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Welcome to Burlington Baptist Church today!

* You are invited to stand.

WE APPROACH GOD

God-with-us, Immanuel,
we have no gold,
no frankincense, no myrrh.
But we bring you
our worship, our prayers,
our service,
poor and pale though they are,
knowing you will not turn us away
but will hold out your arms
to welcome us home.
Amen.

Prelude "Go Tell It on the Mountain" Linda
(Traditional Spiritual; arr. Mark Hayes)

Welcome and Announcements Dave

Prayer and Preparation

WE PRAISE GOD

Invitation to Worship

* **Hymn of Praise** "The First Nowell" 147 - GG

1. *The first Nowell the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay,
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.*

*REFRAIN: Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.*

2. *They look-ed up and saw a star
shining in the east beyond them far;
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night. [REFRAIN]*

3. *And by the light of that same star
three wise men came from country far;
to seek for a king was their intent,
and to follow the star wherever it went.* [REFRAIN]
4. *This star drew nigh to the north-west;
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
and there it did both stop and stay,
right over the place where Jesus lay.* [REFRAIN]
5. *Then entered in those wise men three,
full reverently upon their knee,
and offered there in his presence
their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense.* [REFRAIN]

* Prayer of Approach

Responsive Reading "New Year Resolutions" - written by Ken Sehested

LEADER: Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to Thee.

PEOPLE: In all seasons,
in every shape and condition of our lives,
transform our minds and hearts
in ways that magnify the rule of Mercy:

LEADER: In ways that conform
to your extravagant and redemptive purposes;

PEOPLE: in our hopes and promises,
in our joys and our sorrows,
whether rising or resting, at home or away,
at work and at play, with those near and dear
but also with strangers, in our longing
and our learning to love enemies.

LEADER: In an age ruled by terror - both by state and by sect -
place on our lips the subversive claim of Resurrection.

PEOPLE: As the vanguard of your coming Commonwealth,
give us the courage to live at odds
with the rage of this age.

LEADER: Inspire in us a thirst for beauty and for truth.
Instill in us the wisdom
to track the signs of your Spirit moving
in odd ways and in unbeknown places.

PEOPLE: Incite in us the compassion for those neglected parts
of your creation - soul and soil alike -
in our neighborhoods, in our nation,
and in the whole wide world.

ALL: **Bless these resolutions, these promises,
made today in response to your beckoning,
and make us ever more faithful, O God,
day by passing day. Amen.**

A Gift of Song "Star of the East" (George Cooper, Amanda Kennedy)
[In honour of Mary Hines]

Lisa

WE GIVE OURSELVES TO GOD

Prayers of the People of God

Offering Invitation

A Gift of Song "March of the Kings" (13th Century Provençal Carol)

Allison and Lisa

* Offertory Prayer "As With Gladness" (Tune at #150 - GG)

*As they offered gifts most rare, at that manger rude and bare,
So may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to you, our heavenly King. Amen.*

GOD SPEAKS TO US

The Scriptures

Barbara

Hebrew Lesson: Isaiah 42: 1 - 9

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 2: 1 - 12

Sermon: "Boldly Go!"

* Communion Hymn "In the Darkness Shines the Splendour"

Bernadette Gasslein/IRBY

[Tune @ #140]

1. *In the darkness shines the splendour
of the Word who took our flesh,
welcoming, in love's surrender
death's dark shadow at his crèche.
Bearing every human story,
Word made flesh reveals his glory.*
2. *Light of nations, veiled in history,
born of woman's flesh and blood,
calling to the depths of mystery
restless hearts that seek the good.
Healing every human story,
Word made flesh reveals his glory.*
3. *Broken bread, sustaining us in sorrow,
wine poured out to toast our joy;
exodus and new tomorrow,
life's full promise to enjoy!
Gladdening every human story,
Word made flesh reveals his glory.*
4. *All God's people, sing in jubilation
of the birth that sets us free,
telling of the revelation:
Jesus, God's epiphany
Celebrate the human story!
Word made flesh reveals our glory.*

Celebration of Communion

GOD SENDS US FORTH

* Hymn of Response “We Shall Go Out”

(June Boyce-Tillman/LONDONDERRY AIR)

- 1. We shall go out with hope of resurrection;
we shall go out, from strength to strength go on;
we shall go out and tell our stories boldly;
tales of a love that will not let us go.
We'll sing our songs of wrongs that can be righted;
we'll dream our dreams of hurts that can be healed;
we'll weave a cloth of all the world united
within the vision of new life in Christ.*
- 2. We'll give a voice to those who have not spoken;
we'll find the words for those whose lips are sealed;
we'll make the tunes for those who sing no longer,
expressive love alive in every heart.
We'll share our joy with those who still are weeping,
raise hymns of strength for hearts that break in grief,
we'll leap and dance the resurrection story,
including all in circles of our love.*

* Benediction

Postlude “Three Kings of Orient”

(John Henry Hopkins, Jr ; arr. Becki Slagle Mayo)