

Worship at Trafalgar Presbyterian Church December 11th, 2022

Livestream/YouTube link: <https://youtu.be/LQo5JsZbwVo>

PRELUDE, & WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

MEDITATION MUSIC:

ADVENT CANDLE: **JOY** (Rhodes & Eileen Arnold):

OPENING SONG: *Hope is a star vs 3*

(Brian Wren)

Video: [Joy is a song vs 3](#)

♪ *Joy is a song that welcomes the dawn, telling the world that the Saviour is born.
When God is a child there's joy in our song, the last shall be first and he weak shall
be strong, and none shall be afraid!*

CHILDREN'S TIME & CAROL: *Jingle Bells*

(James Pierpont)

♪ *Dashing through the snow in a one-horse open sleigh
O'er the fields we go, laughing all the way
Bells on bobtails ring making spirits bright
What fun it is to ride and sing a sleighing song tonight*

*Jingle bells, jingle bells, Jingle all the way
Oh, what fun it is to ride in a one-horse open sleigh, hey
Jingle bells, jingle bells Jingle all the way
Oh, what fun it is to ride in a one-horse open sleigh*

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 40:1-5; John 1:1-16

Reader: Rhodes Arnold

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

PRAYER: #138 *While shepherds watched*

(Nahum Tate)

Loving God, at this time of the year, as we are reminded of angels... and draw nigh to the manger to see this wonderful thing.

♪ *While shepherds watched their flocks by night
All seated on the ground
The angel of the Lord came down and glory shone around
"Fear not", said he, for mighty dread had seized their troubled mind
"Glad tidings of great joy I bring, to you and humankind"*

We are part of this humankind, and so we pray for others this day –

♪ *3&4. "To you, in David's town this day is born of David's line
The Savior who is Christ the Lord and this shall be the sign"
"The heavenly Babe you there shall find to human view displayed
All meanly wrapped in swathing bands and in a manger laid"*

We pray for our world – that people may come to know that they are loved
As the angels sang good will from heaven has come!

♪ *Thus spake the seraph, and forthwith appeared a shining throng
Of angels praising God, who thus addressed their joyful song
"All glory be to God on high and on the earth be peace
Goodwill henceforth from heaven to all begin and never cease"*

We often take time to glorify you –as we pray this personal prayer:

LORD'S PRAYER:

Video of virtual choir

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

DEDICATION OF OUR OFFERINGS:

Anthem: #156 The angel Gabriel from heaven

(Sabine Baring-Gould)

- **Video of *Glory to God* (Note: start this right after choir finishes anthem)**

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

MESSAGE: *Christmas Lights*

CLOSING CAROL: *#153 Joy to the world*

(Isaac Watts)

♪ *Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth receive its King;
let every heart prepare him room and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.*

*2. Joy to the earth! the Saviour reigns: let us our songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.*

*4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.*

BENEDICTION:

BLESSING SONG: *Go now in peace*

(Don Besig)

POSTLUDE: