

Worship at Trafalgar Presbyterian Church December 10th, 2023
Livestream link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=na1oBOSb6q0>

PRELUDE, WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

MEDITATION MUSIC:

CALL TO WORSHIP:

† Advent II Candle: Peace (Glen Gibson; Lise Clark)

♫ Refrain #119 vs 2

(Brian 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!*

OPENING SONG: #121 *Long ago prophets knew (vs 1&2)*

(Fred Pratt Green)

♫ *Long ago, prophets knew Christ would come, born a Jew.
Come to make all things new; bear his people's burden, freely love and pardon.
Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring! Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!
When he comes, when he comes, who will make him welcome?
2. God in time, God in man, this is God's timeless plan:
He will come, as a man, born himself of woman, God divinely human.
Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring! Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!
When he comes, when he comes, who will make him welcome?*

CHILDREN'S TIME: #114 *Emmanuel*

(Bob McGee)

♫ *Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel
God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel*

DEDICATION OF OUR OFFERINGS

♫ Anthem: *Thou shalt know him when he comes*

(Mark Sirett)

♫ *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*

♫ **MEDLEY OF SONGS FROM CAROLYN'S MINISTRY:**

Melville Brussels & Knox Belgrave, Ontario Tues. June 27 1989 – Sun. August 28 1994

(Belgrave) JESUS BIDS US SHINE #773 (vs 3)

(Susan Warner)

Jesus bids us shine then for all around, many kinds of darkness in this world abound
Sin, and want, and sorrow, so we must shine, you in your small corner, and I in mine.

(Brussels) ISN'T HE?

(John Wimber)

Isn't he beautiful? Beautiful, isn't he? Prince of PEACE, Son of God. Isn't he?

Isn't he wonderful? Wonderful, isn't he? Counsellor, Almighty God

Isn't he, isn't he, isn't he....isn't he?

St. Paul's Oshawa September 1994-September 1997

IT IS WELL

(H.G. Spafford)

When PEACE, like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot though hast taught me to say: It is well, it is well with my soul
It is well, (it is well) with my soul (with my soul), It is well, it is well with my soul!

Heritage Green, Stoney Creek (Interim #1): Nov 1997-August 1999

SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD #400

(Daniel Iverson)

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

St. Giles, Cambridge October 1999- February 2002

MAKE ME A CHANNEL OF YOUR PEACE #740 (vs 2)

(St. Patrick of Ireland)

Make me a channel of your PEACE, where there is hatred let me bring your love
Where there is injury your healing power and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

St. Andrew's, Barrie September 2002-August 2004

WE ARE GOD'S PEOPLE #472 (vs 2)

(Bryan Jeffery Leech)

We are God's loved one, the bride of Christ our Lord
For we have known it the love of God out-poured.
Then let us learn how to return, the gift of love once given,
Oh, let us share each joy and care, and live with a zeal that pleases heaven.

St. Andrew's, Maple October 2004- May 2007

SHOUT TO THE NORTH AND THE SOUTH

(Martin Smith)

Rise up women of the truth, stand and sing to broken hearts
Who can know the healing power off our awesome King of love
Shout to the North and the South, sing to the East and the West
Jesus is saviour to all, Lord of heaven and earth

St. Andrew's, Orillia January 2008-January 2010

HOW HIGH AND HOW WIDE (from Ephesians 3:14-21)

(Mark Altrogge)

No eye has seen and no ear has heard and no mind has ever conceived
The glorious things that you have prepared for everyone who has believed
You brought us near and you called us your own and made us joint heirs with your Son
How high and how wide! How deep and how long!
How sweet and how strong is your love!
How LAVISH your grace! How faithful your ways!
How great is your love, O Lord!

St. Giles' Kingsway September 2010 - September 2012

WHEN WE ARE LIVING #630 (vs 3)

(Elise Elsinger)

'Mid times of sorrow, and in times of pain, when sensing beauty or in love's embrace
Whether we suffer, or sing rejoicing, we belong to God, we belong to God.

Erindale, Mississauga October 2012 – April 2015

ON EAGLE'S WINGS #57

(Michael Joncas)

And I will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn
Make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of my hand

Armour Heights, North York July 2015 – July 2017

SHE COMES SAILING ON THE WIND #403

(Gordon Light)

To a gentle girl in Galilee, a gentle breeze she came
A whisper softly calling in the dark
The promise of a child of PEACE whose reign would never end
Mary sang the Spirit song within her heart:
*She comes sailing on the wind, her wings flashing in the sun;
on a journey just begun she flies on, and in the passage of her flight,
her song rings out through the night, full of laughter, full of light, she flies on!*

Mimico, Etobicoke September 2017 – September 2018

ALL THAT I AM

(William Himes)

All that I am, all I can be, all that I have, all that is me
Accept and use Lord, as you would choose Lord, right now today
Take every passion, every skill, take all my dreams
And bend them to your will. My all I give Lord, for you I'll live Lord, come what may.

Trafalgar, Oakville: October 7, 2018 -

For Everyone born

(Shirley Erena Murray)

(New verse written by Carolyn Nov 2023)

For everyone born a place at the table. This will be my song, wherever I go
Forgiveness, and love and grace for each person, f
For everyone born - I believe this is **so!**
*Chorus: And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy,
compassion and peace.
Yes God will delight when we are creators of justice... justice and joy.*

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 2:1-12

Reader: Ellen Glover

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

MESSAGE: “*The path makes all the difference*”

SOLO: (*Megan Gilbey*)

♪ *Believe (from The Polar Express)*

PRAYER:

CLOSING HYMN: #133 *Go tell it on the mountain*

(African_Amer trad)

♪ *Chorus: Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills & everywhere!
Go tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born*

1. While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night
Behold throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. *Chorus*

3. Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born
And God sent us salvation! – that blessed Christmas morn. *Chorus*

BENEDICTION:

BLESSING SONG: *Go now in peace*

(Don Besig)

POSTLUDE: