowl shall brim,  
shining beyond the frosty weather,  
bright as sun and moon together.  
People, look east and sing today: Love, the Star, is on the way.*
- 4. Angels, announce with shouts of mirth  
Christ who brings new life to earth.  
Set every peak and valley humming  
with the word, the Lord is coming.  
People, look east and sing today: Love, the Lord, is on the way.*

### Benediction

**Postlude** "Rejoice! The King Shall Come" Lisa, Sharyn, Malcolm  
(from Greek, Latin, 9th C/Morning Song, Veni, Veni Emmanuel; arr. Kevin Keil)