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*Welcome* to Burlington Baptist Church today!

## WE APPROACH GOD

Each candle on the Advent wreath kindles a love 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**

“A Cradle Waits” (Jean Anne Schafferman)

Allison, Lisa, Sharyn, Malcolm

**Welcome and Announcements**

Dave

**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.*

*REFRAIN: 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.*

*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.*

*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.*

## Prayer of Approach

A Gift of Music “Angels We Have Heard on High” Bells of Burlington

Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle Nancy & George

UNISON PRAYER: Loving God,  
once more, as we gather in worship,  
we open ourselves to you.  
Show us the creative power of hope and peace.  
Fill us with a joy that must be shared.  
And enable us to give voice to the good news  
of your love proclaimed so beautifully  
in the birth of Jesus, our Lord.  
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.*

*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.*

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*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...*

*Love is a candle on our journey.  
Love is the holding and the flight.  
All round this aching earth of winter,  
This tender flame of Love we'll light.*

*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      "Love Came Down at Christmas"

(Christina Rossetti/Daniel E. Gawthrop)

Allison, Lisa, Sharyn, Malcolm

\* 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

Sylvia

Hebrew Lesson: Micah 5: 2 - 5a

Gospel Lesson: Luke 1: 39 - 56

Sermon: "After the Magnificat"

## GOD SENDS US FORTH

\* Hymn of Response

"Canticle of the Turning"

100 - GG

- 1. My soul cries out with a joyful shout  
that the God of my heart is great,  
And my spirit sings of the wondrous things  
that you bring to the ones who wait.  
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,  
and my weakness you did not spurn,  
So from east to west shall my name be blest.  
Could the world be about to turn?*

*REFRAIN: My heart shall sing of the day you bring.  
Let the fires of your justice burn.  
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,  
and the world is about to turn!*

- 2. Though I am small, my God, my all,  
you work great things in me,  
And your mercy will last from the depths of the past  
to the end of the age to be.  
Your very name puts the proud to shame,  
and to those who would for you yearn,  
You will show your might, put the strong to flight,  
for the world is about to turn.*

*REFRAIN*

3. *From the halls of power to the fortress tower,  
not a stone will be left on stone.  
Let the king beware for your justice tears  
ev'ry tyrant from his throne.  
The hungry poor shall weep no more,  
for the food they can never earn;  
There are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed,  
for the world is about to turn.*

*REFRAIN*

4. *Though the nations rage from age to age,  
we remember who holds us fast:  
God's mercy must deliver us  
from the conqueror's crushing grasp.  
This saving word that our forebears heard  
is the promise which holds us bound,  
'Til the spear and rod can be crushed by God,  
who is turning the world around.*

*REFRAIN*

## Benediction

### Postlude

“Away In a Manger” (James R. Murray, arr. Melody Bober)

Emily and Spencer

NOTE: Special thanks to the “*Bells of Burlington*” for their festive music today! The group includes Anne Bailey, Barbara Neal, Janet Strome, Julie Cowie, Lynn McKerlie, Malcolm Paterson, Mary Loree, Nancy Bell, Director, and George Bell, piano.