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*Welcome* to Burlington Baptist Church today!

## WE APPROACH GOD

Each candle on the Advent wreath kindles a joy 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** “Ding! Dong! Merrily on High”  
(Traditional Austrian; arr. Howard Helvey)

George, Linda

**Welcome and Announcements**

Dave

**Prayer and Preparation**

## WE PRAISE GOD

**Call to Worship**

\* **Hymn of Praise** “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,*

(over)

*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.*

### Prayer of Approach

A Gift of Music Carol of the Children of Bethlehem Bev (flute)  
(Traditional Austrian; arr. Ralph Lehman)

Lighting of the Third Advent Candle Janet & Ken

UNISON PRAYER: Loving God, in this season of joy and gladness,  
we open ourselves to you,  
trusting that this is how you made us:  
you created us for glad hearts and joyful living.  
Show us the creative power of hope and peace.  
And fill us with a joy that cannot be contained,  
that must be shared.  
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...*

*Peace is a candle on our journey.  
Peace is the giving and the gift.  
Over the frozen lakes of winter,  
This whispering flame of Peace we'll lift.*

(over)

*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...*

*Joy is a candle on our journey.  
Joy is the swinging and the leap.  
Under the clouded skies of winter,  
This laughing flame of Joy we'll keep.*

*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...*

*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.  
This dancing flame of Hope we'll tend.*

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## WE GIVE OURSELVES TO GOD

### Prayers of the People of God

The Offering      “Still, Still, Still”

Bev (flute)

(Traditional Austrian; arr. Larry Allen)

\* 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

Anne

Epistle Lesson: Philippians 4: 4 - 7

Gospel Lesson: Luke 3: 7 - 18

Sermon: "What Then Should We Do?"

## 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.*  
  
*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 "Angels We Have Heard on High"

(Traditional French; arr. Lani Smith)