



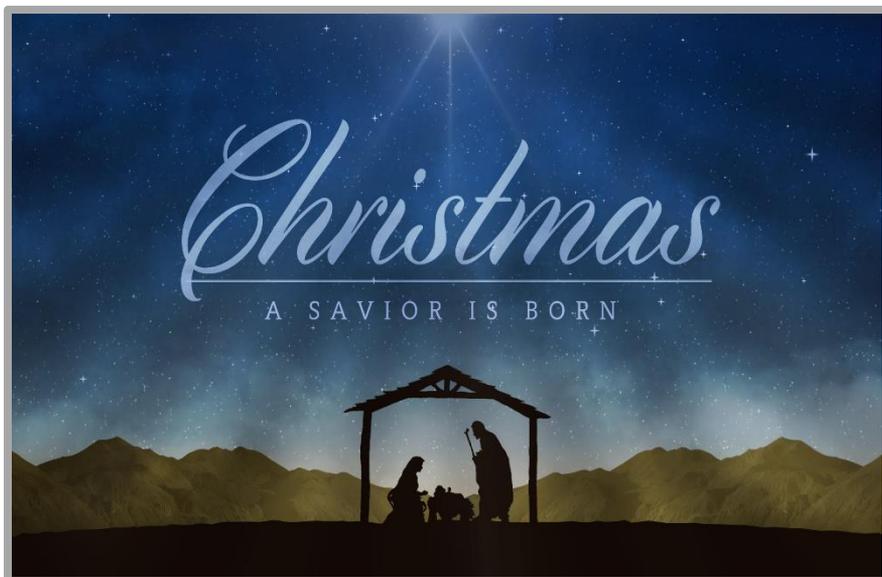
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Welcome to Burlington Baptist Church today!

WE APPROACH GOD

Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing, in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;
Glory to God in the Highest;
O Come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.
Amen.

Prelude “God Rest You Merry” (Traditional English/Wilbur Held) Linda

Welcome and Announcements Dave

Prayer and Preparation

WE PRAISE GOD

Call to Worship

* **The Carol** “Angels from the Realms of Glory” 143 – GG

1. *Angels, from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
you, who sang creation's story,
now proclaim Messiah's birth:*

*REFRAIN: Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king!*

2. *Shepherds, in the fields abiding,
watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing;
yonder shines the infant light:*
3. *Sages, leave your contemplations;
brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great desire of nations;
you have seen his natal star:*

Prayer of Approach

A Gift of Music

“Mary, Did You Know?”

Malcolm

(Mark Lowry, Buddy Greene, setting - Jack Schrader)

Responsive Reading:

“Star Giving” - a poem by Ann Weems

LEADER: What I'd really like to give you for Christmas is a star...
Brilliance in a package, something you could keep in the
pocket of your jeans, or in the pocket of your being.

PEOPLE: **Something to take out in times of darkness,
something that would never snuff out or tarnish,
something you could hold in your hand,**

LEADER: something for wonderment, something for pondering,
something that would remind you
of what Christmas has always meant:

PEOPLE: **God's Advent Light into the darkness of this world.**

LEADER: But stars are only God's for giving, and I must be content
to give you words and wishes and packages without stars.
But I can wish you life...

PEOPLE: **as radiant as the Star that announced
the Christ Child's coming, and as filled with awe
as the shepherds who stood beneath its light.**

LEADER: And I can pass on to you
the love that has been given to me,

PEOPLE: **ignited countless times by others
who have knelt in Bethlehem's light.**

LEADER: And perhaps, if you ask, God will give you a star. Amen.

The Scriptures

Gospel Lesson: Luke 2: 1 - 7

GOD SPEAKS TO US

The Scriptures

Gospel Lesson: Luke 2: 8 - 20

* The Carol “While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks” 118 - GG

1. *While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
all seated on the ground,
the angel of the Lord came down,
and glory shone around, and glory shone around.*
2. *“Fear not,” said he, for mighty dread
had seized their troubled mind:
“Glad tidings of great joy I bring
to you and humankind, to you and humankind.*
3. *“To you, in David’s town this day, is born of David’s line
the Savior, who is Christ the Lord,
and this shall be the sign, and this shall be the sign:*
4. *“All glory be to God on high, and to the earth be peace;
good will to all from highest heaven
begin and never cease, begin and never cease!”*

The Scriptures

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 1: 18 - 25

GOD SENDS US FORTH

* Hymn of Response “Go, Tell it On the Mountain” 136 - GG

*REFRAIN: Go, tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born!*

1. *While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens
there shone a holy light.*

2. *The shepherds feared and trembled
when lo! above the earth
rang out the angel chorus
that hailed our Savior's birth.*

3. *Down in a lowly manger
the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation
that blessed Christmas morn.*

Benediction

Postlude "Carillon on a Ukrainian Bell Carol" (Gerald Near)