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New Year

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Welcome to Burlington Baptist Church today!

* You are invited to stand.

WE APPROACH GOD

As time has taken the old year from us,
so by your grace remove from us
all the death and folly of our sin;
that being restored by you, O God,
we may continue our pilgrimage into this new year
as friends and followers of Jesus.

Amen.

Prelude “Lead Me to Calvary” (Hussy & Kirkpatrick; arr. Carolyn Haacke)
Carolyn

Welcome and Announcements Dave

Prayer and Preparation

WE PRAISE GOD

Invitation to Worship

* **Hymn of Praise** “Come In, Come In New Year”
(Words: Shirley Erena Murray - Tune @#363)

- 1. Come in, come in, New Year with sparkling winter day!
Your promise calls us here to celebrate and pray,
through January's open door to stride
with hopeful step once more.*
- 2. Come in, New Year, and sell your wares of chance and change:
engage us with your spell to risk and rearrange,
to feel the Spirit's impulse beat,
to follow down a different street.*
- 3. For though December dies, still Christmas keeps the light,
the hope in children's eyes, the star that shatters night;
now Simeon and Anna see
the Child who rules all time to be.*

4. *The calendar of Christ will mark the seasons' turn,
his story claim our trust, his love be ours to learn.
For all the world, for young and old
we pray a year of peace unfold!*

* Prayer of Approach

WE GIVE OURSELVES TO GOD

Responsive Reading "It is Not Over" - a poem by Ann Weems.

LEADER: It is not over, this birthing.

PEOPLE: **There are always newer skies
into which God can throw stars.**

LEADER: When we begin to think
that we can predict the Advent of God,

PEOPLE: **that we can box the Christ
in a stable in Bethlehem,**

LEADER: that's just the time that God will be born

PEOPLE: **in a place we can't imagine and won't believe.**

LEADER: Those who wait for God

PEOPLE: **watch with their hearts and not their eyes,**

LEADER: listening,

PEOPLE: **always listening,**

LEADER: for angel words.

ALL: Amen.

A Gift of Song “A New Year” (Michael Hunter Ochs)
(Cantors & Communities Celebrate 5777 in Song – 92nd Street Y)

Sunday Morning Friends

Prayers of the People of God

GOD SPEAKS TO US

The Scriptures

Marina

Gospel Lesson: Luke 2: 21 - 40

Sermon: “*New and Old*”

* **Communion Hymn** “Mary and Joseph Came to the Temple” 148 - GG

1. *Mary and Joseph came to the temple
brought the boy Jesus, offered him there.
People were waiting wanting to greet him;
long had they sought him, solace for care.*
2. *Anna had prayed there, widowed, long waiting,
Worshipping God by day and by night.
Now she is praising, filled with elation:
here is God’s promise, Christ is her light.*
3. *Simeon sings now: God proffers blessing,
brilliantly gilding dawn of his day.
Light in the darkness, never extinguished,
Light of all nations, light up our way.*

Celebration of Communion

GOD SENDS US FORTH

* **Hymn of Response** “Will You Come and See the Light?” [Tune: #726]
(Words: Brian Wren – Music: KELVINGROVE)

1. *Will you come and see the light from the stable door?
It is shining newly bright, though it shone before.
It will be your guiding star, it will show you who you are;
will you hide, or decide to meet the light?*

2. *Will you step into the light that can free the slave?
It will stand for what is right, it will heal and save.
By the pyramids of greed there's a longing to be freed;
will you hide, or decide to meet the light?*

3. *Will you tell about the light in the prison cell?
Though it's shackled out of sight, it is shining well.
When the truth is cut and bruised, and the innocent abused,
will you hide, or decide to meet the light?*

4. *Will you join the hope, alight in a young girl's eyes,
of the mighty put to flight by a baby's cries?
When the lowest and the least are the foremost at the feast,
will you hide, or decide to meet the light?*

5. *Will you travel by the light of the babe new born?
In the candle lit at night there's a gleam of dawn,
and the darkness all about is too dim to put it out:
will you hide, or decide to meet the light?*

* **Benediction**

Postlude

“Medley On God’s Leading” (arr. Carolyn Haacke)

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer”

(Williams & Hughes)

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

(Fosdick & Hughes)

“He Leadeth Me” (Gilmore & Bradbury)

“Lead On, O King Eternal!” (Shurtleff & Smart)