

Worship at Trafalgar Presbyterian Church December 8st, 2024

Advent 2: Peace

Livestream YouTube Link: https://www.youtube.com/live/_qW94H0tOsk

PRELUDE, WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

MEDITATION MUSIC:

CALL TO WORSHIP: Advent 2: Lighting of Candle of Peace: Led by: Brenda Connell
#119 vs 2: (Brian A. Wren)

♪ *Peace is a ribbon that circles the earth, giving a promise of safety and worth.
When God is a child there's joy in our song!
The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong, and none shall be afraid!*

HYMN: *Sing a new world into being* (tune #410) (Mary Louise Bingle)

♪ *Sing a **new world** into being, sound a bold and hopeful theme.
Find a tune for silent yearnings, lend your voice and dare to dream.
Dream a church where all who worship find their lives and loves belong.
Sing a new world into being, sing as Christ inspires your song.*

2. *Sing a **new world** into being, where each gender class and race.
Brings its rainbow gifts and colors to God's limitless embrace.
Where the lines that once divided form instead the ties that bind.
Sing a new world into being, Risk transforming heart and mind.*

3. *Sing a **new world** into being, where the homeless find a home.
Where no children ever hunger, but are filled with God's shalom.
Where all people work for justice, where all hate and vengeance cease.
Sing a new world into being, raise the harmonies of peace.*

4. *Sing a **new world** into being, Join the ancient prophets' cry.
For a time of health and plenty, when all tears have been wiped dry.
When compassion flows like waters, pouring balm for all who grieve.
Sing a new world into being, live the promise you believe.*

CHILDREN'S TIME: #124 *People in Darkness* (vs 1-3) (Dosia Carlson)

DEDICATION OF OUR OFFERINGS

We respond to God as we offer praise in song and words, and through our deeds, time and abilities. And we give of our money to support the ministry of this congregation as we seek to do our part in Christ's church. Now might we take a moment in worship to dedicate all these gifts to God's glory, as the choir leads us in special music

♪ *Anthem: #752 **Blest be the God of Israel*** (Hal Hopson)

♪ *Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, & to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, Amen*

SCRIPTURES: Luke 1 (selected verses)

Reader: Anne Brockenshire

This is the word of the Lord - ...thanks be to God.

PRAYERS: *Refrain: #145 In the bleak mid-winter (vs 1, 3 &4)*

(Christina Rossetti)

LORD'S PRAYER: (sung)

- Our father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name – thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil – for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever, AMEN

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS:

SERMON: “*Open Heart Giving*”

CLOSING HYMN: #148 *It came upon a midnight clear*

(Edmund Hamilton Sears)

BENEDICTION:

BLESSING SONG: *Go now in peace*

(Don Besig)

POSTLUDE: