



Burlington

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Welcome to Burlington Baptist Church today!

* You are invited to stand.

WE APPROACH GOD

God of all ages, God before beginning,
and without end;
draw close to us this day.
As we settle into this new season of autumn,
approach us again,
that we might draw upon your strength,
that we might learn from you,
that we might know your presence on our journey.
At this time of returnings and new beginnings,
begin again with us.
Amen.

Prelude "Hymn Medley" (arr. C. Haacke) Carolyn

Welcome and Announcements Dave

Prayer and Preparation

WE PRAISE GOD

Invitation to Worship

* **Hymn of Praise** "God Is Here!" 409 - GG

- 1. God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer, may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.*
- 2. Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace; here are table, font and pulpit; here the cross has central place. Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech, here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.*

3. *Here our children find a welcome
in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.*
4. *Lord of all, of church and kingdom,
in an age of change and doubt,
keep us faithful to the Gospel; help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive;
we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!*

* Prayer of Approach

WE GIVE OURSELVES TO GOD

Responsive Reading "This Church" - a poem by Ann Weems

LEADER: We don't pretend to understand the mystery
of what goes on in God's Church.

PEOPLE: We just know we feel a pervading spirit of love
that reaches into the shadows of all of us
and pulls us out into the open,
free and alive and belonging.

LEADER: We believe this spirit of love exists
because God's Spirit lives within this Church,
this unity of persons trying to be the Good News.

PEOPLE: We see this Church as a circle of people
holding hands... and dancing...
supporting each other, accepting each other,
loving each other.

LEADER: Each person in this dancing circle
is facing outward... reaching into God's world,

PEOPLE: listening for the whimpering,
watching for the hurting,
willing to offer a cup of cold water... in Jesus' name.

LEADER: Sometimes they need the water,
sometimes you need the water,
sometimes I need the water.

ALL: Being a part of the Church means knowing
that the cup is always filled...
in Jesus' name. Amen.

A Gift of Song "Ordinary Miracle" (Glen Ballard and David Stewart)
Allison

Sunday Morning Friends

Prayers of the People of God

GOD SPEAKS TO US

The Scriptures Sylvia

Epistle Lesson: Romans 13: 8 - 14

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 18: 15 - 20

Sermon: "Refocussing"

* Communion Hymn "Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table"
[Tune at #509] 506 - GG

1. *Look who gathers at Christ's table!
Hear the stories that they bring.
Some are weeping; some are laughing;
some have songs they want to sing.
Others ask why they're invited,
burdened by the wrong they've done.
Christ insists they all are welcome.
There is room for everyone.*

2. *Clouds of light surround the table;
ancient followers appear,
saints confessing how they wrestled
with their guilt, their doubt and fear.
Peter tells of his denying
Christ was ever in his sight;
Paul relates his fruitless effort
to obliterate the light.*

3. *Their sad stories are repeated
in a thousand different ways,
but they share one thing in common:
they all end in thanks and praise
for the host who has invited
north and south and east and west
to converge around this table,
where all life is fed and blest.*

4. *Bring your joy and bring your sadness,
and prepare to be surprised
by the host whose hands are wounded,
who will open wide your eyes
when he blesses bread and breaks it-
truth and manna from above!-
and then passes wine that wakens
in your hear the taste of love.*

* Celebration of Communion

GOD SENDS US FORTH

* Hymn of Response “We Are One in the Spirit” 300 - GG

1. *We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;
we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:*

*And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

- 2. We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand;
we will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand,
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land*

*And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

- 3. We will work with each other; we will work side by side;
we will work with each other; we will work side by side,
and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride:*

*And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

- 4. All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's beloved son,
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:*

*And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

* Benediction

Postlude

"Hymn Medley" (arr. C. Haacke)

Carolyn

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The Property & Finance Team is planning a

Fire Drill

after the service on a Sunday in September.
Please note the instructions below.

- A Property & Finance Member will sound the fire alarm.
- Nursery attendants(s), Church School teachers will move children to the exits and outside to the north west corner of the funeral home parking lot.
- Ushers will move to the exits and open the doors to enable quick evacuation.
- The clergy/ushers will move to the front of the church and direct all ambulatory persons to the appropriate nearest exit and have them meet outside/away from the building.
- The clergy or ushers will advise persons requiring assistance to evacuate, that they will be assisted after the ambulatory occupants have left. Persons in wheelchairs would be the next to evacuate so that they do not block exits or impede the exit flow.
- Persons with walkers or other assistive devices would be evaluated last due to the additional resources and time it would take for their evacuation. This exit is via the east foyer sliding doors.
- A Property & Finance member or usher will endeavour to account for all persons and determine that all rooms are vacated, (if safe to do so), and report their finding to the clergy or person in charge.
- In the event that the fire department attends a fire drill (or in the event of an actual fire) the person in charge will meet the fire department and direct them according to the situation/emergency.