

Worship at Trafalgar Presbyterian Church December 3rd, 2023
Livestream link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7zMsxLfp9sc>

PRELUDE, WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

MEDITATION MUSIC:

CALL TO WORSHIP:

† Advent I Candle: Hope (Mary Afriye, Emmanuella Darkwa, Getrude Boateng)

♫ Candle-lighting Refrain #119 vs 1 (Brian Wren)

Hope is a star that shines in the night leading us on till the morning is bright

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: #124 People in darkness

(Dosia Carlson)

♫ *People in darkness are looking for light. Come, come, come, Jesus Christ.*

People with blindness are longing for sight. Come, Lord Jesus Christ.

These days of adventure when all people wait are days for the advent of LOVE.

2. *People with sickness are praying for health. Come, come, come, Jesus Christ.*

People in poverty want to have wealth. Come, Lord Jesus Christ.

These days of adventure when all people wait are days for the advent of HOPE.

3. *People in trouble would like to be free. Come, come, come, Jesus Christ.*

People with arguments want to agree. Come, Lord Jesus Christ.

These days of adventure when all people wait are days for the advent of PEACE.

4. *People in sadness are trying to sing. Come, come, come Jesus Christ*

Bells in the steeple are waiting to ring. Come, Lord Jesus Christ

The days of adventure when all people wait are days for the advent of JOY.

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: *He came down that we might have love*

(from Cameroon)

♫ *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*

SCRIPTURE: Luke 1 (selected verses of Zechariah's story)

Reader: Knollis Johnson

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

MESSAGE: “Preparing for Christ coming to us”

COMMUNION:

Invitation:

Communion Hymn: #141 Good Christians all rejoice (vs 2&3)

(Latin Anon)

♪ 2. Good Christians all rejoice, with heart and soul and voice
Now you hear of endless bliss, Jesus Christ was born for this,
He has opened heaven’s door and we are blest forevermore
Christ was born for this, Christ was born for this!

3. Good Christians all rejoice, with heart and soul and voice
Now you need not fear the grace, Jesus Christ is born to save
Calls you one and calls you all to gain the everlasting hall
Christ was born to save, Christ was born to save.

Apostle’s Creed: #539

Prayer: (with communion responses)

Lord’s Prayer: (spoken)

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.

Words of Institution:

Sharing of Gifts:

(during this time people are invited to come forward to receive communion by intinction)

♪ Communion Anthem: #673 *A bush bursts into flame*

(Andrew Donaldson)

Closing Prayer:

CLOSING HYMN: #122 *O come Emmanuel (vs 1, 6&7)*

(Latin, 13th cent)

♪ *Oh come, oh come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lowly exile here, until the Son of God appear.
Refrain: Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

6. *Oh come, thou Dayspring come and cheer
our spirits by thine advent here
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death’s dark shadows put to flight. Refrain*

7. *Oh come, desire of nations,
bind all peoples in one heart, one mind
Bid envy strife and discord cease
and be thyself our source of peace. Refrain*

BENEDICTION & BLESSING SONG: *Go now in peace*

(Don Besig)

POSTLUDE: