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Advent I

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Welcome to Burlington Baptist Church today!

* You are invited to stand.

WE APPROACH GOD

Gracious God, coming to your people in a child;
Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down,
that the mountains would shake before you!
May we know your nearness and feel your presence.
Yet... you are our mother and father, O God;
we are the clay, and you are the potter,
we are all the work of your hands.
Shape us in love as we worship you this day.
Amen.

Prelude “Mary Did You Know?” (Lowry/Green - arr. Alyssa McGowan)
Spencer, Alyssa, and David

Welcome and Announcements Dave

Prayer and Preparation

WE PRAISE GOD

Invitation to Worship

* **Hymn of Praise** “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

1. *O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and with your captive children dwell.
Give comfort to all exiles here,
and to the aching heart bid cheer.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come within as Love to dwell.*
2. *O come, you Splendour very bright,
as joy that never yields to might.
O come, and turn all hearts to peace,
that greed and war at last shall cease.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come within as Truth to dwell.*

3. *O come, you Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by your presence here.
And dawn in every broken soul
as vision that can see the whole.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come within as Light to dwell.*
4. *O come, you Wisdom from on high,
from depths that hide within a sigh,
to temper knowledge in our care,
to render every act a prayer.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come within as Hope to dwell.*

* Prayer of Confession and Approach [In Unison]

Journeying God of Advent,
we recognize that the hour has come
for us to wake from our slumber,
because our salvation is nearer now
than when we first believed.
We confess our participation in the deeds of darkness,
and we seek your forgiveness, hoping and praying
that you will clothe us in the armour of light.
Prepare us now for our Advent pilgrimage,
even as we prepare ourselves to receive you.
We pledge to keep watch, to stay awake,
and to await your coming with hope.
In the name of the Coming One we pray. Amen.

WE GIVE OURSELVES TO GOD

Lighting of the First Advent Candle - the candle of HOPE

Readers: Shirley and Gilda

ALL: Thank you, God, for the hope you give us.
We ask that as we wait
for all your promises to come true,

and for Christ to come again,
that you would stay close to us.
Help us today, and every day
to worship you, to hear your word,
and to do your will by sharing your hope with others.
We ask this in the name of the one
who was born in Bethlehem. Amen.

Candle Hymn “Awake! Awake!” (verse 1) 107 - GG

*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.*

A Gift of Song “The First Noel” Spencer, Alyssa, and David
(English Carol - arr. Spencer Sweet and Alyssa McGowan)

Sunday Morning Friends

Prayers of the People of God

GOD SPEAKS TO US

The Scriptures

Gina

Hebrew Lesson: Isaiah 64: 1 - 9

Gospel Lesson: Mark 13: 24 - 37

Sermon: “Oh, That You Would Come”

* Communion Hymn “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” 82 - GG

*1. Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.*

- 2. Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king,
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.*

Celebration of Communion

GOD SENDS US FORTH

* Hymn of Response “Light Dawns on a Weary World” 79 - GG

- 1. Light dawns on a weary world
when eyes begin to see all people’s dignity.
Light dawns on a weary world:
The promised day of justice comes.*

*REFRAIN: The trees shall clap their hands,
the dry lands gush with springs
the hills and mountains shall break forth with singing!
We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,
as all the world in wonder echoes shalom.*

- 2. Love grows in a weary world when hungry hearts find bread
and children’s dreams are fed.
Love grows in a weary world:
the promised feast of plenty comes.*

- 3. Hope blooms in a weary world
When creatures, once forlorn, find wilderness reborn.
Hope blooms in a weary world:
the promised green of Eden comes.*

* Benediction

Postlude

“Do You Hear What I Hear?”

(Noel Regney/Gloria Shayne) - arr. Harry Simeone)